

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES HELD TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday,  
May 24, 2005 with two Trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLE CALL:	Mr. James A. Wilcox	-	Absent
	Mr. William C. Smith	-	Present
	Mr. Christopher B. Nichols	-	Present

Also in attendance: Clerk Ron Smith, Zoning Inspector Ray Bednarczyk, Road Superintendent Dave Robertson, and Fire Chief Scott McKibben.

Mr. Wilcox was absent so he may attend his granddaughter's high school graduation.

**WORK SESSION:**

The Board met with Department Heads prior to the Regular Meeting starting at 6:30pm in a Work Session that included topics and/or approvals that each Department would like presented at the Regular Meeting.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the May 10, 2005 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

**FIRE:**

Receipts collected for two weeks for the following: \$5,007.95=Ambulance Billing, \$200.00=Medic Assist, \$120.00=CPR Classes, \$40.00=Permits, \$2,714.00= Class Reimbursements, \$20.00=Refunds, for a total of \$8,101.95. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve closing the following 2 BC's:

#50100 = Training and #50152 = Other Expenses

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing the following 4 PO's:

#50063 = Bob Kintigh Cleaning

#50231 = Bowling's Used Cars

#50215 = Gall's Inc.

#50098 = Grainger

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening the following 2 new BC's:

\$5,000.00 = Repairs and \$2,000.00 = Membership Fees

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a PO to Advantech, in the amount of \$360,417.00, for purchase of the new fire truck. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening the following 3 new PO's:

\$10,000.00 = Boundtree Medical      \$2,000.00 = Medtronic Medical

2,000.00 = Z-Tech Auto Glass

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve authorizing the Clerk to secure a Township credit card, and implementing the credit card usage procedures as presented by the Fire Chief and approved by our outside legal counsel. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith requested that grass around all fire stations be mowed as needed, and any storage barns or sheds be painted if needed. He feels our stations look good, but wants to keep them that way.

## **ROAD:**

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing the following 3 PO's:

#50043 = Evans Supply

#50201 = Canton Asphalt

#50210 = Central Allied

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening the following 5 new PO's:

\$3,000.00 = Cross Equipment      \$3,000.00 = Canton Asphalt

5,000.00 = McIntosh Oil      3,000.00 = Central Allied

2,000.00 = Evans Supply

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Road Superintendent hiring part-time help for mowing

and maintenance at the Community Park only. Pay rate to be \$8.00 per hour, not to exceed 25 hours per week, no benefits. Person hired will be covered under the Township's Worker's Compensation policy. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

FYI: Playground equipment at the Community Park was inspected and repaired last week.

Mr. Smith recommended inspection of the playground equipment at the Park be done on a regular basis, and documentation of inspections and repairs be kept for insurance purposes.

Mr. Nichols will be attending the meeting on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> concerning the Route 30 project. He will give an update at the next meeting.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning fees for two weeks presented in the amount of \$1,672.92. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Zoning Inspector reported the following:

Nuisance letters mailed:

- 3112 Lincoln East – vehicles
- 324 – 40<sup>th</sup> SW – vehicles
- 265 – 48<sup>th</sup> SW – debris, vehicles
- Cutler Realtors, numerous properties – high grass
- 3316 Prairie College SW – illegal business
- 3045 Cleveland SW – no permit for sign

Nuisances – Personal contact made:

- 4227 – 4<sup>th</sup> NE – high grass
- 3815 Cleveland SW – high grass
- 4722 Sherman Church SW – debris
- 317 – 39<sup>th</sup> SW – abandoned home
- Cleveland & 48<sup>th</sup> SW – high grass

Zoning Inspector gave Trustees copy of the Community Center report for the month of May.

Zoning Inspector reported that by next meeting the properties with high grass should be mowed,

either by the Township or the property owner.

**CLERK:**

Clerk submitted payroll totaling \$65,617.47, and bills totaling \$60,415.66, making total checks \$126,033.13. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as submitted by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Pending Warrants, Fund Status, and Appropriation Status reports handed out to the Trustees and Department Heads. PO and BC lists to be given to Department Heads on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Board signing the Resolution adopting the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

FYI: EMS billing update. Clerk met with Millcreek Billing to get information. He has been working with Scott Johnson on our EMS billing procedures. He will have further information at a later meeting.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

(No Public Speaks this evening)

**TRUSTEES:**

MR. WILCOX:

(absent this evening)

MR. SMITH:

Work Session-Administrative Office = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Work Session for Thursday, June 9, 2005 at 7:30AM at the Township Administration building with the Administrative office personnel to discuss office duties. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Work Session-Community Center & Community Park = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Special Meeting for Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 6:30PM at the Township Administration building to discuss the Community Center and Community Park with a possible road trip to both locations; and also to discuss other Township matters. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Image Video – Nimishillen Creek = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a PO to

Image Video, amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, to film the Nimishillen Creek for possible clean-out. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. **DISCUSSION:** Mr. Smith stated this video would be taken from one end of the Township to the other. 15 DVD's would be cut and sent to every governmental body from Stark County to the Army Corp of Engineers to show them what a mess the Nimishillen is in. It has not been dredged in 25 to 30 years. The letters that have been sent in the past have not accomplished anything, possibly a visual form would have some effect. Mr. Nichols is not convinced that any agency receiving this DVD would take the time to view it. His suggestion is to have the DVD professionally narrated by someone with the right credentials, possibly a hydraulic engineer. He feels this would have more impact and greatly help our efforts to solve the Nimishillen problem. Mr. Smith is in agreement. Road Superintendent will contact Hammontree & Associates and Stark County Engineers for contact recommendations..

Role Call Vote: William C. Smith - NO  
 Christopher B. Nichols - NO  
 James A. Wilcox - Absent

Motion defeated.

Regula-Army Reserve = Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Board sending a follow-up letter to Congressman Ralph Regula requesting the donation of the Army Reserve property on Parkway NW to the Township if it becomes available. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Berrywood SW Ditching-Stark County = Stark County has requested a \$4,000.00 contribution from Canton Township to pay for half the cost of the ditching work to be done on Berrywood SW. This request was made after Stark County published a list of streets throughout the county that would be taken care of; one being Berrywood SW. It is the County's obligation to make these repairs.

Mr. Smith made a motion for the Township **NOT** to contribute to the cost of the ditching project on Berrywood SW being done by Stark County. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

Playground Grant = The Township has been informed they are the recipient of a \$27,000.00 Nature Works Grant for the Community Park. Township must contribute a 25% match.

Alarm Monitoring = FYI: Received three quotes to monitor all the Township's alarms.

- \$1,293.00 = Interstate Fire & Security & Security Systems
- 1,800.00 = American Protection Systems Inc (verbal quote)
- 2,235.00 = Abbott Electric & Fire Security Inc

The Board will review the quotes to see what is included with each, and report back at a later date.

Phone & Voice Mail System = Board will review information received for the possibility of a new phone and voice mail system for the Administration building. They will report back at a later date.

MR. NICHOLS:

Senate Bill - Cut in Local Government Funds = As the Clerk stated at the last meeting, a new Senate Bill will allow for a 10% cut in local government revenue assistance funds. This will take a good “chunk” of the Township’s General Fund budget. It will become extremely important to pay close and careful attention to the General Fund. The largest single line item in our General Fund budget is Street Lighting. He suggested contacting AEP to request a list of all light poles in the Township for which we pay the lighting bills. Road Superintendent will inquire and report back to the Board.

Township Web Site = There has been a problem with the domain name for the past two weeks, but our web site should be up and running within a few days.

Township Newsletter = Next addition of the Township’s newsletter will be discussed within the next two or three meeting. Department Heads are requested to start compiling information and pictures they would like published.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Sarah, The Repository reporter covering our Township meeting tonight.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Smith and Mr. Nichols.

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Ronald L. Smith, Clerk

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James A. Wilcox, President

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William C. Smith, Vice President

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Christopher B. Nichols, Trustee

**(Fund Status Report on next page)**

**FUND STATUS REPORT****05-24-05**

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>FUND CASH BALANCE</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL CASH BALANCE</u>	
01	General	140,098.12	21.7	
02	Motor Vehicle License Tax	13,118.68	2.0	
03	Gasoline Tax	20,031.15	3.1	
04	Road & Bridge	122,623.20	19.0	
07	Lighting Assessment	25,958.67	4.0	
10	Fire District	99,955.18	15.5	
13	Zoning	12,940.10	2.0	
14	Park Advisory	698.73	0.1	
14A	Recycling		0.00	0.0
14B	FEMA Grant – Flood Plane	0.00	0.0	
14F	Fire Loss Claim Fund	0.00	0.0	
20	Fire Levy	97,317.60	15.1	
23	Permissive License Tax	18,711.50	2.9	
28	Ambulance & Emergency Medical	91,076.59	14.1	
30	Faircrest Project – Issue 2	0.00	0.0	
30A	Cheyenne Bridge Project	<u>2,258.79</u>		0.4
	<b>CASH TOTAL</b>	<b>644,788.31</b>		