

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:00pm with all three Trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for the lives lost in the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

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

Also in attendance: Fiscal Officer Ron Smith, Zoning Director Marshall Lewis, Road Superintendent Dave Robertson, and Fire Chief Scott McKibben.

MINUTES:

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the August 14, 2007 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from voting due to his absence at this meeting.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the August 28, 2007 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith. Mr. Wilcox abstained from voting due to his absence at this meeting.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the September 4, 2007 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts collected for two weeks for the following:
\$7,314.15=Ambulance Billing, and \$332.00=CPR, for a total of \$7,646.15. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening 1 new BC and 3 new PO's:

BC
\$ 2,100.00 = Dive Team Supplies/Equipment
PO
\$ 2,000.00 = 4imprint
22,105.15 = Nimishillen Twp Fire Dept
2,500.00 = Fire Force

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the updated 3 Training Financial Reimbursement Agreements for Paramedic, EMT/36-Hour Firefighter, and 240-Hour Firefighter/Other as presented by the Fire Chief. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the new conversion from the Points system to Part-Time Paid-On-Call proposal as presented by the Fire Chief. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Nichols made a superceding motion to table the motion for the Part-Time Paid-On-Call proposal for two weeks. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Annual Awards Banquet – December 19, 2007 at McCall's Restaurant
> Equipment from CEDAP grant has arrived
> Awarded an EMS Grant for \$5,000

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts collected for two weeks for culvert pipe in the amount of \$96.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve closing 1 BC and 2 PO's:

BC
14 = Supplies
PO's
#166 = Old Tyme Hardware
177 = Goodyear Street & Highway

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 1 new BC and 3 new PO's:

BC
\$3,000.00 = Supplies
PO
\$ 500.00 = Old Tyme Hardware
3,000.00 = Marlboro Supply
2,000.00 = National Lime & Stone

Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Road Superintendent attending Ohio EPA storm water workshop September 20 in Twinsburg
> Replacing 15" culvert under Marietta Ave SE
> Road Superintendent taking personal day September 13
> Allenford Dr SE – small crack in road – J&L Labs and Hammontree Architects met with Road Superintendent and Mr. Wilcox this morning. Road is perfectly safe. Road will be checked weekly.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fees for two weeks in the amount of \$408.55. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Fiscal Officer signing Liquor License Permit application for Moran Foods, Inc. dba Save-A-Lot #632 at 2928 Cleveland Ave SE. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Smith abstained from voting.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Fiscal Officer signing Liquor License Permit application for Moran Foods, Inc. dba Save-A-Lot #620 at 1436 Whipple Ave NW. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Smith abstained from voting.

FYI: > Violations Cleared:

Lots – 46 th SW & Cleveland Ave (Thouvenin)	removed vehicles
5512 Frey SW (Sloan)	removed vehicles
3003 Joseph NW (Layman)	zoning permit
4806 Cleveland Ave S (Kochovski Constr)	mowed lawn
3209 – 5 th St SE (Taurus Properties)	removed trash
1222 Waynesburg Dr SE (Cole)	removed trash

> Martin Dr SE – house has been demolished and removed. One more day to remove debris and grade property.

> Michel lawsuit – response from his attorney is required by September 15

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$40,885.44, and payroll in the amount of \$49,034.65, for a total of \$89,920.09. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Payment Register and Fund Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. New Appropriation Status report and new PO & BC lists to be given to Department Heads on Thursday, September 13.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve closing 16 PO's:

# 23 Paychex Inc	#138 Waco AARP
96 Stark County Treasurer	164 Stark County Treasurer
97 Stark County Regional Planning	170 Canton City Schools
110 Whitaker-Myers Insurance	172 CS Athletic Booster Club
123 Richard Guinther	173 Richard Guinther
133 Stark County Health Dept	186 BWC
135 Richard Drake	187 Whitaker-Myers Insurance
111 Stark Soil/Water Cons District	195 Frank Gates Service Co

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution #09-02-07 to close Cheyenne Bridge Fund in the amount of \$2,258.79 to Road & Bridge Fund, as written by Atty. Charles Hall. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Nichols	-	YES
Mr. Wilcox	-	YES
Mr. Smith	-	YES

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve Resolution #09-03-07 to close FEMA 1484 Fund, in the amount of \$15,984.00 to Fire Fund, as written by Atty. Charles Hall. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Nichols - YES
 Mr. Wilcox - YES
 Mr. Smith - YES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution #09-04-07, as written by Atty. Charles Hall to make audit adjustments as instructed from Varney, Fink & Associates from 2002-2003: \$45,880.10 = Lighting Assessment to General Fund

 \$11,237.50 = Permissive Motor Vehicle to General Fund

 \$ 5,933.53 = Motor Vehicle to Primitive Motor Vehicle

 \$ 1,118.50 = Permissive Motor Vehicle to Motor Vehicle

Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Nichols - YES
 Mr. Wilcox - YES
 Mr. Smith - YES

- FYI: > Natural Gas Rates – Fiscal Officer will have more comparison info at next meeting
 > NEFCO (Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning & Development Organization) Volunteers needed for Nimishillen Creek Clean-Up Day on Saturday-September 22-9am

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Julie Bonnell – 4830 Ridge Ave SE

Ms. Bonnell had questions on what was being done with the property on Faircrest and Sherman Church SW. Mr. Smith stated he would be addressing this in the Trustees portion of the meeting.

Bill Mayberry – 3921 Paradise SW

Mr. Mayberry read a prepared statement stating his concerns about the Mills Industrial Complex on Faircrest and Sherman Church SW

Sandra Knapski – 4707 Sherman Church SW

Ms. Knapski also stated her concerns about the Mills Industrial Complex on Faircrest and Sherman Church SW

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

Trick-or-Treat on Carnwise SW/SE = Road Superintendent and Fire Chief to have more information at next meeting concerning no thru-traffic at Trick-or-Treat time.

Top 21 Taxpayers = Trustees to contact these taxpayers over the next couple months to see if there is anything the Township can do for them; and thank them for there tax dollars.

MR. WILCOX:

Plaque at Community Center = Mr. Wilcox made a motion to take down the plaque that is now on display at the Community Center honoring Wilbur Deckerd for his donation of that land to the Township and display here at the Administration Building. This will be done prior to the auction of the Community Center property. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Recognition Plaques = Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve ordering the plates for the 2006 Outstanding Community Recognition and 2006 Outstanding Employee Recognition and adding them to the wall plaque in the Administration Building hallway. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH:

Mills Park Update = Mr. Smith gave those in attendance an update on what is happening with the 140-acre Mills Industrial Complex on Sherman Church and Faircrest SW. He has met with City of Canton officials, Chamber of Commerce officials and Bob DeHoff of Prudential DeHoff Agency. He agrees with all the Canton Township residents concerns; it is a dirty, filthy mess and he does not feel the City is being neighbor friendly. He urges all concerned residents to contact Mr. DeHoff. Mr. Smith will contact City of Canton officials, Chamber of Commerce officials, and Mr. DeHoff to possibly set-up a public meeting. Mr. Smith will report back to the Board at each meeting of his progress.

Mellon Property Update = Mr. Mellon called Mr. Smith and was very upset that he was served with a court order to clean-up his property. Mr. Mellon was fully aware what was expected of him; he set the completion dates for his clean-up and vehicle removals. He did not comply, so now the court steps in. No further discussion.

County Roads Given to the Township = Mr. Smith was made aware there were a few roads that were going to be given back to the township from Stark County; one of which is a 2.1 miles road that would require chip-and-seal and would be very costly for the township. After much discussion with a Stark County Commissioner, that road was not given to the township, and there will be more discussion in the future concerning other roads.

Township Insurance = Mr. Smith would like to shop around for better insurance coverage. Since the recent lawsuit is now settled, we are now able to do so, possibly saving the township considerable premium cost. The Board is in agreement with their dissatisfaction with our current insurance carrier and the manner in which they handled the lawsuit.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Trustee Smith contacting OTARMA (Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority) to shop-out the township insurance coverage. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:41pm, seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

(signatures on next page)

**SIGNATURES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND FISCAL OFFICER FROM
THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 REGULAR MEETING**

Ronald L. Smith

Christopher B. Nichols, President

James A. Wilcox, Vice President

William C. Smith, Trustee

FUND STATUS REPORT
09-11-07

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>% of TOTAL CASH BALANCE</u>
1000	General	96,425.74	8.119
2011	Motor Vehicle License Tax	15,147.03	1.275
2021	Gasoline Tax	127,104.52	10.703
2031	Road & Bridge	259,671.37	21.865
2111	Fire District	155,663.33	13.107
2171	Park Advisory	83.56	0.007
2181	Zoning	27,626.58	2.326
2191	Special Levy	332,307.62	27.982
2231	Permissive Motor Vehicle	39,920.42	3.361
2281	Fire, Rescue, Ambulance	64,180.22	5.404
2401	Special Assessment	51,217.28	4.313
2901	FEMA 1484 Flood Plain	15,984.10	1.346
2902	Cheyenne Bridge Project	2,258.79	0.190
2903	Fire Loss Claim Fund	<u>0.00</u>	0.000
		1,187,590.56	

