

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 with all three Trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Also in attendance: Clerk Ron Smith, Fire Chief Scott McKibben, and Zoning Director Hal Lewis. Absent: Road Superintendent Dave Robertson (vacation).

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 August 29, 2005 Special Meeting at 9:30am. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from voting.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the August 29, 2005 Special Meeting at 11:00am. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Smith. Mr. Nichols abstained from voting.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes of the August 30, 2005 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

FIRE:

Receipts collected for two weeks for the following: \$4,149.31=Ambulance Billing, \$25.00=CPR Fund, \$150.00=Donations, \$50.00=Medic Reimbursements, for a total of \$4,374.31. Mr. Wilcox

made a motion to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing the following BC:

#50234 = Other Medical Reimbursements

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

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

#50245 = Office Max

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

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening the following new BC;

\$2,000.00 = Other Medical Reimbursements

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening the following 4 new PO's:

\$2,000.00 = Diversified Inspections \$ 500.00 = GMC Heating & Cooling

2,000.00 = Fox International 1,060.00 = Roma's Radiator Specialties

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve moving Rick Morabito from the volunteer staff to part-time fire personnel staff. He has met all requirements and passed all tests. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

ROAD:

In the absence of the Road Superintendent, the Clerk presented receipts collected for culvert pipe for two weeks in the amount of \$178.00. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the receipts submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 1 new PO:

\$3,000.00 = Evans Supply

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

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fees for two weeks in the amount of \$612.80. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the report as submitted by the Zoning Director, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Violation Update:

Completed Violations =

211 Cole SE (Garner) – property cleaned & grass mowed
408 Mill SE (Hockensmith) – grass mowed by owner
1214 Village SE (Dazey) – grass mowed by owner
5004 Ridge SE (Bergman) – abandoned house, board up by lien holder

Working Violations =

3302 – 2nd SE (Silva) – grass
1529 Waynesburg SE (Weimer) – grass
5205 Ridge SE (Reis) – dumping/grass
2609 Central SE (Busnick) – unlicensed, inoperable automobiles
2351 – 14th SE (Gray) – unlicensed, inoperable automobiles
Baumford SE – lot 102 (Stone) – unlicensed, inoperable automobiles
3221 Sandy SE (Mellon) – unlicensed, inoperable automobiles
707 – 40th SE (Carter) – unlicensed, inoperable automobiles
720 – 39th SW (Holub) – grass NOTE...this property was mowed yesterday by owner.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the Zoning Director advertising in The Repository for applicants to fill open positions on both the Canton Township Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Currently there is one open position and two open alternate positions on both Boards. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the deadline to receive applications for the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals to be 3:00pm on October 10, 2005. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

CLERK:

Clerk submitted bills totaling \$120,039.21, and payroll totaling \$40,367.78, making total checks \$160,406.99. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the checks as submitted by the Clerk, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Pending Warrants, Fund Status, and Appropriation Status reports handed out to all three Trustees and Department Heads. PO and BC lists to be given to Department Heads on Thursday, September 15th.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise in The Repository for bids for ambulance billing services. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Clerk will work with Attorney Charlie Hall on procedure and content of advertising. Voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve implementing completion of Form I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) by all Township employees, as per U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve a Then & Now PO to A & L Heating & Cooling, in the amount of \$111.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Clerk noted the Canton Township Police Levy will be Issue #44 on the November 8th election ballot.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Mr. Christopher Carbone of 423 Aultman Ave NW

He and his neighbors want to establish a Neighborhood Watch for the Aultman NW area. Deputy Sheriff has been in that area 12 to 13 times in the past two months. They want to have a sign put up for the Neighborhood Watch. They want to get their neighborhood back as it was prior to all the vandalism and fights. What is the proper procedure?

Also, he has a concern with the property at 427 Aultman NW. They burn all their trash in the backyard; they do not put anything at the curb for pick-up. They have several dogs and cats fenced in the backyard along with some kind of aquarium, and tubs with frogs. It is starting to look very bad. Mr. Wilcox informed Mr. Carbone that the burning trash is an issue that can be handled by the Fire Department. He will check with Road Superintendent Dave Robertson when he returns from vacation next week about the signs for the Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Nichols suggested Mr. Carbone contact Lt. Gary Shankle with the Stark County Sheriff Department. He handles the Neighborhood Watch programs.

Mr. Charles Seifer of 430 Aultman Ave NW

(he was not talking from the podium, so he was hard to hear) He just wanted to add to Mr.

Carbone's comments that there is a lot of speeding vehicles in their area.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion for the Board to send a letter to the Stark County Sheriff concerning the speeding traffic in the Aultman NW area of Canton Township. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Donna Gessel of 2315 Rexdale SW

Property next door was sold last May. New owner has moved his “puppy mill” from Perry Township to Rexdale. There are several buildings with at least 20 or so dogs/puppies. The barking gets to be unbearable. Ms. Gessel presented copies of newspaper ads that advertised puppies for sale. This ad listed their home phone number. Zoning Director, Hal Lewis, stated Ms. Gessel had called him and he drove to the property on Monday. It is definitely an operation that seems full speed ahead. Just driving by, he could hear all the dogs barking. It appears that it will be an illegal business operating in an RR district. He has not pulled all the records yet; but there is plenty of work to be done concerning the zoning issues on this property.

Steven S. Brown of 2423 Rexdale SW

His issue is not only the dogs, but how can the property owner have such total disregard for the neighbors and operate an illegal business without going through the proper procedures for getting permits. He is asking what can they do legally do to stop this business. Zoning Director noted that permits were not issued for the buildings. There is definitely a lot going on there that has not been approved. He will check into it.

Ruth Davis of 2243 Rexdale SW

Her complaint also was the barking dogs. They have no peace and quiet. Her husband gets up at 4:00am to go to work and he is not able to get enough sleep because of the barking.

The Board informed the residents that Canton Township has a Barking Dog Resolution at the Stark County Sheriff's office for their review. They are trying to determine what is the best way to enforce this issue.

The Zoning Director stated there are two issues that need addressed. The illegal business and buildings without a permit are zoning matters. The barking dogs are a nuisance which falls under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees. He will check into both and report back to the Board to his findings.

TRUSTEES:

MR. WILCOX:

Alarm Monitoring = Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve opening a new PO to Interstate Fire

& Security Systems, in the amount of \$1,152.00. This is for monitoring the Township's alarm location from October 2005 to September 2006. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. Clerk certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Community Center = He will have information to report at next meeting concerning who will take care of the rental and cleaning.

MR. SMITH:

Additional Police Coverage = He has two meetings this week concerning providing additional police coverage for Canton Township. They are with the City of Canton and Perry Township. He will have a report at the next Regular meeting. He will get an opinion letter from our legal counsel as to whether we have to get the additional police coverage from the Stark County Sheriff, or if we can put it out for competitive bidding. The Board feels they owe it to the residents of Canton Township to research the best possible police protection available and what it will cost.

MR. NICHOLS:

Special Meeting-Police Providers = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve scheduling a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 7:00pm at Faircrest Middle School, if date is available. This meeting is for all potential police service providers to present their facts and figures to the Board and Township residents; with a decision to be made by October 11th as to the provider chosen. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Special Edition-Newsletter = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Special Edition of our Township Newsletter to be published and mailed to all Township residents at least two weeks prior to the election. This will be done to inform our residents with the name of the police protection provider chosen and all the facts and figures why they were chosen. This will allow the residents time to weigh all the information provided and decide how they want to vote.

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

Canton Data Print & Duncan Press = Mr. Nichols made a motion to open 2 new PO's for the cost of the next two editions of the Newsletter:

\$3,000.00 = Canton Data Print

6,000.00 = Duncan Press

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

SIGNATURES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND CLERK FOR THE

REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Wilcox made a motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Nichols.

Ronald L. Smith, Clerk

James A. Wilcox, President

William C. Smith, Vice President

Christopher B. Nichols, Trustees

FUND STATUS REPORT**09-13-05**

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>% of TOTAL CASH BALANCE</u>	
01	General	79,189.62	13.7	
02	Motor Vehicle License Tax	18,107.60	3.1	
03	Gasoline Tax	29,520.88	5.1	
04	Road & Bridge	27,041.47	4.7	
07	Lighting Assessment	6,710.84	1.2	
10	Fire District	127,317.98	22.0	
13	Zoning	12,399.60	2.1	
14	Park Advisory	8,316.88	1.4	
14A	Recycling		0.00	0.0
14B	FEMA Grant – Flood Plane	4.29	***.*	
14F	Fire Loss Claim Fund	0.00	0.0	
20	Fire Levy	158,566.53	27.4	

23	Permissive License Tax	14,854.09	2.6	
28	Ambulance & Emergency Medical	94,842.35	16.4	
30	Faircrest Project – Issue 2	0.00	0.0	
30A	Cheyenne Bridge Project	<u>2,258.79</u>		0.4
	CASH TOTAL	579,130.92		