

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:00pm with all three Trustees present.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 September 11, 2007 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts collected for two weeks for the following :
\$7,770.77=Ambulance Billing, \$200.00=CPR, and \$5,547.25=Grants, for a total of
\$13,518.02. Mr. Smith made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded
by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

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

BC
34 = Office & Station Supplies
PO's
94 = Work Health & Safety
118 = Nimishillen Twp Fire Dept

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
\$ 5,000.00 = Other-Misc Expenses
PO's
\$ 1,000.00 = Work Health & Safety
13,270.00 = ACS Firehouse Solutions
7,000.00 = EmbroidMe

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve hiring Hannah Scopelite as a new cadet for the Canton Township Fire Department, to be working from Station #3. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve writing-off ambulance billing balance due of \$63.09 for Melissa Croston for hardship reasons. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > Ohio Billing – August billing and credit report
 - > Ohio Billing – 2006/2007 January thru August totals (at bottom of August report)
 - > Fire Department Staffing recommendations for 2008
 - > Firehouse Software Purchase

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts collected for two weeks for culvert pipe in the amount of \$330.60. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 1 PO:

#184 = National Lime & Stone

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

- FYI:
- > Stark County Commissioners passed a resolution to turn over a portion of two roads from Stark County to Canton Township. The township has no authority in this decision; they are notified after the county resolution is passed. .21 mile = 12th St NW ...and... .07 mile = Waynesburg Dr SE
 - > New Ohio EPA Regulations – Road Superintendent informed the Board of new EPA regulations that were discussed at the workshop he attended in Twinsburg on September 20.
 - > Replace culvert pipe under Marietta SE on September 26th.
 - > 40-foot crack on Allenford SE - Hammontree and the geologist have suggested this crack be filled with clay. This has been done. The movement, if any, of this crack will be monitored.
 - > Road paving will start Monday, October 1st.
 - > Trick-or-Treat on Carnwise SW/SE – Road Superintendent recommendation to put up SLOW-CAUTION-CHILDREN signs on Carnwise instead of closing off traffic. Road Superintendent will examine the area again next week to decide what would be the safest solution for the children.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fees for two weeks in the amount of \$796.15. Mr. Wilcox made a motion to accept the report/fees as submitted, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

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

\$270.00 = Pitney Bowes

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

Mr. Wilcox made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer signing a liquor license permit change application from Melito Inc. to Tozzi's on 12th Street LTD, located at 4210 – 12th St. NW. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Zoning Director sending a letter to Stark County Auditor requesting a special tax assessment on 8 properties for mowing and property maintenance, 10 hours totaling \$750.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > New Violations

4309 – 4 th NW (Holm)	high grass
3528 – 12 th NW (Kowell-business)	high grass
3500 – 12 th NW (Town Plaza)	high grass

> Violations Cleared

4604 Springvale SW (Kuhns)	removed commercial vehicles
Lots/Baumford SE (Stone)	removed vehicle
2325 – 19 th SE (First American)	removed vehicle, trash, debris
4804 Wiseland SE (Full Gospel Lighthouse)	removed vehicle
250 – 32 nd SW (Dugan)	removed trash, grass cut
2747 Waynesburg SE (Sees)	removed vehicles
117 – 53 rd SE (Fether)	removed trash

- > Board of Zoning Appeals meeting Tuesday-October 2nd – 3 applicants
- > Michel Lawsuit – they have filed for an extension

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$63,088.26, and payroll in the amount of \$70,229.80, for a total of \$133,318.06. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as submitted, seconded by Mr. Wilcox 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 and BC lists to be given to Department Heads on Thursday, September 27th.

- FYI:
- > 2002-2003 audit adjustments, advances, and closing FEMA and Cheyenne Bridge funds completed on September 19th with UAN visiting Fiscal Officer
 - > Amended Certificates completed and submitted to Stark County Auditor that reflect those adjustments
 - > Public Records Request training for all elected officials and adoption of a formal policy per Ohio Attorney General. Sent info packet to Atty. Charles Hall
 - > Update on dental insurance coverage with Companion Life Insurance to include orthodontia coverage
 - > Update on Township auction held September 20th. Community Center building was sold for \$77,000.00

Mr. Nichols made a motion, upon the Fiscal Officer's recommendation, to continue with a variable rate for natural gas service through Dominion East Ohio. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Norma Guinther – 1320 Hawk Ave SE – Canton Township

Mrs. Guinther was here tonight to speak for herself and her husband, Richard, to thank the Board for the opportunity to manage the Community Center. It has been very enjoyable and they have met many nice people along the way. She is pleased to here the plaque honoring Wilbur Deckerd for his donation of the Community Center land will be displayed in the Township Administration meeting room. The Board thanked Norma and Richard for all their hard work and dedication to the Township.

... Public Speaks will continue after the Trustee portion of tonight's agenda ...

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

Newsletter Update = Newsletter should be in the mail beginning of next week.

Website = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the renewal of the Township's web address www.cantontwp-oh.gov at an annual cost of \$125.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to open at new PO:

\$125.00 = GSA (General Services Administration) Federal Technology Service
Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Ohio Ethic Commission Training Seminar = Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Ohio Ethics Commission training to be Monday, October 22nd (no other details given). Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

MR. WILCOX:

Community Park = Mr. Wilcox has been in touch with the Township grant writers about researching grants for different aspects of upgrading and improving the Community Park. He has not heard back from them as of this date.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Work Session to be held Saturday, October 6th at 8:00am at the Community Park; if inclement weather, meeting to be held at the Township Administration building. This Work Session is to discuss the Community Park and any other Township matters that may come before the Board. No decisions will be made at this Work Session. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilcox and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH:

Mills Industrial Park Update = *Trustee Smith gives a power point presentation, therefore a large portion is visual. He is not near a microphone and at times cannot be heard clearly)*

He met Friday with Dan DeHoff (representing his father Bob, who was out of town), Joe Concatto, Canton City Service Director, the project manager, Jeff, of HM Miller Construction. He talks about and shows pictures of the buffers/mounds that were built, by the same company, at Nobles Pond, Bobolink Estates, St. James, St. Ives, Chestnut Ridge. He was using these as examples of what the buffers may look like at Mills Industrial Park when they are built. Representative from HM Miller described how they would soon build a temporary 15 or 20 foot dirt wall buffer; and keep it watered down to reduce the amount of dust. After the plans are received from Rice's Nursery next spring, the buffers will be knocked down to the appropriate height. There is not much that can be done until the blueprint is received to see exactly what will be built. Wells...there is no ordinance in the City of Canton to prevent drilling a well within the city; however, it is unlikely this will happen. There is no use in complaining about what has already been done. What can be done now is to keep on top of things and make sure things are corrected as stated.

2002-2003 Audit = The news media has released, today, the results of the Canton Township audit for the years 2002-2003. For the record, Trustee Smith wanted to commend Fiscal Officer Ron Smith for all his hard work, countless hours, and diligence to get the Township's books corrected. Once the audit gets to his tenure in office, the residents can fully expect to have the "cleanest" books in the history of Canton Township. Thank you Ron for your dedication to Canton Township.

PUBLIC SPEAKS: (continued)

Bill Mayberry – 3921 Paradise SW – Canton Township

Mr. Mayberry was here this evening to voice his concern and frustration with Mills Industrial Complex. He has received no responses to any of his phone calls to many officials involved. He is sending a letter to the Mayor of the City of Canton and Congressman Ralph Regula about the mismanagement of a project this size. Canton Township has to fight for their community. He thanked Trustee Smith for his time and concern about Mills Park; but he is not giving up his fight.

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. made a motion to adjourn at 8:26pm, seconded by Mr. and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Wilcox, and Mr. Smith.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

James A. Wilcox, Vice President

William C. Smith, Trustee

(Fund Status on next page)

FUND STATUS REPORT

09-25-07

<u>FUND NUMBER</u>	<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>% of TOTAL CASH BALANCE</u>
1000	General	227,101.11	21.541
2011	Motor Vehicle License Tax	10,080.32	0.956
2021	Gasoline Tax	125,391.71	11.894
2031	Road & Bridge	237,544.79	22.532
2111	Fire District	88,562.68	8.400
2171	Park Advisory	83.56	0.008
2181	Zoning	25,556.60	2.424
2191	Special Levy	245,548.17	23.291
2231	Permissive Motor Vehicle License	3,440.98	3.172
2281	Fire, Rescue, Ambulance	55,625.40	5.276
2401	Special Assessment	5,337.18	0.506
2901	FEMA 1484 Flood Plain	0.00	0.000
2902	Cheyenne Bridge Project	0.00	0.000
2903	Fire Loss Claim Fund	<u>0.00</u>	0.000
		1,054,272.50	