

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 with Trustee Mittas, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Smith present.

Also in Attendance:

Fiscal Officer Ron Smith, Acting Fire Chief Christopher Smith and
Zoning Director/Road Superintendent Jonathan Smith

Guest Speaker:

Stark County Sheriff, George Maier

Sheriff Maier thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend tonight's meeting. He gave a brief overview of the 2013 Sheriff's Office Annual Report related to calls for services in Canton Township. Sheriff Maier also informed the Board about employment opportunities in the Sheriff Department, their successful voluntary "Litter Patrol" program with inmates, and their collaborative programs with other law enforcement agencies in Stark County. He certainly wants his staff to have a positive influence on the Canton Township community. The Board thanked Sheriff Maier for his time and valuable information.

MEETING MINUTES:

2014 Reorganization Meeting:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the 2014 Reorganization Meeting, held January 2, 2014 with the following correction: Part-Time Fire Department employee Douglas Lehner's hourly pay rate was incorrectly listed in the transcribed minutes as \$12.65, but was approved at the meeting as \$12.28 per hour and should have been transcribed as such. With this correction, the motion was seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Corrections of Pay Rates:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve corrections to the pay rates of three Fire Department employees. This does not change the approved 2014 Reorganization Meeting minutes, which were approved at the rates presented on the agenda. The following are the correct hourly pay rates and will be retroactive to January 1, 2014:

Full-Time Fire Employees:

\$22.26 Karla K. Nevel

\$18.44 Jonathan R. Peters

Part-Time Fire Employee:

\$12.65 Douglas S. Lehner

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

January 28, 2014:

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the January 28, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

February 1, 2014:

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the February 1, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

FIRE:

Oath of Office:

3 New Full-Time Canton Township Firefighters:

As their family, friends and other firefighters proudly observed, Trustee Nichols administered the Oath of Office, individually, to the three new full-time members of the Canton Township Fire Department. They were welcomed and congratulated by the Board, as well as those in attendance.

Johnathan S. Bagozzi start date February 16, 2014, as approved 02-01-14

Adam J. Resanovich start date February 16, 2014, as approved 02-01-14

Mitchell A. Warehime start date March 9, 2014, as approved 02-01-2014

“Thank You”

At this time, Fire Chief Chris Smith thanked the Board of Trustees and above all the residents of Canton Township for their support in passing the recent fire levy, which is providing the funding to employ these three additional full-time firefighters. This will allow Station No.3 on Parkway NW to be manned 24/7 starting March 9th.

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$14,547.76=Ambulance Billing, \$2,580.00=CPR, for total receipts of \$17,127.76. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to acknowledge receipt of Ohio Billing credit and billing report for the month of January 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Discuss:

> Fire Chief presented a proposal from Gatchell Grant Resources to rent space at the Fire Training Center on 38th St SE. At the request of the Board, the Fire Chief will forward the proposal to Atty. Charles Hall for his review and written opinion.

Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize Zoning Director sending an application to Stark County Regional Planning for a zone change to the former Amos McDannel School on 38th St SE from RR=Rural Residential to B-1 classification=Suburban, Office and Limited Business. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Discuss:

> Fire Chief Chris Smith presented cost information for himself and Firefighter Dave Aberth to attend the Blue Card “Train the Trainer” course in Phoenix, Arizona on September 22–26. Balance of Training Grant funds is \$7,929.49, which must be utilized for training classes. Cost of class is \$8,000.00 (\$4,000 each) Funds will be needed for air fare, lodging, car rental, and meals.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Fire Chief Chris Smith and a second member of the Canton Township Fire Department attending the Blue Card “Train the Trainer” course in Phoenix, Arizona on September 22–26. Training Grant funds balance of \$7,929.49 will be allocated for this training class. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Discuss:

- > Specifications for Squad Vehicle Remounts and advertising for Remount bids.
Bid specs and legal advertising to be provided by Atty. Charles Hall.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Fire Chief advertising twice in The Press News for Fire Department Squad Vehicle Remount bids upon the legal approval of the bid specifications and advertising information from Atty. Charles Hall. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented the following receipts for the past two weeks: \$150.00=Road Opening Permits, \$240.00=Culvert Pipe, for total receipts of \$390.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > Stark County Salt Co-Op: Road Superintendent has received a survey from the Stark County Engineer asking if County Salt-Co-Op members would prefer salt bidding for the 2014-15 snow control season with the ODOT Co-Op or bid with the County Co-Op. Stark County Engineer has received several calls from co-op members regarding the continuance of the County Cooperative Sale Purchasing Program. Considering the problems ODOT has experienced getting salt deliveries, all were in agreement that staying with the County Co-Op is the best option for Canton Township. Road Superintendent will specify that choice on the survey and send back to the Engineer’s office.
 - > Gym Floor at Fire Dept Training Center: Due to the cold weather, the lack of heat in the gym and the continuous snow plowing and truck repairs, it has not been possible for the Road Superintendent and Road employee Chris Neisel to get the floor finished. He recommended and asked the Board’s approval to have Heritage Painting sand, stripe and apply the additional coat of urethane to complete the gym floor. Cost for labor and material is \$3,175.00. At the request of the Board, the Road Superintendent will look at a recent job Heritage has just completed on the same type of floor in a private residence to inspect the quality of work.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Heritage Painting Estimate #1004 to sand, stripe and apply the additional coat of urethane to complete the gym floor at the Fire Training Center on 38th Street SE. Cost for labor and material not to exceed \$3,175.00, and will be paid from General Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to open 1 new PO to Heritage Painting for \$3,175.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. Fiscal Officer certified General Funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- > Survey of Fire Training Center Property: Jon Smith talked to Atty. Hall today. Harper Surveying is still working on this; not moving fast, but still moving forward.
- > Thank You to Trustee Bill Smith: Road Superintendent thanked Trustee Smith for his 12 hours last Wednesday plowing snow. Road Department was short-handed and Trustee Smith stepped in and helped clear the roads. Trustee Smith said it is a very hard job that requires a lot of concentration. He was glad he could lend a hand.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented permit receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$485.80. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Zoning Director presented Park Pavilion Rental receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$50.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the appointment of Duane Leggett as a regular member of the Canton Township Zoning Commission, with his term expiring December 31, 2017, at the request of the Zoning Director and the Chairman of the Zoning Commission Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer signing Ohio Division of Liquor Control Request approving the Application for Change of Corporate Stock Ownership (as listed on Stock Ownership form) for:

Two Thousand Five JM & M Inc
dba Lakeview Tavern
1155 Lakeview Ave NW & Patio
Canton Township - Canton, OH 44708

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

FYI: > “No Parking” Signs on Cole Ave SE: Year or year-and-a-half ago, several residents of Cole Ave SE came to a Trustee meeting complaining about the parking and possible drug activity on Cole Ave. At that time, the Fire Chief was having squads monitor that area. Zoning Director has heard nothing since then, until now. Same person has called three times complaining about the parking. He has gone there randomly to check and there are no vehicles. Snow plow driver has no trouble plowing Cole Ave. Just wanted the Board to be aware of the complaint calls; but he does not feel putting up “No Parking” signs is justified at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$87,329.32, payroll in the amount of \$68,673.51, for total checks of \$156,002.83. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as presented, Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Trustees signing the January 2014 Bank Reconciliation. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve opening 1 new PO for the township’s liability insurance premium for the period of February 28, 2014-2015

\$43,419.00 = OTARMA (Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority)

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

FYI: > 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, February 13th.
> Trustees to sign their Monthly Payroll Log for February 2014
> Trustee Nichols and Trustee Smith to sign the Public Officials Bond for their Term of Office as Canton Township Trustee beginning 01-01-2014 and ending on 12-31-2017
> Fire Dept Paid-per-Call/Points Employees are now being paid every 2 weeks. Fiscal Officer and Acting Fire Chief Chris Smith will meet next Tuesday, February 18 to review Fire Dept payroll and budget.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

MR. SMITH:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

MR. NICHOLS:

Inquired about Road employees Chris Neisel and Jeff Yerian's standing as Paid-per-Call Fire employees. Fire Chief Chris Smith and Fiscal Officer Ron Smith will meet next week to get this issue clarified.

MR. MITTAS:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Mittas made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William C. Smith, Vice President

William G. Mittas, Member