

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm
Tuesday, July 15, 2014 with Trustee Mittas, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Smith present.

Also in Attendance:

Fire Chief Christopher Smith and Zoning Director/Road Superintendent Jonathan Smith

Absent:

Fiscal Officer Ron Smith

MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 17, 2014

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichol and Mr. Smith.

Regular Meeting – July 1, 2014:

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Eric Nupp: 3235 – 6th St SE, Canton Township

Mr. Nupp was in attendance this evening to ask if the Trustees would consider enlarging the Hayhurst Baseball Field at the Community Park on Oyer Street SE, in order to accommodate 11-12 year-old teams and 13-14 year-old teams. It would not take a lot to make it happen. The biggest thing would be moving the fence and the pitcher's mound. Trustee Nichols asked if the ball association wanted the township to pay the cost, or if the ball association would pay, or would it be shared by both. Mr. Nupp will check with Southway Fence for a price and check with the association officers and get back to the Board in a couple weeks. Trustee Nichols said the Board is willing to make the ball fields and the parks the best they can be; and if the association is willing to put in a little labor, the Trustees will work with them to get it done.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$18,187.16=Ambulance Billing, \$255.00=CPR and \$180.00=Training Center Rental, for total receipts of \$18,622.16.

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 approve closing 1 PO:

#87 = American Electric Power

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

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

\$1,500.00 = Canton City Utilities

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols pending Fiscal Officer certification of funds. Noting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to acknowledge receipt of Ohio Billing reports for June 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Decision to write-off ambulance billing for Joyce Carouthers, in the amount of \$358.32, was tabled and will be discussed at the next meeting. Trustee Mittas to call Ms. Carouthers.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve writing-off ambulance billing, in the amount of \$350.00, for rescue extrication services provided to non-township resident, Patty L. Clauser, on January 27, 2014, based on the Financial Disclosure/Affidavit of Indigency submitted to the Board and the letter from St. Luke Lutheran Community. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting **NO** – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith. Motion denied. This matter will be discussed at a future date.

FYI: > Would like to donate 4 old SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) steel bottles to Stark County Sheriff. They have no value to the Fire Dept. Trustees requested that Fire Chief check with Atty. Hall for a legal opinion and possible resolution.
> Fire Chief will be using the Deputy Chief's vehicle to attend the Ohio Fire Chief Conference in Columbus from July 24-28.
> New Shift Commander truck should be in and ready for service by mid-August.

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$626.00=Culvert Work and \$100.00=Road Opening Permits, for total receipts of \$726.00. 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 approve closing 2 PO's:

#55 = Cross Truck Equipment
59 = Leppo Rents

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

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

\$ 2,000.00 = Cross Truck Equipment
2,000.00 = Leppo Rents
15,000.00 = Central Allied Ent.

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas pending Fiscal Officer certification of funds. Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Vinton Asphalt Co. will honor last year's asphalt price at \$2.99 sq/f on all road repair
> Updated Road Dept Budget

> GovDeals.com Flexible Pricing Options (FPO)

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Road Superintendent entering into a 12-month plan with GovDeals.com, which is an online service to sell surplus and other items for government entities. Canton Township has chosen the Flexible Pricing Option (FPO) B4 in which Canton Township would pay zero percent (0%) fees and the winning bidder pays a 12.50% buyers premium. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fee receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$514.40. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Board declaring the following 8 properties as nuisances as deemed by the Zoning Director, and order them abated per Ohio Revised Code 505.173 and/or 505.86 and/or 505.87 and the Canton Township Property Maintenance Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

McNutt, Randy S	509 Ruggles Ave SE	No Permit (deck) / Vehicles
Federal Nat'l Mtge Assoc	3404 Charlene Ave SW	Vehicles
Bowling, Russell/Michelle	1610 Baum St SE	Vehicles
Davenport, Jerry	2618 – 3 rd St NE	Vehicles
Oliver, Richard A	215 Dane Ave NE	Vehicles
Wilson, Harold/Shirley	223 – 33 rd St SW	Trash/Debris
Gilger, Nicholas L	4838 Central Ave SE	No Permit (shed)
Diss, Derek F	4812 Harvest Cir SE	No Permit (shed/addition)

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer signing a letter, when he returns in two weeks, to the Stark County Auditor requesting liens on the tax duplicates for lawn maintenance/ high grass nuisance assessments on 3 parcels, totaling \$1,950.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > Updated 2014 Nuisance List provided to the Board
 - > Updated 2014 Grass List provided to the Board
 - > Emanuel Griggs: Attempted to contact Mr. Griggs by email, with no response, concerning letter received June 25th in regards to some issues off Whipple Ave NW. He received a call from the Canton Repository about the same issue because Mr. Griggs had sent a “Letter to the Editor”; but so far, there has been nothing printed in the newspaper.

TOWNSHIP PARKS:

Road Superintendent presented Park Pavilion Rental receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$150.00. 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.

- FYI:
- > Continued Improvements/Maintenance at the Parks
This past week the picnic pavilions were stained, fence around the porta-jons was repaired and stained, painting on the baseball dugouts is continuing (they are being painted to match the red/grey roofs), and the walking track will be sealed.

FISCAL OFFICER: *(absent this evening)*

In the absence of the Fiscal Officer, Trustee Nichols presented and made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$82,697.44 and payroll in the amount of \$103,361.93, for total checks of \$186,059.37. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith, with Mr. Mittas abstaining from the vote on warrant #15052 and #15075.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve \$77,317.80 appropriation increase for Fund 2031 – Road & Bridge for the North Park Ave NW Road Project (\$45,021.00=Ohio Public Works Commission and \$32,296.80=Meyers Lake Village) Fiscal Officer has delivered Amended Certificate to Stark County Auditor. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and 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 Dept Heads on Thurs, July 17th.
 - > Trustees to each sign their Payroll Certification for July 2014
 - > 2nd Half 2013 Real Estate Tax Advances started July 10, 2014

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

MR. SMITH:

FYI: Fire Training Center Remodeling:

Report from Trustee Smith concerning the progress with the architectural plans to remodel the Fire Training Center on 38th Street SE (former Amos McDannel Elementary School). There was a meeting yesterday at the Fire Training Center with Trustee Smith, Fire Chief Smith, Scott Johnson and the architect, Joe Caplea to discuss the various stages of remodeling that he has laid out, per Angela Cavanaugh, Stark County Chief Building Official. It sounds like a good plan. Mr. Caplea has a great deal of knowledge and experience with remodeling/rehabbing existing buildings, rather than just designing new structures. Obviously, the plan is that a Fire Station would be housed there at some point in time. He broke it down into four phases, with the Fire Administration office being first. At this time, to rent the facility for parties bringing in food would not be possible because that would not conform to code. Angela is working with the architect and the township to make things move along. More info to come later.

MR. MITTAS:

Discuss: Natural Gas Supply Options:

Options available with IGS Energy –vs– Options available with SCOG (Stark Council of Governments)

Mr. Mittas presented information that the price last year under the SCOG program was \$4.99 per mcf. Enrollment in the program requires a 3-year commitment by the Township. After a lengthy discussion and all 3 Trustees stating their pros and cons with all plans available, there was no decision made.

MR. NICHOLS:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Smith.

Christopher B. Nichols, President

absent
Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

William C. Smith, Vice President

William G. Mittas, Member