

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm Tuesday, February 25, 2014 with Trustee Mittas, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Smith present.

Also in Attendance:

Fiscal Officer Ron Smith, Acting Fire Chief Christopher Smith,  
Zoning Director/Road Superintendent Jonathan Smith and  
Township Additional Legal Counsel Charles Hall

**In Memory  
Canton Township Fire Chief Scott McKibben  
August 9, 1962 – February 18, 2014  
You will be missed, but not forgotten.**

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the February 11, 2014 Regular 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:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$17,959.04=Ambulance Billing, \$35.00=CPR, \$85.19=Refund, for total receipts of \$18,079.23. 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.

Internet Service - Fire:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Fire Chief upgrading the internet service for the Fire Administration office and all fire stations to 10M x 1M, at a cost of \$119.95 per month for each location, through Time Warner Cable. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Internet Service – Administration:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Zoning Director upgrading the internet service for the Township Administration building to 10M x 1M, at a cost of \$119.95 per month, through Time Warner Cable. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI: > Fire Department is switching from Sprint to Verizon for their cell phone service due to lack of coverage, by Sprint, in the southern part of Canton Township. This will also include all new cell phones, and will only increase the monthly cost by \$3.00
- > Still on schedule for staffing Station #3 on Parkway NW, to start March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FYI: > “Thank You” – In Memory of Canton Township Fire Chief Scott McKibben**

Acting Fire Chief Christopher Smith offered a heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone who helped with Chief McKibben’s calling hours and funeral service, and the many people who attended his services. Chief McKibben was well-liked and respected throughout the fire service community in and around Stark County; and it was evident by the number of fire personnel who came to honor him. He will be missed, but not forgotten.

**ROAD:**

No receipts to submit for the past 2 weeks.

**7:15pm = Open Sealed Bids – Asphalt for 2014**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Massillon Asphalt Co	\$56.50 per ton 448 Hot Mix
Northstar Asphalt	\$57.00 per ton 448 Hot Mix
Central-Allied Ent	\$56.00 per ton 448 Hot Mix
Shelly Co	\$55.15 per ton 448 Hot Mix

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve forwarding all asphalt bids to Atty. Charles Hall for review and opinion. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

**Special Meeting:**

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to meet with part-time Road employee, Robert Wilson to discuss the soon-to-be open full-time opening in the Road Dept. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI: > North Park Ave NW Road Project: Meeting on-site with Superior Paving on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm concerning the North Park project. To date, signed agreements from all residents have been received except one. Road Superintendent will have to “knock on their door” to ask if there is a problem.
- > Bridge on Baum Rd: Road Superintendent met with Stark County Engineers in a pre-construction meeting concerning this project. Stanley Miller Construction is the general contractor for this job. There are some issues about putting a job trailer on site. Road Superintendent asked the Board if there would be problem if he let the County Inspectors and Miller using a desk and phone in his office in the Road garage about an hour each day for job meetings. Board said that would not be a problem. This will be a 270 day project that is scheduled to start sometime in April. He will let the Board know and contact Canton Local to let them know when the bridge will close.

**ZONING:**

Zoning Director presented permit receipts for 2 weeks in the amount of \$640.00. 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.

Zoning Director presented Park Pavilion Rental receipts for 2 weeks in the amount of \$50.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipt as submitted, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

Miller, Kenneth R. et al      555 – 48<sup>th</sup> St SW      Unlicensed Vehicles

FYI: > Zoning Commission meeting to be held Thursday, March 13 at 7:00pm

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$123,673.93 and payroll in the amount of \$90,169.08, for total checks of \$213,843.01. Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the checks as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith, with Mr. Mittas abstaining on the vote for warrant #14520, in the amount of \$148.40.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the 2014 Permanent Appropriations in the amount of \$5,333,019.84. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve requesting an Amended Certificate for \$22,446.00 to Fund 2281 (Fire & Rescue, Ambulance & EMS Fund) for a voided check originally issued to Heritage Painting. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve opening 2 new PO's:

\$1,268.50 = Stark County Regional Planning (2014 Dues)

100.00 = Treasurer, State of Ohio (2014 Admin Fee-Ohio Co-Op Purchasing Program)

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols. 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 27.

> Ball Field Requests for the 2014 Baseball/Softball Season

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

No Public Speaks at this time.

**TRUSTEES:**

**MR. SMITH:**

Recycling Bins: Email from a resident concerning the mud when stepping out of their cars. Road Superintendent said at this time of year it does get messy, but Road Dept just put slag around and under the bins. If the Board thinks it will help, they can put finer gravel down. Trustee Smith will stop in the morning and take a walk around the recycle bins.

Porta-Jons at Parks/Ball Fields: Rates from Miller & Company have increased substantially for 2014. He suggested we shop around for lower rates. Road Superintendent will check into it, and also check with Stark County Schools to see if they have a co-op for porta-jon services.

Remembering the Chief: He thanked Chris Smith, Scott Johnson, Jon Smith and all the Fire and Road employees for all the work they did to make Chief's funeral services so special. The hours they gave to make a frame for and to practice mounting his casket on top of the fire truck, truly shows the tremendous respect they had for him both as a boss and a friend. It's time to move on, but Chief...you will never be forgotten.

MR. NICHOLS:

Executive Session:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:51pm with the Trustees, Fiscal Officer, and Township Additional Legal Counsel Charles Hall to discuss compensation of a public employee, per Ohio Revised Code 101.22 (G)(1). Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Mittas	YES
	Mr. Nichols	YES
	Mr. Smith	YES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:32pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Mittas	YES
	Mr. Nichols	YES
	Mr. Smith	YES

Amend Employee Handbook – Sick Time:

Mr. Nichols made a motion for the Board to amend the Canton Township Employee Handbook to state that any full-time, active employee who dies while an employee of the township will be paid accrued sick leave in the amount up to 360 hours, and any full-time, active Department Head who dies while an employee of the township will be paid accrued sick leave in the amount up to 500 unused sick-time hours. This amendment is retroactive to January 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Mittas	YES
	Mr. Nichols	YES
	Mr. Smith	YES

Resolution:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution No. 02-01-14 "Authorizing payment of accrued but not used sick leave, vacation leave, and compensatory time off leave to the Estate of Scott McKibben. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Mittas	YES
	Mr. Nichols	YES
	Mr. Smith	YES

Remembering the Chief: First of all, he extended his sympathies to Chief McKibben's family. It was a pleasure and the highest honor to work with him over the past 12 years. He was a dedicated Fire Chief, employee and a good friend. There is an impressive list of Fire Departments and organizations that supported us over the past week, and gave their time to man our fire stations during the Chief's funeral. It said a lot about the Chief seeing all these people step -up and volunteer their time. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Nichols will be sending a "Letter to the Editor" of The Repository and The Press News, thanking all the organizations and individuals for their outpouring of support and respect. Rest in Peace Chief.

MR. MITTAS:

Remembering the Chief: Even though I knew the Chief the least amount of time, it's very hard to get used to looking down the line at the meeting table and not seeing him shaking his head at me and eating a Tootsie Roll. The way the Fire Department put his services together, stood at attention some of them without coats in this frigid weather, and the two firemen AJ and Adam who rode through the streets on top of the fire truck with Chief's casket was just tremendous. It all speaks volumes for the respect and admiration they had for Scott. Thank you for being a friend; we are going to miss you.

**ADJOURN:**

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:37pm, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

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Christopher B. Nichols, President

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William C. Smith, Vice President

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William G. Mittas, Member