

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

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

Absent: Trustee Nichols

Also in Attendance:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the February 25, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the March 8, 2014 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Mr. Bill Wright: 3312 Cleveland Ave SE, Canton Township

Mr. Wright was in attendance this evening to discuss and ask for assistance concerning the Rt.800 widening project and “the forgotten 4 blocks”, which is 34th St to just north of 32nd St. He is speaking for himself, not his neighbors. He contacted ODOT and was told there are no plans to widen that area due to lack of funds; and also, accident reports do not justify the widening. Even though this is a state project, he is asking the Board to not forget those four blocks. He is concerned about the traffic jams, the accidents, the potholes, etc. Trustee Smith assured him they have not been forgotten, as he started communication with the state about six months ago concerning this problem. The District 4 Supervisor agrees this section needs to be done; and the state is working to find a way to get those four blocks widened either simultaneously with the current project, or incorporate it later with another project in District 4. Trustee Smith will continue to keep in touch with ODOT.

Ms. Marlene Chipko: 3228 – 3rd St NE, Canton Township

Ms. Chipko was in attendance this evening to ask the Board about possible sewer service for her neighborhood, as well as cleaning up all the junk vehicles and properties. She believes there is more needed for Canton Township to grow and prosper other than a new school. In order for the township to thrive, there are a few problems that need addressed. There are a number of junk vehicles in her neighborhood alone that need to be removed. It has been this way for quite some time and it “junks up” the neighborhood. She encouraged the Board to please take care of this problem, because if the neighborhoods are bad, it will not attract families to move into Canton Township to attend that new school.

But more importantly, she is concerned about the lack of sewer service in her area. She knows that is not a township duty, but a job maintained by Stark County. She is requesting the Board “put some pressure” on the county to provide service to her side of Lincoln Street. The City of Canton is not far from her home. She likes living in Canton Township and has no desire to be

part of the city; but if she were approached about annexation that would provide sewer service, she would certainly think about it.

Trustee Smith stated the junk cars have been an issue the township has been fighting for years. Owner cleans up and then goes right back to junk vehicles again. The legal process then has to start over again. The Zoning Director has been on top of this individual and will continue to do what is permitted by law. In reference to the lack of sewer service, this is a “grass roots” movement. She needs to go door-to-door and have a petition signed by her neighbors stating they want sewer in that area, then present that petition to the county. From there, the county will determine if there is enough interest to hold a public meeting to present all the facts and figures for a sewer project. All in all, even if the project would be approved it will take a couple years to complete. At that point, the Board will help in any way they can. She asked if the Board could hold an informational meeting and send postcards to the residents inviting them to come and talk about a possible sewer project; and at that meeting have petition forms that can be signed. Trustee Smith that is a possibility; and he will contact Steve Bellamy at the Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District to see if a meeting could be set-up with the residents.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$12,712.18=Ambulance Billing and \$20.00=Permit, for total receipts of \$12,732.18. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Mittas made a motion, based on the Financial Disclosure/Affidavit of Indigency being accurate, to approve writing-off an ambulance billing in the amount of \$300.00, for services provided to township resident Michelle R. Lambert on 12-15-2013. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve and sign the proposal from A.N.A. Billing and Consulting, LLC to Canton Township Board of Trustees to provide EMS revenue collection services on past due accounts that were previously sent to Regional Collection Service. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and sign the lease agreement between Canton Township Board of Trustees and Gatchell Grant Resources, LLC for public use of rooms within the Canton Township Fire Department Training Center, located at 210- 38th Street SE, Canton, Ohio, with one correction to the Lease, which was reviewed by the Board. Section 2 TERM: second paragraph, line three. The number “90” should be changed to “60” to match the written number “sixty”. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-02-14 “To assess a charge for false alarms from an automatic fire alarm system at a commercial or other establishment or at a residential building within the unincorporated areas of Canton Township, Stark County”, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 505.391. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith.

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| ROLL CALL VOTE: | Mr. Mittas | YES |
| | Mr. Nichols | Absent |
| | Mr. Smith | YES |

FYI: Dave Aberth signed a “Training Financial Reimbursement Agreement” for the Blue Card “Train the Trainer” class to be held in Las Vegas for 5 days, starting 09-22-2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve moving into Executive Session at 7:56pm with the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Fire Chief to discuss a personnel matter, pursuant to Ohio revised Code 121.22(G)(1). Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Mittas YES
 Mr. Nichols Absent
 Mr. Smith YES

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve moving out of Executive Session at 8:14pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Mittas YES
 Mr. Nichols Absent
 Mr. Smith YES

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$50.00=Road Opening Permit, \$365.85=Scrap Metal, \$2,038.62=Road Salt Reimbursement from Canton Local Schools, for total receipts of \$2,454.47. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve closing one PO:
 #68 = Truck Sales & Service

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

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve opening 3 new PO's:
 \$20,000.00 = McIntosh Oil
 2,000.00 = Truck Sales & Service
 5,000.00 = Central-Allied Ent

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Canton Township participating in Stark County's Co-Operative Purchasing Program for rock salt for the 2014-2015 Snow Control Season. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and sign the Stark County Engineer's 2013 Annual Township Highway Mileage Certification, confirming Canton Township maintained 98.070 miles of public roads. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 03-01-14 "To accept road repair and maintenance materials bids, and to award the same". These are bids submitted from: Central Allied Enterprises, Inc., Massillon Asphalt Company, Northstar Asphalt Inc. and The Shelly Company Northeast Division. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Mittas YES
 Mr. Nichols Absent
 Mr. Smith YES

FYI:

- > North Park Avenue NW Road Project anticipated start date of May or June.
- > Fire Training Center improvements are moving forward nicely.
- > Pot hole patching continues every day.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve hiring Abbott Electric on a labor and material basis to wire the roof for the HVAC system and wire the “Blue Card” room at the Fire Training Center, at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00, with payment to come from General Funds. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve opening a new PO:

\$9,000.00 = Abbott Electric, Inc.

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas. Fiscal Officer certified General Funds are available. Voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

ZONING:

Zoning Director permits permit receipts for 2 weeks in the amount of \$7,116.05. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as submitted, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the appointment of John Ring as the second alternate to the Canton Township Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas 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 505.87 and the Canton Township Property Maintenance Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith. and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

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| Stevens, Douglas P | 210 Cole Ave SE | Vehicle |
| Sparks, Jeffrey W et al | 3021 – 38 th St SW | Vehicle |
| Rowan, Jerry/Victoria | 3456 Shepler Church Ave SW | Vehicle |
| Boston, Margaret A | 3338 Varley Ave SW | Vehicle |
| Nolan, Karen A | 3224 Varley Ave SW | Vehicle |
| Edgell, Walton/Patricia | 3130 Varley Ave SW | Vehicle |
| Schultz, Tina L | 3129 Varley Ave SW | Vehicle |
| Sheaks, Walter/Nancy | 3127 Varley Ave SW | Vehicle |

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$97,510.30, and payroll in the amount of \$105,993.40, for total checks of \$203,503.70. Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the checks as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

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

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve opening a credit card account for Christopher D. Smith, as acting Fire Chief, with a credit limit of \$5,000.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve assigning the use of the Canton Township Ball Fields for the 2014 Baseball/Softball Season as follows:

Abbott Field and Mikunda Field: Canton South Girls Softball Association

Hamilton Field and Hayhurst Field: Canton South Boys Baseball Association

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas 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, March 13.
 - > Trustees to each sign their March 2014 Payroll Certification
 - > Porta-Jons at the Community Parks. Superior Speedie Porta Jons is \$6.00 more per month for the same service. The township will stay with Miller & Company.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No further Public Speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

Mr. Mittas:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

Mr. Nichols:

Absent this evening.

Mr. Smith:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

ADJOURN:

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

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William C. Smith, Vice President

William G. Mittas, Trustee

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer