

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 with Trustee Nichols, Trustee Mittas, and Trustee Shaffer present.

Also in Attendance:

Road Superintendent/Zoning/Park Director Jonathan Smith, Fire Chief Christopher Smith,
And Fiscal Officer, Ronald Smith absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – January 12, 2017

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Special Meeting – January 17, 2017

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the January 17, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Special Meeting – January 21, 2017

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the January 21, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas. Mr. Shaffer abstained.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$13,763.02=Ambulance Billing, \$85.00=GovDeals, and \$315.00=Community Center Rental for total receipts of \$14,163.02. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approval to hire Kyle Johnson as part-time firefighter / paramedic at a pay rate of \$13.50 per hour and pending passing his pre-employment physical and background check with a six month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES - Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approval to hire Dale Nelson and Tim Sibila as part-time firefighter / EMT's at a pay rate of \$12.50 per hour and pending passing their pre-employment physical and background check with a six month probationary period, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES - Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Oath of Office:

New Part-time Canton Township Firefighter/Paramedic/EMT:

As their family, friends and other firefighters proudly observed, Trustee Nichols administered the Oath of Office to Kyle Johnson, Dale Nelson, and Tim Sibila as new part-time members of the Canton Township Fire Department. They were welcomed and congratulated by the Board, as well as those in attendance.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to reappoint Cory Clark as a part-time firefighter/medic, returning from a leave of absence, at a rate of \$14.25 per hour, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and signing the Fire/EMS Dispatching Agreement with Nimishillen Township aka Censom for 2017 at a rate of \$6,287.16 per month, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Courtney Zander – 4653 Ridge Ave SE

Mr. Zander represents “Taking the Crown Basketball Program.” Mr. Zander explained the program works with probation officers and is for 15-18 year olds who obtain a C+ average or higher. While in the program they cannot get into any trouble and also have to do community programs. They are willing to pay for the court time and there will be no more than 30 kids. The kids would be from area school districts.

The Board decided to table the approval until further information could be obtained.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Fire Chief moving forward with Assessment Center for full-time fire officers at a cost not to exceed \$11,800.00, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Fire Chief working with Caplea & Associates and Bob Horn to move forward to gather a bid package with bid specs for the power relocation project at the Fire Admin/Community Center, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to acknowledge receipt of Ambulance Billing and Credit Report for October, November, and December 2016 and Credit Summary for December 2016, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Annual Report

ROAD:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Road Superintendent to advertise for bids on hot/cold asphalt mix for calendar year 2017, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Trustees signing the Ohio Department of Transportation 2016 Township Highway System Mileage Certification stating the Township is responsible for maintaining 97.580 miles of public roads, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and authorize the Road Superintendent to work with Canton Local School which involves 10-12 students participating in a community service day for various letter pick-up and other community service duties on March 21, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at approximately 1:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Community Service Day – March 21, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. for 10-12 students.
- Road Foreman, Chris Neisel, provided the street lighting update and the next steps with the lighting audit with AEP.
- Damage update for flooding of 01/12/17

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$1,703.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Board declaring 4 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. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Caroline B. Cassius/Milini	1302707	3206 Forestdale Ave SW	No permit shed/deck
Robert McKinney	1305866	235 – 32 nd Street SW	No permit shed
Allen/Carolyn Stocker	1305968	4136 Monica Ave SW	Trash/Debris/Veh
Robert Boch	1313334	511 Marietta Ave SE	Vehicle

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Board President, Mr. Nichols, signing the transfer of the Liquor License from Chops Pub LLC dba Prestier Pub to Franalli LLC dba Meyers Landing Bar & Grill located at 1326 Whipple Road NW & Patios Unit 27, Canton, Ohio 44708, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Mittas and Mr. Shaffer. Mr. Nichols abstained.

FYI:

- BZA meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017. One hearing for a conditional use permit on 4th Street, NW and one for a variance for Pizza Oven.
- EPA update

TOWNSHIP PARKS:

FYI:

- When applying for grant, we obtained amounts on electronic signs. Canton Local Schools also applied for a permit for their school sign and we have those numbers as well.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$83,836.90, payroll in the amount of \$81,302.06, for total checks in the amount of \$165,138.96. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

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

PO

66-2017 = Treasurer State of Ohio (EPA)

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

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, January 26, 2017.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No public speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

Mr. Mittas will be attending the crime watch meeting regarding the possible police levy.

Reminder for special meeting January 28, 2017. A decision will need to be made at that meeting.

Mr. Mittas

Mr. Mittas asked that Mr. Scott Johnson and Fire Chief discuss the outstanding balances at the fire department. Mr. Johnson stated that previously they offered a 30% discount at this time of year last year, but that it was for just a short period of time. Other places find it to be successful and is usually 25-30%. This was done during tax period. More research and information was requested as to if it was beneficial to the department last year.

Mr. Shaffer

Shared sample of Township/School Board joint meeting agenda from Plain Township. This may be something that we follow in Canton Township.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Mittas made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Absent

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William G. Mittas, Vice President

Mark R. Shaffer, Member