

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 with Trustee Nichols, Trustee Mittas, and Trustee Shaffer present.

Also in Attendance:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – February 7, 2017

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Dan Odadzin – 2937 – 14th Street, NW

Mr. Odadzin stated that with the Legends and Hall of Fame growing there needs to be a police department in Canton Township. He further stated that the Stark County Sheriff’s Department has done an excellent job, but they do not have the staffing. Mr. Odadzin also stated that the road condition of Broad Avenue is bad and the traffic on this road has gone up significantly in the last couple years. He is asking if this can be addressed.

The Board informed Mr. Odadzin of the possibility of a policy levy, but stated it would not be a Canton Township Police Department. Stark County Sheriff’s office would provide an officer to be stationed in Canton Township. It was further stated that Canton Township is a central location in Stark County so we are fortunate to have officers in Canton Township when they are not on calls.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$15,073.64=Ambulance Billing, \$65.00=CPR, \$50.00=Fire Prevention, \$1,086.00=GovDeals, and \$75.00=Community Center Donation / Rental for total receipts of \$16,349.64. 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 approve opening 1 new PO:

PO

\$3,500.00 = Shamrock Gear Restoration

Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer pending Fiscal Officer’s certification that funds are available 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 December 2016, January and February 2017 and Credit Summary for January 2017, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Invoices for Caplea for the Community Center bathroom renovations.
- Drug Free Work Place Safety training Thursday, March 2, 2017 at the Fire Department Administration Bldg.
 - 11:30 – 1:30 Supervisor/Upper Management to include Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Road Superintendent and Road Foreman, Fire Chief, all Battalion Captains and their fill ins, Fire Prevention Officer.
 - 2:00 – 3:00 Employee Training – all regular employees as all of the above.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$5,531.46 for the bathroom design work to Caplea Studio Architects with costs to be split between general fund and fire department, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$12,034.88 for power/electrical design work to Caplea Studio Architects with costs to be split between general fund and fire department, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

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

PO

\$8,783.17 = Caplea Studio Architects (General Fund)

Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer pending Fiscal Officer's certification that funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

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

PO

\$8,783.17 = Caplea Studio Architects (Fund 2191)

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas pending Fiscal Officer's certification that funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$100.00=Road Opening Permits. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize the Road Superintendent to purchase a refurbished computer to replace the Trustees' computer at a cost not to exceed \$600.00, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Stark County Cooperative Purchasing Program – Rock Salt for 2017/2018 plowing season.
- Patching Report: Will be in Meyers Lake area beginning tomorrow.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$5,601.50. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Board declaring 5 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. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Bella Development LTD	1400477	1469 Valentine Cir NW	Trash/Debris
Julius Kennedy Jr.	1306616	2700 – 4 th Street SE	Trash/Debris
Corlin/Della Shanower	1301032	4311 Lincoln Street E	Vehicle
Jerry W. Slater, et al.	1314939	107 – 50 th Street SE	Trash/Debris
Jeffrey L. Spurrier	1302365	4319 Lincoln St E	Vehicle

FYI:

- Office renovations/updates/carpet/desk
- Zone change scheduled for March 22nd with possible Trustees’ hearing on April 18th.
- Nuisance List
- Meeting regarding Starfire gas station with Emma of Regional Planning Commission will be set up soon.

TOWNSHIP PARKS:

FYI:

- Discuss complaint at park over the weekend: dogs running loose without leash as well as dog owners not cleaning up after their pets.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$87,411.60, payroll in the amount of \$63,052.89, for total checks in the amount of \$150,464.49. 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 opening 1 new PO:

PO

\$100.00 = Treasurer State DAS (Co-op)

Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available 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, February 23, 2017.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

Dan Odadzin – 2937 – 14th Street, NW

Mr. Odadzin stated that the Township needs a line item in the budget for maintenance / records management and have policies in place for record management. The Board thanked him for his suggestion.

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS:

FYI:

- Met Friday with the Mayor, Service Director and the Water Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent regarding the proposed water project in Canton Township. They have identified possible Ohio EPA funding and are trying to propose 0% interest loans for homeowners. The deadline to apply for this grant is March 4th. Will know the score on this project mid to late summer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to schedule a work session to discuss township parks for the 2017 season on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

MR. MITTAS:

FYI:

- Follow-up on unpaid ambulance bill that requires signature. Chief informed Board that a letter was sent and they were given until March 1, 2017 to respond.

MR. SHAFFER

FYI:

- Stark County Township Association meeting in Minerva and Governor Kasich's proposed budget discussion.

FYI:

- Fire Chief will be out of town the week of February 27, 2017.

**There was a brief recess at this time to allow time for
Canton Township Attorney, Charles Hall, to arrive from another commitment.**

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve moving into Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. with Trustees and Attorney Charles Hall to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3), seconded by Mr. Mittas.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve moving out of Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mittas.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve “A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT OF TAXES IMPROPERLY REMITTED TO THE CITY OF CANTON AND TO DETERMINE AND DEMAND PAYMENT OF THE SAME ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS” and to be numbered by the Fiscal Officer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mittas.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve “A RESOLUTION TO REFUND THE LODGING, EXCISE TAX ASSESSED AGAINST THE FAIRFIELD INN, CANTON TOWNSHIP, AND CITY OF CANTON” and to be numbered by the Fiscal Officer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Nichols	YES
	Mr. Mittas	ABSTAINED
	Mr. Shaffer	YES

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas, and Mr. Shaffer.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William G. Mittas, Vice President

Mark R. Shaffer, Member