

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session
Tuesday, April 22, 2014 with Trustee Mittas, Trustee Nichols, and trustee Smith present.

Also in Attendance:

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

Absent: Fiscal Officer Ron Smith

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 7:14pm

MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – March 25, 2014

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

Regular Meeting – April 8, 2014

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Sergeant Terry Curry – Stark County Sherriff Department

At the request of Trustee Nichols, Sgt. Curry was in attendance this evening to address the Board and those in attendance about the recent tragic event concerning the shooting of two horses in Canton Township.

It was reported to the Sherriff's Department that gun shots were heard between 9:30pm on Sunday and 3:00am on Monday in the vicinity of Central Ave SE and Village Ave SE. Two horses were found shot in an open field on Central Avenue SE, just north of Village. A shot was also made to a camper on Village SE. Trustee Mittas asked Sgt. Curry why the carcasses of the horses had to remain in the field for a few days. He explained since the Stark County Coroner's office does not handle examining dead animals, they had to make arrangements to have the animals examined and bullets removed to assist in the investigation. Sgt. Curry is the primary investigator on this case; and the residents can be assured that the Sherriff's Department is following-up on all leads and evidence and will continue to do so until this crime is solved.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$15,993.42=Ambulance Billing, \$830.00=Chief McKibben Memorial Fund, for total receipts of \$16,823.42. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing one BC:

2 = Operations, Supplies, Material

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

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

\$4,636.11 = All American Fire Equipment.

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Oath of Office – Kevin Gonyer:

At this time, the Oath of Office was issued to Kevin Gonyer, as the newest member of the full-time staff of the Canton Township Fire Dept. His hiring was approved at the April 8th Trustee Meeting. His start date will be April 24, 2014. Kevin was congratulated and welcomed by the Trustees. Kevin is replacing retiring Fire Captain John Schneider.

Hire and Oath of Office – New Part-Time Firefighters:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve hiring 2 new Fire Cadets, Cory Clark and Jeremy Marzilli, as Part-Time Firefighters at a pay rate of \$12.12 per hour, pending passing their pre-employment physical and background check. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith

At this time, the Oath of Office was issued to Fire Cadets Clark and Marzilli. They were congratulated and welcomed by the Trustees.

2 New Fire Vehicles: After discussion, the following motions were made:

Fire Chief's Vehicle: Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2015 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor with the Road Ready Package from Waikem Ford, through the Ohio State Co-Op Purchasing Program, at a price not to exceed \$28,604.80. This will replace the 2002 Ford Expedition with 125,000 miles and several mechanical problems. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

\$28,604.80 = Waikem Ford

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Battalion Chiefs' Vehicle: Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the purchase of a new 2015 Ford F-250 Crew Cab Super Duty Truck from Waikem Ford, through the Ohio State Co-Op Purchasing Program, at a price not to exceed \$24,869.62. This will replace the Battalion Chief truck with 160,000 miles. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

\$24,869.62 = Waikem Ford

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Station #3 Response Time: Fire Chief reported to the Board that in the first month since staffing Fire Station #3 on Parkway Ave NW, in the Meyers Lake area of Canton Township, the response times have been reduced, some which are as follows: Response in one minute went up 10%, response in two minutes 13%, response in 3 minutes 26%.

ROAD:

No receipts for the past two weeks.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 2 PO's:

#74 = Cargill Inc.

83 = Central Allied Ent.

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

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

\$15,000.00 = Central Allied Ent

2,000.00 = Edward C. Levy Co

Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Baum Rd SE Bridge: Beginning May 5, the bridge will be closed for 270 days for repairs. Stanley Miller Construction will not be using the township garage for office space as originally planned. They have moved in their own job site trailer. Canton Local School has been notified of the bridge closing.

> Meyers Lake - North Park Ave Road Project: Still waiting for written verification from the Village of Meyers Lake confirming they have approved to pay their portion of the project cost. Cannot proceed with the state without this.

> Mr. Nichols will possibly be meeting with the road crew on Friday to discuss their compensation package.

> Pot hole patching continues daily. Approximately 70% finished.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fee receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$765.00.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

\$1,000.00 = Premier Court Reporting

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Board declaring the following 6 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.

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| Cearfoss, Richard / Smith, David | 3516 Prairie College SW | trash/debris |
| Morris, Jerry/Rebecca | 723 Prairie College SW | vehicle |
| Hedrick, David S | 1035 Prairie College SW | vehicles |
| Zucal, Conrad/Roberta | 1105 Prairie College SW | vehicles |
| Draime, John | 4525 Sherer SW | vehicle |
| Bowling, Douglas/Ida | 3004 Sherr SE | trash/debris |

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

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Board waiving zoning fees for a sign permit for Canton Local Schools sign on the corner of Cleveland Ave SE and Faircrest St SE. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > Updated Nuisance List for 2014 provided to the Board
 - > Next 2 BZA Meeting will be Thursday, May 1st at 7:00pm. There are 4 applicants.
Another BZA meeting on Thursday, May 22nd with 2 applicants.

TOWNSHIP PARKS:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve park pavilion rental receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$50.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve ordering one set of new bases from Dumont's Sporting Goods, at a cost not to exceed \$135.00 to be used at the ball fields at the Community Park on Oyer SE. Funds to be taken from existing Park BC. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI:
- > "Thank You" to Eric Nupp and the Canton South Youth Baseball Association for putting down 9 yards of mulch to the grounds at the Community Park on Oyer St SE on Saturday, April 19th. They did a very nice job. Your time and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.
 - > All 6 dugout roofs at the ball fields at Community Park on Oyer St SE need replaced; they are in very poor condition. We can purchase all the material needed for all 6 roofs, including flashing, at Menard's for \$1,300.00. These will be metal roofs; and the material comes in a variety of colors.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve purchasing all materials from Menards to replace all 6 dugout roofs at the ball fields at the Community Park with metal roofing, at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.00. Funds to be taken from an existing Park BC. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

- FYI... **not Park**
- > Floor in gym at Fire Training Center is done and looks very good. Negotiating with Heritage Painting on the original price quote. Floor will be ready for traffic in about 4 weeks.
 - > Discuss an "Open Gym" night at the Fire Training Center; and also renting for other occasions.

Special Meeting:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve a Special Meeting on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at 8:00am to be held at the Fire Training Center on 38th Street SE, to discuss the Fire Training building, township parks and any other township matters that may come before the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

FISCAL OFFICER:

In the absence of the Fiscal Officer, Trustee Nichols presented bills in the amount of \$76,564.64 and payroll in the amount of \$112,651.47, for total checks of \$189,216.11. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

\$75,980.68 = Ohio BWC (2013 payroll premium)

Motion seconded by Mr. Smith pending Fiscal Officer certification that funds are available.

Voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve and sign the Agreement with Sandra Pfiffner to mow Niece Cemetery on Faircrest Street SW for the 2014 mowing season, at a total contract price of \$250.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

\$250.00 = Sandra Pfiffner

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas pending Fiscal Officer certification that 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 Dept Heads.
New Appropriation Status report and new PO&BC lists to be given to Dept Heads on Thursday, April 24th.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

There are no Public Speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

MR. MITTAS:

Website: Should Christina move forward with new website if it's ready to go? Trustees were in agreement that if each of them have looked it over and have no more corrections, and if all department information has been received, then YES, launch the new website.

Newsletter: Mr. Mittas asked that Christina send the trustees an email to let them know how close she is to getting the new website up and going public.

MR. SMITH:

Waco Homecoming Parade: Road Superintendent will have lettering for vehicles ready to take part in the parade on Thursday, May 1st.

MR. NICHOLS:

Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser: C.J. Heim is holding a buffet fund raiser at McCall's Restaurant on Monday, May 5th from 5pm to 8pm. CJ has chosen to create a concession stand at the Community Park on Oyer Street SE as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Nichols encouraged everyone to "get the word out", come to McCall's and help support CJ raise funds for his project.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

**Minutes from the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
held Tuesday, April 22, 2014**

(*absent*)
Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William C. Smith, Vice President

William G. Mittas, Trustee