

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Session at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2017 with Trustee Nichols, Trustee Shaffer, and Trustee Mittas present. Also present was Fire Chief Christopher Smith.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to host an informational meeting with the Canton City Water Department for property owners along Cleveland Avenue S and Carnwise Street SW to assist in the Easement Process related to an upcoming water line project.

Introductions:

Canton Township Trustees
Canton City Water Department: Tyler Converse and Brent Burrier
Arcadis: Said Abouabdallah
O.R. Colan Associates: Benjamin Zera and John Mandula

Proposed Water Projects

1. Public health
2. Regionalization

Funding:

In order to receive State funding all easements need to be acquired by February 1, 2018. This is the first time that the EPA has offered the 75% principal forgiveness. We are able to bring this water project to the Township without any annexation paperwork.

Questions:

Why was the west side of Cleveland chosen?

More yard frontage and more commercial properties on the East side.

Why didn't this project happen when the road was under construction?

ODOT does not allow utilities under the pavement, to complete during road construction the pipe would have had to be placed in between curb and right away. There are power lines, gas lines, and sewer lines in that space. This would not leave a place for the water line in the right away. Therefore, it would have to be done as an easement.

Will I lose property?

No, we will dig a trench and it will be about a 15 foot easement. Upon completion the property will be backfilled and planted. The easement only gives Canton City the permission to put the water line in your yard.

Process of obtaining easement:

Run title

Appraisal- Value easement

How is the land value determined? The appraiser will look at comparable land sales to determine value. Then we arrive at a fair market value. We will review everything with the property owner.

Timing- Target mid to late October. Agent will meet with you on site based on your time schedule.

Once agreement is in place the city will process a check for the agreed upon amount.

Questions:

I have a gas line in that area of my yard?

They will account for any existing utilities during the design process.

Will there be another meeting?

This is will be the only meeting regarding the easement process.

Is this a guarantee?

As long as the easements can be secured within the timeframe to receive the State funding for the project.

If you chose to hook up to city water can you still keep your well?

Yes. The EPA requires a backflow preventer that needs tested every year.

What will happen if a resident will not accept the easement?

This will depend on the property location. This is the backbone of Canton South waterline system without this connection it could hinder water quality and fire hydrant flow. To have an ideal water system, we need this 12 inch water line to connect through the properties.

What is the dollar value on the 75% principal forgiveness?

It is roughly 1.5 million dollars.

If the easements are obtained when with the project begin?

Construction would begin around July.

Are you going to tear up the sidewalks and roads?

The only disruption to the sidewalks would be on the returns on the side streets and they will be replaced to look as they do now.

What would be the cost to hook up to the city water?

We do not have the number yet.

What does Canton South get out of this?

Access to city water, increased home values, and your home owners insurance could be decreased if you have a hydrant close to your house.

You don't have to hook into the water line?

Correct, it will be the property owner's choice if they want to connect. There will be additional community meetings in the future regarding connection and cost.

Does the 15ft easement start from the power poles?

Measure from the center of the power pole 16ft back. We will replace anything we disturb during construction.

Are they going to finish Cleveland Ave?

Yes. ODOT is looking at 2019 for construction North to Southgate.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Christopher B. Nichols, President

William G. Mittas, Vice President

Mark R. Shaffer, Member