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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2014**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session at 7:00pm Tuesday, July 1, 2014 with Trustee Mittas, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Smith present.

Also in Attendance:

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

MEETING MINUTES:

Regular Meeting – June 17, 2014

Mr. Mittas made a motion to table approval of the June 17, 2014 meeting minutes until next meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Special Meeting – June 25, 2014

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

C.J. Heim – 3034 Allenford Ave SE, Canton Township

Eagle Scout Project:

C.J. Heim was in attendance at tonight's meeting to give an update on his Eagle Scout Project. CJ is creating a concession stand at the Township Community Park on Oyer Street SE by placing a pre-built 8x8 storage shed on a concrete slab with solar panels to allow electrical capabilities. To date, the concrete has been poured and the building has been purchased. The project should be finished sometime in July; and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled sometime after completion. The Board again thanked CJ for his generosity by creating this concession stand for Canton Township. Everyone in attendance gave him a round of applause.

FIRE:

Oath of Office – Chief Smith:

At this time, as his family, friends and fellow firemen and women looked on, Board President Chris Nichols, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, was proud to issue the Oath of Office to Christopher D. Smith as the new Fire Chief of the Canton Township Fire Department. Congratulations Chief Smith!

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the annual salary for Fire Chief Smith to be \$65,000.00, effective July 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Senior Captain Keener:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the promotion of Fire Captain Aaron J. Keener to Senior Fire Captain, effective July 1, 2014, with new pay rate of \$52,215.00 annual / \$19.82 per hour according to union contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith. Congratulations to Senior Captain Keener!

Fire Chief presented receipts for the past two weeks for the following: \$10,152.18=Ambulance Billing, \$50.00=Training Tower Transport and \$100.00=Fire Dept Donation, for total receipts of \$10,302.18. 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 opening 3 new PO's:

\$2,500.00 = Time Warner Cable
200.00 = First Communications
1,749.00 = The Cap Stop

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

FYI: > Fire Chief will be out of town evening of July 24th thru July 28th to attend Ohio Fire Chief Conference in Columbus, Ohio. \$339.00=Conference Cost and \$807.00=Hotel Cost both to be paid from existing BC for Miscellaneous Training.

ROAD:

Road Superintendent presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$100.00=Road Opening Permits and \$13.00=House Number Sign for total receipts of \$113.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

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

#60 = EC Levy Co.

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

FYI: > Update on North Park Ave NW Road Project.
Trustee Smith met with Mayor Stadelman of Village of Meyers Lake. The township will bill the Village for patching materials and road salt.
Terry's Asphalt to look at condition of Meyers Lake 1.3 miles of road.

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning fee receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$8,970.70. 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. Mittas made a motion to approve closing one PO:

#47 = Premier Court Reporting

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

Mr. Nichols 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 505.86 and/or 505.87 and the Canton Township Property Maintenance Code. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Chisler, David/Janette	Amford St SE (parcel 1303376)	vehicles
Tice, Penny M	3121 – 25 th St SE	trash/debris
Griffith, Clifford/Nancy	3125 – 24 th St SE	vehicles
Tozzi, Michael/Christine	3233 Amford St SE	vehicles
Dillon, Jason or current resident	2931 – 24 th St SE	vehicle/trash/debris
Cugini, Paul/Mary	1508 Edmeyer Ave NW	vehicles
Saunier, Eric P	5330 Cleveland Ave SW	vehicle
Howard, Dillard P	5384 Cleveland Ave SW	vehicles/trash/debris

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer signing a letter to Stark County Auditor requesting liens on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/high grass assessments on 4 parcels, totaling \$2,600.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Updated 2014 Nuisance List provided to the Board
> Updated 2014 Grass List provided to the Board
> PSC Metals Strike Buildings

TOWNSHIP PARKS:

Zoning Director presented Park Pavilion Rental receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$100.00 Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

FYI: > Repairs/Maintenance at Community Park on Oyer St SE

FISCAL OFFICE:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$39,101.69 and payroll in the amount of \$61,942.14, for total checks of \$101,043.83. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Smith and 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, July 3rd.
> Trustee Smith, Fire Chief, Road Superintendent and Chris Neisel met with the architect at the Fire Training Center on 38th St SE to discuss building options.
> Fiscal Officer to set-up a meeting for sometime in August with our OTARMA insurance agent Jim Zuccaro to discuss flood insurance options for township properties.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

No Public Speaks at this time.

TRUSTEES:

MR. MITTAS:

Natural Gas Options: Trustee Mittas asked Trustee Nichols to check into the natural gas options through SCOG (Stark Council of Governments) with Dominion Retail.

MR. SMITH:

Nothing further to discuss this evening.

MR. NICHOLS:

Road Levy: Deadline is August 5th to provide Road Levy information to the Stark County Board of Elections.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize him sending a letter to the Stark County Auditor requesting certification of a 3.3 mil road levy for five (5) years, which would generate approximately \$740,000.00 per year. This would cost the owner of a \$100,000.00 house \$9.63 per month. Motion seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, seconded by Mr. Smith and voting YES – Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Smith.

Ronald L. Smith, Fiscal Officer

William G. Mittas, President

Christopher B. Nichols, Vice President

William C. Smith, Trustee