

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD MODAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on  
February 5, 2024 Trustee Nichols, Trustee Shaffer and Trustee Hochadel

Also in Attendance:

Fiscal Officer John Ring, Assistant Fiscal Officer Teresa Anslover, Fire Chief Christopher Smith,  
Public Works Director Chris Neisel, Zoning Director Mike Hanshaw, and Attorney Eric Williams

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes:

1. Reorg Meeting, December 29, 2023
2. Regular Meeting, January 3, 2024
3. Regular Meeting, January 17, 2024

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

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

- Mark Farnsworth of Professional Floor Covering Training
- Matt Kishman-Running for State Rep
- Mary Hogu Scott-Short Term Rental Permitting

**ERIC WILLIAMS:**

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. with Trustees and Attorney Williams confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of an imminent court action per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Shaffer    YES  
Mr. Nichols    YES  
Mr. Hochadel    YES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Shaffer    YES  
Mr. Nichols    YES  
Mr. Hochadel    YES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve to amend the moratorium expiration date and revied the expiration date to be February 15, 2024 for short term rentals. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion authorize Fiscal Officer to enter into a bankruptcy agreement with Endo Pharmaceuticals International. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**Discussion:**

- Burial on private property

**FYI:**

- Adult Book Store
- Home Rule on November ballot

**FIRE:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for three weeks for the following: \$35,540.64=Ambulance Billing, , \$761.32= Misc. Income and \$320.00=CPR, for total receipts of \$36,621.96. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve to hire Shawn Parcell as Special Operations Trainer for the Fire Department at the monthly rate of \$900.00 as a 1099 employee with no township benefits. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve to use Kevin Miller Plumbing to install the Community Center gas line for generator, quote dated 1/24/2024 and to be paid out of ARPA funds. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to apply for AFG Grant. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approval to accept receipt of monthly and annual report turned in. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to be able to provide coverage at Perry Fire Department, Perry Firefighters attending funeral. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**FYI:**

- Rotary Presentation

**COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for three weeks for the following: \$1,460.00. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel acknowledged receipt of the Community Center activity calendar/log from January 1<sup>st</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols authorize the Public Works Director to list “Exhibit A” on GovDeals. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**FYI:**

- Lisa discussed the doors access at Community Center

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:**

Public Works Director presented receipts for three weeks for the following: 7,021.00=GovDeals and \$75.00=Road Opening for total receipts of \$7,096.00. Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

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

PO:

51-2024= Cargill Incorp

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

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve the Trustees sign the 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification for 93.117 miles as provided by the Stark County Engineer. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made the motion approve the Trustees, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director sign the 2024 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the Canton Township Fire Department as presented by the Public Works Director. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made the motion approve the Trustees, and Public Works Director sign the 2024 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan for the Canton Township Public Works/Administration Facility as presented by the Public Works Director. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve to have the Board President sign the 2024 Canton Township Storm Water Management Plan as presented by the Public Works Director. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve the Trustees to sign a letter to the Community University Education Council of Governments to request membership. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve Resolution #02-02-24, A Resolution to Join the Community University Education Council of Governments. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

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

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve the Public Works Director to sign the 2024 service agreement with Bull Country Compost LLC. for Yard Waste Hauling at the cost of \$175.00 per 30-yard dumpster. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve the Board President to sign a letter to AEP for the removal of 6 street lights located on Harrison Ave SW. Motion second by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**Discussion:**

- Yard waste site quotes were forwarded to the Waste District

**FYI:**

- 23/24 Winter Report
- Monthly Reports
- Applied for a reimbursement grant of up to \$75,000.00 through the H2Ohio Chloride Reduction Grant Program

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:**

Public Works Director presented receipts for three weeks for total receipts of \$650.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve the Public Works Director to sign the 2024 Fireworks Display Contract with Starfire Corporation. Contract number 2024-100 in the amount of \$16,000.00. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

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

PO:  
Starfire Corporation = \$16,000.00

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

Mr. Shaffer made the motion approve to purchase Easter eggs and candy for the township not to exceed \$750.00. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**Discussion:**

- Easter Egg Hunt (Teresa)

**FYI:**

- Monthly Reports
- Email from Bill Griffith
- Nichols provided update on Walker parcel purchase from CLDS

**ZONING:**

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for three weeks in the total amount of 1,197.40. Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve closing 1 BC:

BC:  
14-2024= Misc Expenses

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve opening 1 BC:

BC:  
\$5,000= Misc Expenses

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

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to authorize the Board to declare the following 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, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

Matthew Slatzer	1300614	Sherr Ave SE	No Accessory Building Permit
Gregory & Debra Filliez	1401208	512 Aultmont Ave NW	Unlicensed Vehicle
Timothann Horne	1313301	512 Marietta Ave SE	Trash/ Debris

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve receipt of the draft of the 2023 Zoning Year End Report and suggested edits. Seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

**FYI:**

- Nuisance list
- Nuisance property updates

- CA-2-23 and CA-2-23 decision sheets

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Assistant Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$209,671.37 and Payroll 1/19 and 2/2 in the amount \$187,487.46 for total checks in the amount of \$397,158.83. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the checks as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Department Heads’ submissions for requests for vacation, compensatory time, and overtime. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the December 2023 Bank Reconciliation. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution 02-01-24, A Resolution to establish fund: 2908 Fire Grants”. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Public Works Director to list on GovDeals: 1-desk, 2-credenza’s, 1-lateral filing cabinet, and letters/numbers from old township sign. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**FYI:**

- Hinkle Notes & Yearend 2023 in UAN is completed
- Advanced \$7,507.20 from the general fund to fund 4902 ODNR Capital Grant
- Employee Reviews

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. and Monday, February 19 at 5:15 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Office. The purpose of this meeting is to move into Executive Session, under ORC 121.22G(1), to conduct interviews for the Zoning Compliance Director position. The Board also reserves the right to discuss and take action on any other Township business that may come before the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Hochadel.

**MR. HOCADEL:**

**FYI:**

- Superintendent Yeagley meeting

- Update on OneOhio Recovery Foundation
- Community Project request email

**MR. SHAFFER:**

**FYI:**

- Canton Local School Newsletter
- Southgate
- Sub-Committee Winterfest Meeting-2/21
- Guardrail on Sandy Ave SW
- North Industry Update

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to lend our parking cones for the Spaghetti Dinner for the Boy Scouts on February 24, 2024. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols

**ADJOURN:**

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 9:47 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

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John Ring, Fiscal Officer

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Keith J. Hochadel, President

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Mark R. Shaffer, Vice President

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Christopher B. Nichols, Member