

# February 18th Meeting Highlights

### <u>Fire Department</u>

The Board approved the hiring of Van Benno as full -time Fire Fighter/ Medic. He will be sworn in, along with previous new hires, on February 27th at 6pm at the Fire Administration Building. All new members will start March 11th.

The Board approved the sale of a used SCBA fill station to Jackson Center Fire in the amount of \$9,000.

# Public Works Department

The Public Works Director provided an update on winter roadway maintenance for the season. So far the Public Works Department has been out treating roadways for snow and ice a total of 42 times. To date labor, equipment, fuel and salt expenses are approximately \$345,600.

The Board approved to have the Public Works Director and Fiscal Officer sign contract documents provided by Thrasher Group as efforts proceed to connect the township administration and Public Works building to the sanitary sewer system.

The Board received an update from the Public Works Director regarding a failed section of old culvert at the corner of Ridge and Cheyenne SE. A section of 30" culvert spanning nearly 60 feet had been replaced in the last year in that vicinity. Another downstream section of culvert suddenly failed and will require replacement following careful coordination with utilities including gas and power as lines run immediately adjacent and overhead.

The Board accepted \$310 in park rental fees.

The May 6th ballot will have a road renewal levy. *NOT A NEW TAX. NOT AN INCREASE*. The Road Levy is the source of funding for ongoing road

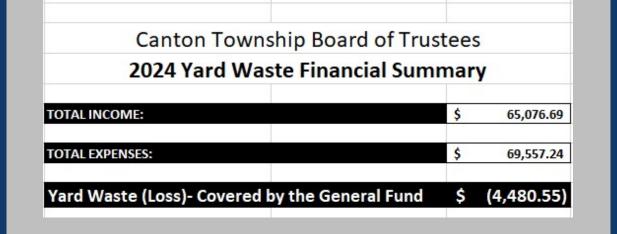
resurfacing. If the levy is not renewed, road resurfacing will not continue. This is a 2.9 mil, five-year renewal levy, commencing in 2025. This would CONTINUE to cost owner of \$100,000 home \$50.91 per year and generate \$892,000 per year.



#### Yard Waste

The residential yard waste site will reopen on April 1st. The site will expand the days of operation to seven days a week from 8am-7pm. The annual fee for a key card is \$40 (no increase from last year). If reusing a key card from last year, user can pay by phone or mail a check payable to Canton Township (please include name on card and phone number), or stop in township administration M-F from 8am-3pm. New users will need to stop in the office to sign the registration form and verify residency. This site is for residents of Canton Township, Pike Township, and Village of East Sparta. For questions, please call the township office (330) 484-2501.

Below is a summary of the 2024 overall profit and loss to operate the residential yard waste site.



### **Zoning Department**

The Board declared the following properties as a nuisance as deemed by the Zoning Director, and order them abated per Ohio Revised Code 505.173 and/or 505.86 and/or 505.87.4. 512 Marietta Ave SE for trash & unsecure structure, 2515 17th St SE for unsecure structure, 1135 Roslyn Ave NW for trash, 3525 Eastend Ave SE for trash & tires, 1132 Oak Ave NW for trash & tires, 1120 Oak Ave Nw & 1114 Oak Ave NW for tires.

Due to a retirement, an alternate position is available on the Zoning Commission Board. The Zoning Commission is comprised of five township residents and two alternates appointed by the Board of Trustees. This is a quasi- legislative body to establish and amend the Zoning Resolution and Township Zoning Map. Please submit a letter of interest to Laura Datkuliak <u>l.datkuliak@cantontwp-oh.gov</u>. For question, please call the township office (330) 484-2501.

#### **General News**

The township learned the OTARMA insurance premium is likely to increase approximately \$20,000 from last renewal to present with no substantial claim activity having taken place. OTARMA (Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority), which Canton Township is a member, is a self-insurance pool endorsed by the Ohio Township Association. OTARMA purchases re-insurance and those rates have increased. Other factors contributing to this year's rate increase are the fact that property and vehicle values and township expenditures have all increased and so insurance coverages needed to be commensurately adjusted and OTARMA's annual "Loyalty Credit" program was suspended for this year due to these increasing costs.

# <u>Community Center</u>

The Board approved various change orders related to work at the Canton Township Community center with all change order amounts not exceeding contingency amounts already permitted in the existing contract. The change orders call for items such as additional window replacement that is necessary, additional power needs, and changes to a rear building vestibule area.



## **Emergency Alert Program**

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### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

Regular Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Office (4711 Central Ave SE).

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#### Vice President: Christopher Nichols Member: Keith Hochadel Fiscal Officer: John Ring

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