



May 29th & June 4th Meeting Highlights

General News

Limited Home Rule Resolution passed to place this item onto the November ballot for consideration.

A township in Ohio must pass legislation and ask voters to approve a limited home rule form of township government. A home rule township looks to operate more efficiently to address the needs of its constituents and will be able to choose to take advantage of future State legislation that will only apply to Limited Home Rule Townships. Limited Home Rule provides a township the power to make certain decisions based on local need, rather than leaving those decisions to State Control.

To become a Limited Home Rule Township, Canton Township must place the issue before electors at a General Election. The first step was completed as the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to place this issue on the ballot. A Limited Home Rule Township continues to operate with three elected trustees and a fiscal officer. All policies and rules must be considered at a Board of Trustees meeting, open to the public, and a resolution must be passed.

Current Canton Township operations will remain unchanged. Under a Limited Home Rule form of township government, the Trustees will establish more formal relationships with legal counsel, law enforcement, and general administration practices for the township.

Limited Home Rule Does NOT Allow a Township to:

- Propose or enact an income tax
- Exercise any power in conflict with state laws
- Enact any additional taxes other than those authorized by a vote of the electors
- Change, alter, combine, eliminate or modify the structure of existing Township government

- Establish or revise:
 1. Subdivision regulations
 2. Road construction standards
 3. Stormwater and drainage regulations
 4. Building standards
 5. Hunting, trapping or fishing regulations
 6. Possession, use or sale of firearms

Summary

Limited Home Rule status allows larger, urbanized townships to operate more efficiently to address the needs of its constituents, and it allows the Township to choose or not to choose to take advantage of future state legislation that only applies to Limited Home Rule Townships. Most importantly, enacting Limited Home Rule will NOT change your current property tax rates and any future increases will continue to require the approval of Canton Township Voters.

Perry Township, Jackson Township, and Plain Township are nearby Stark County townships where a transition to become a home rule township already occurred. As such, certain decisions currently under consideration by State of Ohio legislators, such as removing zoning authority from statutory townships as Canton Township exists today, would NOT apply to any Limited Home Rule township.

Canton Township will continue to provide additional facts for voters to consider as this decision appears on the ballot in November.

Old North Industry School Update

Abatement work is underway at the old North Industry School property located at 4805 Wiseland Ave SE and expected to be completed next week. Additional asbestos was identified during abatement work, resulting in an increase in overall cost. The current cost of asbestos abatement and demolition cost is at \$326,507. Of this total, 87.5% will be paid through the Stark County Land Reutilization Corp and the township portion of 12.5% will be paid through American Rescue Plan Funds.

Residential Yard Waste

Canton Township's yard waste site is up and operating with the goal of being a self-funded function of the township fully, operating solely by user fees. We will begin regularly reporting revenue and expenses for public awareness. The township has received inquiries about various discount opportunities. One such inquiry involves availability of senior citizen discounts. As a function intended to be funded solely by user fees, whereas vendors do not extend any discounts for service rendered such as container pick up, discounts aren't applicable. There is no offsetting revenue to supplement discount offers. The General Fund is not expected to be used for yard waste costs as this function was primarily paid for by two decades of grants supporting costs attached to yard waste that have now ended. The \$40

user fee was established as a best guess at what revenue may be needed to self-fund the yard waste site. We are trending in a manner that causes concern as container pick-ups and associated costs are exceeding guesstimated activity. Perhaps grass growing quickly due to unusually wet weather may be one cause with reduced volume once dryer weather arrives.

Residents of Canton Township, Pike Township, and Village of East Sparta are able to purchase a \$40 gate access key card at the Canton Township Administrative Office- 4711 Central Ave SE. Please bring your drivers license/ picture identification for proof of residency. [To view registration form and rules and regulations click here.](#) For questions, please contact the Administration Office (330) 484-2501.

The yard waste site hours of operation are: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 8am-7pm.

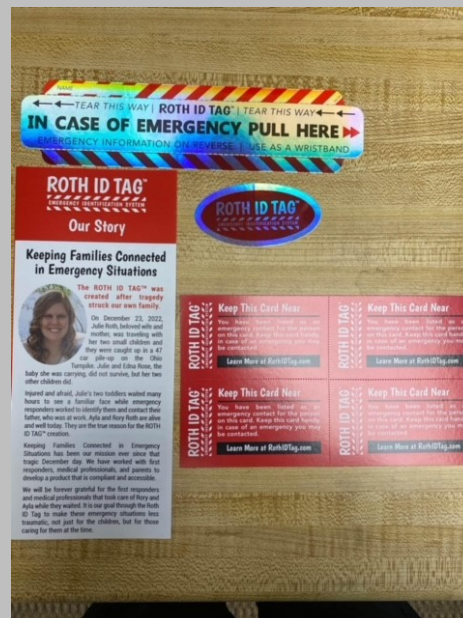
Fire Department

Safety Day will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 1pm-4pm

The township learned the tornado siren (circa 1940's) that malfunctioned at the new Central Ave. relocation is cost prohibitive to repair following quotation from Hannon Electric. A new siren is also cost prohibitive. Current outdoor sirens within the immediate area are deemed sufficient for outdoor notification. With the advancement of technology, outdoor tornado sirens are no longer mandated.

Out of service 1997 Ford ambulance CTFD 318 was sold on GovDeals for \$16,737, as new replacement ambulance was recently purchased.

Roth ID Tags for child safety are now available at no charge at the Fire Administration Office for questions call Susan (330) 484-6165.



Public Works Department

The Board approved the bid from Karvo for the 2024 Paving project and the chip seal bid to 20/20 Enterprises. Both projects will take place later this year. Details and roads to be resurfaced will be communicated shortly.

The Board renewed the contract with Everbridge for the township alert system.

The Board learned the new salt cooperative Canton Township joined will provide the township with salt at a significant savings. Cost per ton will go from \$67.76 to \$43.70 delivered.

Canton Township turned over surveillance footage as the Sheriff's Office conducts it's investigation into vandalism at Faircrest Park.

Canton Township has (3) park pavilions available for rental. Township residents can book at a reduced rate of \$100 per pavilion and \$150 for non-residents. Year-to-date Faircrest A has been rented 30 times, Faircrest B 3 times, and Community Park 13 times . [To see more on rental information click here.](#)

CCI Commercial Construction provided a deduction change order in the amount of \$15,000 towards the cost of the Faircrest Amphitheater. The Board approved an order for \$5,910 to brick the pier columns.

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. 3238 5th ST SE Tires/ junk vehicles, 3239 3rd ST NE Unlicensed vehicles, 1100 Mattie SE Unlicensed vehicles/ Trash/ Debris, 4102 21ST ST SW Junk vehicles, 421 34th ST SE Trash/ Debris/ Junk Vehicles, 213 52nd ST SW Unlicensed/ Junk Vehicles, 202 49th ST SW Trash/ Debris, 267 49th ST SW Junk Vehicles/ Trash/ Debris, 5329 Dunfred Cir SE Trash/ Debris/ Tires

The Board approved the Fiscal Officer to sign letter to Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/high grass nuisance assessment on (5) 1301373, 1302713, 1302711, 1302726, 1301164 parcels totaling: \$3,250.00 and (24) 1312457, 1306171, 1307480, 1400615, 1400616, 1302514, 1312336, 1303301, 1307798, 1308052, 1307734, 1304740, 1315090, 1305099, 1303096, 1305477, 1305476, 1302764, 1305576, 1301441, 1307234, 1305244, 1304875, 1304876 parcels totaling: \$13,200.00

The Board approved the Fiscal Officer to sign letter to Stark County Auditor

2024 CANTON TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DAY

WHEN:
SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd

WHERE:
FAIRCREST PARK

ENTERTAINMENT* FOOD VENDORS
COMPLIMENTARY SHUTTLE SERVICE
(FREE PARKING AT FAIRCREST ELEMENTARY SHUTTLE PROVIDED BY LED TRANSPORTATION)



MAIN EVENT
KARRI FEDOR & KEROSENE

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As of 5/15/24

ALL AGES EVENT

4PM
GARY PRISBY · ACOUSTIC ROCK & BLUES

7PM
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- FOOD VENDORS:**
- Bomb Tacos
 - OG Street EatZ
 - Moonshine Q BBQ
 - Here's the Scoop
 - Travelin Tom's Coffee
 - Kona Ice
 - JD's Gourmet Hot Dogs
 - French Fries
 - Crazy Kitchen
 - Life is What You Bake It



FIREWORKS SHOW TO END THE NIGHT



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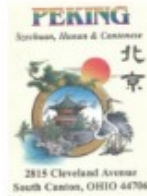


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You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

This service was made possible through a grant from our friends at Marathon.

Two ways to join:

1. Download the Everbridge app from your play store, search Canton Township OH, and complete your registration, or
2. Click on the Everbridge link located on our website homepage at www.cantontwp-oh.gov

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).

Canton Township

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