

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
December 16, 2024 Trustee Hochadel, Trustee Shaffer and Trustee Nichols

Absent:

Also in Attendance:

Fire Chief Chris Smith, Public Works Director Chris Neisel and Zoning Director Todd Miller
Fiscal Officer John Ring, Administrative Assistant to the Fiscal Officer Chauntelle Skirtich,

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes for Regular Meeting December 2, 2024, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer. ABSTAIN – Mr. Nichols

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes for Public Hearing CA-2-24 seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer. ABSTAIN – Mr. Nichols

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- Trustee Nichols swore in County Commissioner William Smith with Commissioner Smith’s family present. Commissioner Smith thanked the Board for taking the time for him to be sworn in.
- Deputy Tohill told the Board he heard a lot of positive comments about the Holiday Parade and Winterfest

ERIC WILLIAMS:

Discussion:

- Addendum for Whipple Ave. and Broad St. – Road Maintenance

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$18,544.46 = Ambulance Billing, \$544.40 = CPR, for total receipts of \$19,088.86. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the renewal of the Provident Insurance Plan as presented for a total of \$6,526.00, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Fire Chief and Trustees sign the new dispatching contract with the Stark County Sheriff Office, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. with Trustees, Legal Counsel and Fire Chief to consider preparing for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms or conditions of their employment per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4). Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols.

Roll Call Vote:

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

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$75.00 road opening for total receipts of \$75.00. Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve to approve Resolution 12-04-24, “A RESOLUTION TO FORWARD A PETITION TO VACATE A SECTION OF A TOWNSHIP ROAD, WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CANTON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY, TO THE BOARD OF STARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS”. With the spelling of Tremont being corrected. Motion second by Mr. Nichols.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve Board President and Vice President sign the Property Owner Acknowledgement of Responsibility for Connecting to Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District’s Force Main, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve Board President and Vice President sign the Property Owner Acknowledgement of Future Assessment if Gravity Sewer Becomes Available, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Public Works Director sign the Notice to Award to Thrasher for Bachtel Excavating, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

FYI:

- 24/25 Winter Report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the purchase of a new heater for the mechanical room at Faircrest Park at a cost not to exceed \$120.00, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the purchase of a Labor Saver sink bracket for the women’s restroom at Faircrest Park at a cost with shipping not to exceed \$200.00, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director bid up to \$10,050.00 on the 44’ Christmas trees on GovDeals to be paid with ARPA funds, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Discussion:

- Enclosing Small Pavilion

FYI:

- Summer Serenade – July 24, 2025 at Faircrest Park

YARD WASTE:

FYI:

- Yard Waste P & L

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$80.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to authorize the Board to declare the following properties based on addresses 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. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Tim Mayle	1313533	Marietta Ave SE	Trash/ Debris
Bonnie Sees	1310185	2747 Waynesburg Dr SE	Trash/ Debris
Donald Hardman	1304703	417 Carrolldale Ave SE	Trash/ Debris
Jeff’s Millenium Cars	1304703	3138 Lincoln St E	Trash/ Debris

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer sign letter to the Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for board-up assessment on (1) parcel 1302713 totaling \$338.00, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the Board President sign the decision sheet for CA-2-24 effective 12/19/2024, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. with Trustees, Legal Counsel and Zoning Director to 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. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

FYI:

- Nuisance list
- Discuss Zoning Commission member appointment

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$122,380.56, Payroll and OPERS in the amount of \$133,482.44 and Electronic Ohio Police & Fire in the amount of \$74,400.00 for total checks in the amount of \$330,563.00. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer with Mr. Shaffer abstaining on # 31912.

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

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve and sign the November 2024 bank reconciliation, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Board President sign quote from Karen S. Alger, CPA for the preparation of the Hinkle report footnotes for 2024, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve increase of appropriations for the following: 2031- Road Fund Salaries = \$10,000.00, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve increase of appropriations for the following: 2191- Fire Fund Salaries = \$72,000.00, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve 2025 Temporary Appropriations in the amount of \$9,833,678.80, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

FYI:

- Credit Card Fee Increase

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept Community Center receipts for 4 weeks of \$1,651.25, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Hochadel acknowledged receipt of the Community Center activity calendar/log from 12/01/24-12/15/24, second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

MR. NICHOLS

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve setting a Special Meeting Monday December 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building to discuss the Community Center renovation and the use of ARPA Funds, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

FYI:

- Community Center bid opening - 12/17/2024

MR. HOCHADEL

FYI:

- Community Center Fee Schedule

MR. SHAFFER

FYI:

- Winterfest re-cap meeting will be 2nd week of January
- Recommendation for Good Neighbor Award
- Kudos to Road crew for getting salt on the roads

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- No Public Speaks at this time

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

John Ring, Fiscal Officer

Keith J. Hochadel, President

Mark R. Shaffer, Vice President

Christopher B. Nichols, Member