

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, OCT 21, 2025**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
October 21, 2025 Trustee Hochadel, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Shaffer

Absent: None

Also in Attendance:

Attorney Eric Williams, Fiscal Officer John Ring, Fire Chief Chris Smith,
Public Works Director Chris Neisel, Zoning Director Todd Miller, Assistant Fiscal Officer Chauni Skirtich

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting October 7, 2025, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- Jacob Zellers – Boy Scout Troop 250 – Library box at Faircrest Park for his Eagle Scout project
- Ray Finnegan Jr. – Aspen Energy - Aggregation

ERIC WILLIAMS:

Discussion:

- Signage at Parks

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$26,214.18 = Ambulance Billing, and \$2,674.27 = Grant for total receipts of \$28,888.45. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. with Trustees, Fire Chief, Fiscal Officer and Legal Counsel to discuss the employment, compensation and discipline of a public employee or official per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the resignation letter from Michael Edwards, full-time Shift Commander in form but not substance effective November 5, 2025, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Fire Chief apply for MARCs Radio grant seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Fire Chief purchase Christmas decorations for the Fire Administration Building/Community Center at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 with cost to be split 50/50 with Fire and Administration, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Update on new squads – 2nd quarter of 2026

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$511.00 = GovDeals and \$980.00 = Culvert/Apron for total receipts of \$1,491.00. 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 opening 3 POs and 1 BC:

POs:

Massillon Asphalt = \$5,000.00

Redmond's = \$4,600.00

NCL Government Capital = \$30,000.00

BC:

Miscellaneous Supplies = \$20,000.00

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve closing 3 POs and 1 BC:

POs:

5-2025 = Cross Truck

6-2025 = Hill International

126-2025 = Kimball Midwest

BC:

28-2025 = Miscellaneous Supplies

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the following items be sold on GovDeals.com with the listed reserves, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

- 2015 E55 Bobcat Excavator – reserve \$21,000.00
- 2005 Case Backhoe – reserve \$15,000.00
- 2001 New Holland Utility Tractor – reserve \$5,000.00

FYI:

- Meeting with City of Canton regarding road maintenance agreements

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

Public Works Director presented park receipts for two weeks of \$300.00. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Public Works Director sign the Fireworks Display Contract #2025=100B with Starfire Corporation for \$6,000.00 seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve opening a Purchase Order to Starfire Corporation in the amount of \$6,000.00, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols Fiscal Officer's certification that funds are available and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

FYI:

- Both Parks now have working gates at the entrances

ZONING DIRECTOR:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$2,486.78. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to authorize the Board to declare the following properties a nuisance as deemed by the Zoning Director, and order it 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.

Jon Brunner	1306939	2820 Hale AVE SW	Living in camper on property
Emma Patterson	1306632	3237 24 th ST SE	Trash & Debris
Paula Hellyer	1400895	417 Valleyview Ave NW	Trash

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-04-2025 A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE JUNK VEHICLES FROM 914 WHIPPLE AVE. NW, seconded by Mr. Nichols

Discussion Re.:

- Property history

Roll Call Vote:

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

FYI:

- Nuisance/ Nuisance Grass list
- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – 10/27/2025
- 2901 – 24th St. SE – Demo complete
- 4624 Ridge Ave. SE – property line

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$74,561.33, Payroll in the amount of \$93,532.86(Oct. 24, 2025), Electronic utilities in the amount of \$1,212.89 for total payments in the amount of \$169,307.08. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer with Mr. Shaffer abstaining on #32876 and Mr. Nichols abstaining on #32729

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve department heads requests for vacation, compensatory time and overtime, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Fiscal Officer sign the Ohio Liquor Permit for Top of the Mark Drive Thru Inc. 112 Trump Ave. NE Canton Ohio 44703 with no hearing requested noting the review by Zoning Director and calls for service provided by Major Carver with Stark County Sheriff Office, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Open Enrollment
- OTARMA – Vehicle Lists
- Parade Update
- Vacation Accrual for new employees

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept Community Center receipts for Oct. 5 – Oct. 18 of \$1,730.00, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Modular furniture delivered
- Joyfull Life Activities – update on attendance

MR. NICHOLS

FYI:

- Nothing at this time

MR. HOCHADEL

FYI:

- Trunk or Treat

MR. SHAFFER

FYI:

- Everbridge – potential for Canton Local Schools to use in emergency situation
- BRIK Committee
- Request for additional patrols – Major Carver
- Part-Time Position

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- No Public Speaks at this time

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Hochadel made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

John Ring, Fiscal Officer

Mark R. Shaffer, President

Christopher B. Nichols, Vice President

Keith J. Hochadel, Member