

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
October 26, 2021 with Trustee Shaffer, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Mittas

Also in Attendance:

Fiscal Officer John Ring, Public Works Director Chris Neisel, Fire Chief Christopher Smith, and
Zoning Director Mike Hanshaw

Regular Meeting – October 12, 2021

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes from the October 12, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- Andrew Tomic-3718 12th St NW-Mr. Mulch violations
- Mike Burkhardt-McIntosh Oil Company

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$13,732.43= Ambulance Billing, \$893.00=CPR and \$1,122.00=Misc. Income for total receipts of \$15,747.43. Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to hire Jarod Hare Part-time Firefighter / Medic at a pay rate of \$16.25 hour and all other benefits according to the Township handbook pending passing of physical and background check. Probationary period of six months from start date (to be determined). Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hire Zachary Devito as a Part-time Firefighter/Medic pending passing pre-employment physical and back ground check @ the rate of \$14.25//hour and all other benefits according to the Township handbook pending passing of physical and background check. Probationary period of six months from start date (to be determined). Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve to promote Mike Edwards, John Peters and Dane Whitsett to Lieutenant effective January 2, 2022 with formal swearing in ceremony on December 29th, 2021 at 6:30pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to proceed with the installation of a trench drain to Station 3's parking bay and to use Standard Plumbing & Heating Co for job at a cost not to exceed \$4,800.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

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

PO
Standard Plumbing & Heating Co = \$4,800.00

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Fire Chief to purchase Fire Dept. personnel duffle bags from Fully Promoted at a cost not to exceed \$2,249.10 with said funds to come from fund 2281, which is a non-levy fund. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

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

PO
Fully Promoted = \$2,249.10

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Ohio Billing Associate agreement and Ohio Billing Service agreement with the effective date to be the first day after expiration of our current agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve closing 1 BC & 1 PO:

BC:
6-2021= Uniform Checks
PO:
13-2021= Intech

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

FYI:

- CEDA area response agreement with City of Canton provided to trustees to review and City of Canton is reviewing
- Schedule for next year, Juneteenth, will it be recognized by the township?
- Employee recognition annual party is cancelled
- Fire crews will be out this Sunday for trick or treat

COMMUNITY CENTER

FYI:

- Recap of current activities and ideas as relayed by Community Center Coordinator Jill Miller
 - Pickle ball-at least 18 people sign up if trial is success pickle ball to move to Friday evenings
 - Grandparents Café concept-Grandparents social time
 - Kentucky Derby Party-Social Event May 7, 2022
 - Bingo response is very good

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$52.00= House Number Sign and \$300.00= Road Opening for total receipts of \$352.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve closing 6 PO's:

PO's:

133-2021= Allied Corp
53-2021= Rentwear
164-2021= Northstar Asphalt
127-2021= Redmond's
95-2021= Cargill
99-2021= Cargill

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 3 PO's:

PO's:

Redmond's= \$5,000.00
Rentwear= \$1,000.00
Hall Law Firm=\$1,125.00

Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve a Public Works Employee's FMLA request beginning 10/2/21. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols

FYI:

- 2021 striping list
- Letter from Strawser Construction
- ODOT Township Stimulus Program Grant Projects were submitted
- 2022 Yard Waste Grant applied for

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

The Public Works Director presented park rental receipts for two weeks in the amount of \$125.00 for total receipts of \$125.00. Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES- Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Board President to sign the construction contract between CCI Commercial Construction and Canton Township Board of Trustees for the Base Bid Shelter Project at Faircrest Park in an amount not to exceed \$279,345.00, seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Mittas.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move forward with the following new pavilion colors: Delaware blend for the brick color, driftwood color shingles and brown trim for soffit, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Mittas.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to request an amended certificate for \$250,000.00 for the General Fund from the county for the approval of the capital grant funds approved by the State of Ohio, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Mittas.

FYI:

- Closing Community Park for 2021 season and Port a Jon removal
- Discussion on who is responsible for the content on the digital message boards
- Discussion on brick color, roof color, and trim for new picnic shelter

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$595.80 Mr. Mittas made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer to sign the letter to Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/high grass nuisance assessment on (5) parcels: 1315065, 1304457, 1304458, 1306289 and 1306290 totaling \$ 2,450.00. Seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Board 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 and the Canton Township Property Maintenance Code, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

Walter & Carrie Fellouzis	1300686	824 Faircrest ST SW	No Permit Patio Roof
David Workman	1302016	920 Mattie ST SE	Trash/ Debris/ Junk Vehicles
Travis Curlutu	1312417	3633 Highview Ave SW	Trash/ Debris
Vicky Gillilan	1315042	1116 Youtz Ave NE	No Permit Carport

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution 10-1-21 “A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CANTON TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ALL SHORT-TERM RENTALS (AIRBNB, VRBO, ETC.,) AS A BED AND BREAKFAST AND TO LIMIT DISTRICTS INTO WHICH SUCH USES ARE PERMITTED” with a modification that language be included in the definitions of Bed and Breakfast Inn and Bed and Breakfast Residential requiring that all applicable lodging taxes are to be remitted, assuming that said modification can be timely procured by the Zoning Director from township legal counsel to submit to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Michael Hanshaw to attend the OTA In-person Zoning Inspector’s Group Meeting on Friday, October 29th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm in Blacklick, Ohio with authority to use a township zoning vehicle for his travel. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

FYI:

- Nuisance list
- High Grass list
- BZA Appeal #1197-21 tabled rescheduled for November 15th 7:00 pm

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$51,298.62 and payroll/PERS/Police and Fire in the amount of \$82,418.76 for total checks in the amount of \$133,717.38. Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the checks as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and Mr. voting YES –Mr. Mittas, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer with Mr. Nichols abstaining from warrant number 26719.

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

Mr. Mittas made a motion to approve the Trustees to sign the September 2021 Bank Reconciliation. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution No. 10-02-21 “A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor”. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion the Board request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit regarding the application of Bell Stores, Inc. DBA Bell Store 1158 - 130 Faircrest SW & Patio sent from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control due to the applicant's proximity to a school, church and daycare center and the unknown use of the adjoining parcel. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas

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

BC:
28-2021= Other (Park Fund)

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

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

BC:
Other (Park Fund) = \$4,000.00

Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer. Fiscal Officer certified funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

FYI:

- Open Enrollment for Benefits 11/1 to 11/16

TRUSTEES:

MR. NICHOLS

FYI:

- Discussed American Rescue Plan Funds and relevant legislature under consideration

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:00p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building. The purpose is to move into Execution Session, under ORC 121.22G(1), to discuss 2021 employee compensation. 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, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas.

MR. SHAFFER

FYI:

Mr. Shaffer made a motion for the Public Works Director to draft a resolution for the board to consider regarding no parking on pavement signs on Navarre Road for public safety. Motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas.

- Occupancy limit concern for business/fire code
- Stark County Sheriff's Office extra patrol hours recap
- November 2022 SCTA / Canton Township to host

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase candy for Township Halloween Trick or Treat in the amount not to exceed \$500.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Mittas and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Mittas

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 9:15p.m., seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES- Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Mittas and Mr. Nichols.

John Ring, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

Mark R. Shaffer, Vice President

William G. Mittas, Member