

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
February 5, 2025 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. Nichols made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting January 22, 2025, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

➤ No Public Speaks

ERIC WILLIAMS:

Mr. Nichols made a motion approve to approve Resolution 02-02-2025 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A METHOD OF COMPENSATION CONSISTING OF AN ANNUAL SALARY TO BE PAID IN EQUAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS AND TO APPORTION THE TOTAL COMPENSATION AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER TOWNSHIP FUNDS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 505.24 AND 507.99 FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY OHIO. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$21,378.33 = Ambulance Billing, for total receipts of \$21,378.33. 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 hiring Bandon Charles as fulltime Firefighter/Medic at the rate of \$19.37 per hour, \$51,029.41 annually and all benefits according to Union Contract. Pending passing the OP&F physical, background check and psychological testing. Swearing in scheduled for February 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion approve hiring Tanner Jones and Cody Walter as fulltime Firefighter/Basics at the rate of \$17.44 per hour, \$45,926.47 annually and all benefits according to Union Contract. Pending passing the OP&F physical, background check and psychological testing. Swearing in scheduled for February 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion approve hiring Robert Paulin, Jacob Bostic and Nicholas Horvatch as part time Firefighter/Basics at the rate of \$19.00 per hour, and all benefits according to the Township Handbook. Pending passing pre-employment physical, and background check. Swearing in scheduled for February 27, 2025, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. with Trustees, Fire Chief, Legal Counsel and may bring in the Fiscal Officer to discuss the employment, discipline or compensation of public employee per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). 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 6:43 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve the 2024 Annual report, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion acknowledge receipt of January 2025 Fire Prevention Bureau, Fleet Maintenance and monthly reports, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to set a Special Meeting for Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 5:30pm to discuss the Fire Department Capital Expenses for 2025, seconded by Mr. Nichols, and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Patient Follow-Up Survey

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$125.00- GovDeals and \$75.00 – Road Opening for total receipts of \$200.00. 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 3 POs:

PO:

Stark Soil & Water Conservation District = \$4,000.00

Compass Minerals America Inc. = \$40,000.00

Hei-Way = \$3,000.000

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

Discussion:

- Fuel Tanks, Pumps and Computer System

FYI:

- 24/25 Winter Report

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$200.00- Park Rental Fees and \$5.50 -Donation for total receipts of \$205.50. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Discussion:

- Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 12, 2025. Peace Lutheran Church to donate and fill 1500 eggs. Township will need to provide 2500 eggs

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to purchase of eggs and candy at a cost not to exceed \$600.00, seconded by Mr. Hochadel, and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

YARD WASTE:

Public Works Director presented yard waste receipts for two weeks for the following: \$120.00- yard waste card fees for total receipts of \$120.00. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$350.00. Mr. Hochadel 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 property 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, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Thomas Breining	1306037	420 Baumford Ave SE	Trash/ Debris
Dario Negrete Toscano	1303524	4929 Highwood Ave SW	Trash/ Debris
Pure Life Entertainment LLC	1309114	3282 6 th ST SE	Trash/ Debris

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the 2024 Draft Zoning Annual Report, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve sending a letter to ODOT District 4 regarding right of way safety concerns at 5304 Cleveland Ave. SE, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Nuisance list
- Zoning Commission Alternate Opening

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$167,335.65, Payroll in the amount of \$93,912.15 for total checks in the amount of \$261,247.80. Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the checks as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer with Mr. Shaffer abstaining on # 32086 and 23086, Mr. Hochadel abstaining on # 32106, and Mr. Nichols abstaining on #32107.

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

Mr. Hochadel made a motion approve to approve Resolution 02-01-2025 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 9.37. Motion second by Mr. Nichols.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve to approve changes to Canton Township Board of Trustees Credit Card Account Use Policy and have all Township credit card holders sign new version of policy. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve 1 PO:

PO:

Enbridge = \$5,700.00

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

Discussion:

- Joint Sponsorship for Community Day and Winterfest

FYI:

- Positive Pay – Bank of Magnolia
- Meeting with Canton Data Print and Trustee Hochadel regarding newsletter on 2/7/2025

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept Community Center receipts for 2 weeks of \$1,265.00, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

Mr. Nichols acknowledged receipt of the Community Center activity calendar/log from 01/19/25-01/31/25, second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer

MR. NICHOLS**FYI:**

- Asbestos abatement completed February 4th
- CCI started renovation
- Met with Total Control regarding updating audio and video equipment
- Community Center Rental Agreement

MR. HOCHADEL**FYI:**

- Transient vendors

MR. SHAFFER**FYI:**

- Newsletter – target date beginning of April

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- No Public Speaks at this time

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hochadel 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