



# *September 6th Meeting Highlights*

## **General News**

The Board approved two resolutions:

- A resolution to assess an excise tax on transient lodging guests per the Ohio Revised Code.
- A resolution to approve the policies, terms, and conditions and fee schedule for the use of the Canton Township Community Center.

# Save the Date

## Canton Township Fire Department **Safety Day**

Returns

# October 1st

# 1 to 4pm

Fun & Information for all Ages

Demonstrations

Bouncy Houses

Health Representatives

Station Open House



Entertainment

Safe Home Info

Refreshments



Community Displays

Children Activities

*Enjoy Fire Safety Information, Entertainment, & Food With Your Canton Twp. Community*

The Fire Department was awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant. The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to protect the health and safety of the public of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.



# CANTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## For Immediate Release

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Subject: **Canton Township Awarded AFG Grant**

Canton Township Fire Department was recently notified that we have been selected to receive a grant by The Department of Homeland Security, under the **Assistance to Firefighters Grant program, in the amount \$345,614.16**. Of this amount, Canton Township is responsible for 5% or \$16,457.82.

This grant allows for the purchase and maintenance of **4 Power Load Systems and 4 Power Lift Cots** for our ambulances. The grant also covers a complete set of **E-Tools vehicle extrication equipment and an SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus) filling station**. The grant has officially been accepted by the Canton Township Board of Trustees. This grant will allow the department to move forward on projects that otherwise would not have been financially feasible for many years.

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## **Zoning Department**

The Board approved the Fiscal Officer to sign a letter to the Stark County Auditor requesting a lien on the tax duplicate for lawn maintenance/high grass nuisance assessment on (19) parcels: 1380055, 1380056, 1304458, 1304457, 1307234, 1307235, 1307233, 1307232, 1307588, 1302514, 1308052, 1302711, 1302896, 1315065, 1309342, 1303397, 1303398, 1307798, and 1307886 totaling: \$9,950.00

The Board rejected the request from two properties to remove assessments for high grass nuisance abatement.

As of September 6, the Zoning Department has sent 131 letters notifying property owners of nuisance high grass.

The Board declared the following property as 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. 914 Whipple Ave NW for unlicensed/ junk vehicles.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct two public hearings in September.

- September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

1. 412 Marietta Ave SE- Requesting variance to exceed square footage of the primary use structure with unattached accessory buildings in a R2 District.
2. 3323 Parkway St NW- Requesting a variance to sign requirements in a B2 District.
  - September 26th at 7:00 p.m.
1. 2614 15<sup>th</sup> St NW- Requesting a conditional use permit to operate a short-term rental in a RR- Rural Residential District.
2. 1434 Marilyn Ave NW- Requesting a conditional use permit to operate a short-term rental in a RR- Rural Residential District.
3. 2602 Helen Pl NW- Requesting a conditional use permit to operate a short-term rental in a RR- Rural Residential District.

The Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on September 26th at 6:00 p.m. to consider the application from Taco Bell of America, LLC/ Canton Land Development for reclassification of property on Parcel #1313137 at the corner of Southway St and Raff Rd. The property is currently zoned as B2- Neighborhood Business requesting reclassification to B3- Commercial Business. The Board of Trustees will conduct a separate public hearing, at a later date, to consider the recommendation of approval from Stark County Regional Planning and the recommendations following the Zoning Commission hearing.

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## **Public Works Department**

The Board approved to hire Kevin Thompson as a full-time Public Works employee pending a background check. Welcome to Canton Township, Kevin!

The Public Works Director reviewed the 2022 Chip Seal Program and noted the project has been completed. He also updated the Board on a truck bed purchase for the 1992 Dump truck. As the oldest vehicle in the fleet, it is still in service. This is the second replacement bed since acquiring the vehicle as new.

The Township was able to acquire a large playground structure, swing sets, and 3 basketball hoops from the former Walker Elementary School to be used at Community and Faircrest Park. Ideas are still being discussed for the future placement of these items.

The Public Works Department will begin a culvert project across Sandy Ave SE beginning September 13th. The road will be closed for two days for this project to be completed. The project will cost approximately \$20,000.

The Public Works Department is working with the Stark County Engineer for the possible need and installation of approximately 300 feet of guardrail along Central Ave SE just south of the intersection of Central Ave. and

Faircrest St. The Engineer has performed an assessment of the location and is working on a project budget for material and labor to assist the Township with the proposed work.

The Public Works Director presented information on park donation programs. [Click here to view donation opportunities for General Park Improvements, Park Projects, Memorial Tree Dedication Program, and Park Bench Dedication Program.](#)

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**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**3pm-5pm**

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

Regular Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office (4711 Central Ave SE).

The following meetings will be held at a different location.



- September 20- Waco Fire Station 1655 Waynesburg Dr SE
- October 18- Meyers Lake Fire Station 3103 Parkway NW

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### **Elected Officials**

Board President: Mark Shaffer  
Vice President: Christopher Nichols  
Member: Keith Hochadel  
Fiscal Officer: John Ring

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