

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
March 18, 2025 Trustee Hochadel, Trustee Nichols and Trustee Shaffer

Absent: None

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. Hochadel made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes for the Regular Meeting March 4, 2025, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer – ABSTAIN – Mr. Nichols

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

➤ No Public Speaks at this time

ERIC WILLIAMS:

Mr. Hochadel made a motion authorize legal counsel to acquire clean copy of CEDA amendment with City of Canton for Board to sign seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion approve and authorize Board President sign Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Image and Teeder Annexation, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel and Mr. Shaffer.

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$25,128.96 = Ambulance Billing, \$1,195.00 = CPR, \$111.00 = GovDeals, \$2,063.49 = Misc./Donations for total receipts of \$28,498.45. 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. Shaffer made a motion approve the purchase of rope and rescue gear at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 from Municipal Emergency Services seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the February 2025 Ohio Billing and Credit Summary Report, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve opening 2 POs:

POs:

Municipal Emergency Services = \$ 10,000.00

Office Max = \$ 5,000.00

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. with Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, Legal Counsel and the Fiscal Officer to discuss preparing for negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4). Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Hochadel YES

Mr. Nichols YES

Mr. Shaffer YES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Hochadel YES

Mr. Nichols YES

Mr. Shaffer YES

FYI:

- Mass casualty drill Friday 3/21 at Middle School
- Joint letter to Peace Lutheran

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$225.00 = road opening and \$595.00 = Culvert/Apron for total receipts of \$820.00. 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. Shaffer made a motion to approve Public Works Director sign the 2024 NPDES Small MS4 General Permit Annual Report and submit report to the Ohio EPA seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the draft of the 2024 Public Works Year End Report to be approved at the April 1st Board meeting seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve a 30-day contract extension for the sanitary sewer pump station with Bachtel Excavating from May 15-June 15, 2025 seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to authorize Public Works Director proceed with ‘Banner Option’ as proposed, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting NO – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Discussion:

- Flags and banners on Cleveland Ave.
- Tree on Wiseland property

FYI:

- 24/25 Winter Report current and 22/23, 23/24 for comparison
- Bellstores/Dairy Queen water lines (week of March 24th)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$200.00- Park Rental Fees. 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. Shaffer made a motion to approve ball field assignments for Lady Wildcat Youth Softball request for Mikunda and Abbott Fields 6U, 10U and 14U, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve ball field assignments for CS Youth Baseball/Stark County Baseball Alliance request for Hamilton and Hayhurst Fields 10U and 12U, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Community Day donations
- Concrete for the stage extension and storage building floor will start in the next couple weeks
- Community Park to open Monday March 24th
- Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 12th – Mark and Keith to attend

ZONING DIRECTOR:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$685.53. 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.

Erica Blakey	1300067	3980 Faircrest St SW	Trash/ Debris
Matthew & Mindy Roth	1304623	412 Ironwood St SE	Trash/ Debris
Anuka Hildings LLC	1400178	12 th ST NW	Tires
Donald Ohler II	1306048	221 29 th ST SW	Trash/ Debris/ Tires
Mark & Madeline Knepper	1309616	1504 Warner Rd SE	Trash/ Debris/ Living in camper

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. with Trustees, Legal Counsel, Zoning Director and Fiscal Officer 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 7:53 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

FYI:

- Nuisance list
- Zoning Commission Alternate Opening
- BZA meeting March 17th at 7:00pm
- Quadient Postage Lease

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$300,347.72, Payroll in the amount of \$95,629.86 for total payments in the amount of \$395,977.58. 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 # 32273

Mr. Hochadel 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. Shaffer made a motion to approve and sign the February 2025 Bank Reconciliation, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve 2025 Permanent Appropriations in the amount of \$10,903,014.47, motion second by Mr. Nichols.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Fiscal Officer sign the Ohio Liquor permit for 4730 Cleveland Ave. S., no hearing is requested, seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept Community Center receipts for March 2-March 15 of \$2,987.50, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Hochadel made acknowledge receipt of the Community Center activity calendar for 3/2/2025-3/15/2025, second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

MR. NICHOLS

Discussion:

- Quotes for audio visual

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve quote #254829 from Total Control LLC for audio/visual technology at the Community Center in the amount of \$33,796.58, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to open a purchase order to Total Control LLC in the amount of \$33,796.58 at the Community Center, seconded by Mr. Hochadel. Fiscal Officer's certification that funds are available and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer.

FYI:

- Senate Bill 104(Short term rentals) – gave testimony at Senate Local Government Committee

MR. HOCHADEL

Discussion:

- Renting Amphitheater

MR. SHAFFER

FYI:

- Resident concern regarding AEP
- Newsletter
- 46th Street Nuisance

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- No Public Speaks at this time

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 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