

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on
September 5, 2023 Trustee Nichols, Trustee Shaffer and Trustee Hochadel

Also in Attendance:

Fire Chief Chris Smith, Public Works Director Chris Neisel, and Zoning Director Mike Hanshaw

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve and waive the reading of the minutes:

- Regular Meeting, August 1, 2023
- Special Meeting, August 18, 2023

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

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

- Paul Ebey-Paving schedule for next year

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. with Trustees and Fiscal Officer to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1). Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 6:35p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

ERIC WILLIAMS:

- Limited home rule-the advantages and disadvantages

FIRE:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$40,420.13=Ambulance Billing, \$4,211.66= Misc. Income and \$1,005.00=CPR, for total receipts of \$45,636.79. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve Fire Chief reach out to electrician to have lights in gym converted to LED at the cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve opening 1 BC with ARPA funds:

BC:
Supplies & Expenses= \$10,000.00

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

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. with Trustees, Fire Chief and Fiscal Officer to prepare 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. Shaffer YES
Mr. Nichols YES
Mr. Hochadel YES

Mr. Nichols made a motion to move out of Executive Session at 7:34p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve closing 4 PO & 1 BC’s:

PO:
69-2023=Blue Technology
76-2023=Lexipol
134-2023=Pradco
135-2023=iStimulate
BC:
22-2023 = Supplies

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Fire Chief and designee to travel to Florida to look at the new Brush Truck and if Chief deems the vehicle is purchasable the board authorizes Fire Chief to make an offer not to exceed \$135,000.00. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to acknowledge receipt of fire department monthly reports. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Discussion:

- Gym Lighting
- Access Control Update
- Ambulance Update
- Brush Truck
- Update on Promotions
- Annual Christmas Party

FYI:

- Veterans giving tree tags will be here the week of 9/11/23

COMMUNITY CENTER:

Fire Chief presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$240.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols acknowledged receipt of the Community Center activity calendar/log from 8/13/23-9/2/23. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hire Lisa McCoy as a part-time Administrative Assistant/Community Center Coordinator with start date of September 11, 2023, at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour with OPERS paid by the General Fund per township handbook and no other benefits pending her background check and drug screen. The hours not to exceed 24 hours per week. Seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for the following: \$357.00=Scrap, \$5,625.24=Culvert/Apron and \$75.00=Road Opening for total receipts of \$6,057.24. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution 09-01-23, A RESOLUTION TO POST PERMANENT “NO PARKING ANYTIME DURING HALL OF FAME & VILLAGE CAMPUS EVENTS” SIGNS ON DESIGNATED TOWNSHIP ROADS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CANTON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY. Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel.

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the construction of the Carrolldale Ave extension as presented by the Public Works Director. Motion Hochadel by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Trick or Treat hours on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the Public Works Director to purchase candy for 2023 Trick or Treat in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Hochadel.

Discussion:

- 325 Carrolldale Ave NE
- 3365 Allenford Dr SE (pallets)
- Speed Sign Locations
- Trick or Treat

FYI:

- August Monthly Reports
- Survey work is underway by the County for Hudson Cemetery

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:

Public Works Director presented receipts for two weeks for total receipts of \$510.00. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Hochadel.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Canton South High School Small Animal Science Program to host “Paw-a-Thon” in Community Park on Saturday, October 21st and waive the pavilion rental fee contingent upon animals being properly leashed and ground cleaned up. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Hochadel.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Sol Harris Day to rebid the Park project minus the administrative fees not to exceed \$8,750.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Nichols, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Hochadel.

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

PO:
Sol Harris Day= \$8,750.00

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

FYI:

- August Monthly Report

ZONING:

Zoning Director presented zoning permit receipts for two weeks in the total amount of \$4,451.50. Mr. Shaffer made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Hochadel made a motion to authorize the Board to 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, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

Pasty & Robert Knight 1307755 605 Carrolldale Ave SE Unsecure Structure

Mr. Shaffer 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 (14) parcels: 1302727, 1302726, 1305099, 1303096, 1308052, 1304876, 1304875, 1305244, 1313128, 1312457, 1305320, 1304623, 1303536, and 1307798 totaling \$7,100.00. Seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

FYI:

- Nuisance list
- High grass list
- August permit report
- Nuisance updates

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$72,694.29 and payroll 8/18/23 and 9/1/23 in the amount \$177,627.13 for total checks in the amount of \$250,321.42. Mr. Hochadel made a motion to approve the checks as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Nichols and voting YES – Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Shaffer abstained from warrants # 29639, 29641, 29700, and 29701.

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

FYI:

- Reminder: Employee Appreciation Lunch-Friday, 9/29 at noon-Sign-up sheets have been dispersed

MR. HOCADEL:

- Tire drop-off

MR. SHAFFER:

- Jill Miller will continue through Sept 18th at the Community Center

ADJOURN:

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

John Ring, Fiscal Officer

Christopher B. Nichols, President

Keith J. Hochadel, Vice President

Mark R. Shaffer, Member