

February 16th Meeting Highlights

Fire Department

Chief Smith made note of staffing hurdles and the dynamic effect resignations have on the departments ability to maintain current staffing levels and cohesiveness due to turnover. He noted the resignations stem from full time firefighter/ medics accepting offers from higher paying departments and that the latest resignation was the fifth from full time staff in the past three years, with at least one more anticipated in coming months. In addition to the full time staff resignations, the turnover has also affected the part time staff that play a key role in supplementing the full time staff. As an example, from 2017-2021 the department has hired 27 new part time employees and during that same time frame 31 part time employees (this includes newly hired and existing staff) have resigned for full-time positions elsewhere. As CTFD leadership performed a review of all personnel departures to provide for Board review, low compensation was almost always cited as the causation.

<u>Public Works Department</u>



The Public Works Department has been out on township roads for snow/ice road maintenance on (38) occasions this winter season. A total of 2,492 tons of salt at a cost of approximately \$160,036 has been used, with a combined crew total of 1,530 hours.

Zoning Updates

The Board declared the following properties as a nuisance as deemed by the Zoning Director, and ordered them abated per Ohio Revised Code 505.173 and/or 505.86 and/or 505.87 and the Canton Township Property

Maintenance Code. 430- 51st ST SW for trash and debris and 5028 Ridge for no accessory building permit.

The Zoning Commission will meet on Monday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m., following recommendations made by Stark County Regional Planning Commission at their February 9th meeting, regarding the application for reclassification of property by Jason Mushrush/Mushrush LLC. The applicant is seeking to reclassify Parcel #1302035 (corner of Mill St SE & Central Ave SE) from RR- Rural Residential to I1- Light Industrial for the purpose of building a vehicle storage facility for Mushrush LLC. Following the Zoning Commission meeting, the Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. to consider recommendations made by SCRP and the Zoning Commission regarding this application.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Monday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. to hear appeal Appeal #1191-21 for Peter Miner 3412 Eastend Ave SE-Parcel 1306360. Applicant is requesting a thirty-eight (38) foot variance to the front yard setback for a residential addition and a variance to exceed the 25% allowed for a non-conforming structure for an addition to the existing structure.



General Updates

The Board received a scope of work from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission representing their work effort as part of the assembly of a strategic/mini master comprehensive plan for Canton Township.

The Board heard concerns from a resident regarding recent law enforcement calls at H & J Hideaway (formerly known as The Cove/ Musical Inn) at 3941 Navarre Rd SW and requested action be taken. The Board responded by suggesting concerned residents contact James Knight at the Stark Co Prosecutors Office regarding establishing a Neighborhood Watch and report concerns to the Sheriff's Office. The Board advised they would also relay the concern to the Sheriff's Office for extra patrol consideration and would work with law enforcement to review recent reported law enforcement activity at the address as is customary when liquor license renewal anniversaries occur.

Upcoming Board Meetings

March 2nd & March 16th

Meeting start time is 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Administration Office at 4711 Central Ave SE unless noted otherwise

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