

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023**

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met in a Regular Session on  
December 20, 2023 Trustee Nichols, Trustee Shaffer and Trustee Hochadel

Also in Attendance:

Fiscal Officer John Ring, Assistant Fiscal Officer Teresa Anslover, Fire Chief Chris Smith, Fire  
Chief Christopher Smith, Public Works Director Chris Neisel, Zoning Director Mike Hanshaw, and  
Attorney Eric Williams

**PUBLIC SPEAKS:**

- Steve Ackerman-3110 Faircrest SW-Mobile RV Park

**ERIC WILLIAMS:**

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-02-23 “A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT ADULT-USE CANNABIS OPERATORS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS AND RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF CANTON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY OHIO”. Motion seconded by Mr. Hochadel.

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

**FYI:**

- Canton CEDA

**FIRE:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for three weeks for the following: \$32,232.62=Ambulance Billing, and \$1,029.90=CPR, for total receipts of \$33,262.52. 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 made a motion to move into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. with Trustees, Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and Attorney Williams to consider the employment 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 7:19 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mr. Shaffer made a motion approve in form and substance to accept receipt of resignation letter from Jared Hagen effective 01/01/2024. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the Fire Department Employee’s FMLA request. Motion second by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Fire Chief presented receipts for three weeks for the following: \$1,087.50. Mr. Nichols made a motion to accept the receipts as presented, seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols acknowledged receipt of the Community Center activity calendar/log from December. Motion second by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ ROAD:**

**FYI:**

- Yard waste tracker
- Yard waste site update
- 23/24 Winter Report

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ PARK:**

**Discussion:**

- 2024 Rental Fees

**FYI:**

- Drawings for Amphitheater have changed which will have a significant up-cost to the Township.
- Capital Budget request submitted

**ZONING:**

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to authorize the Board to declare the following property 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. Nichols and voting YES –Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

Adam Blackshear & Angela Taylor                      1313043                      4222 14<sup>th</sup> St NE                      Unlicensed Vehicle

Mr. Nichols made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct public hearings for CA-2-23 and CA-3-23. The Board also reserves the right to discuss and take action on any other Township business that may come before the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES – Mr. Shaffer, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Hochadel.

**FYI:**

- Nuisance list
- Nuisance property updates
- 2024 Fees

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Fiscal Officer presented bills in the amount of \$132,119.78 and Payroll in the amount \$97,430.10 for total checks in the amount of \$229,549.88. 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 warrant # 30165 and 30166.

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.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve the October 2023 Bank Reconciliation. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

Mr. Nichols made a motion to approve Resolution # 12-03-23 “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 507.09 FOR CANTON TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY. Motion seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

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

**MR. SHAFFER:**

**FYI:**

- Concert series with school

**ADJOURN:**

No further business coming before the Board, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hochadel and voting YES –Mr. Hochadel, Mr. Shaffer and Mr. Nichols.

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John Ring, Fiscal Officer

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Christopher B. Nichols, President

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Keith J. Hochadel, Vice President

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Mark R. Shaffer, Member