

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2010 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: April 5, 2010 7:00 – 9:30 PM

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The Canaan Township Trustees of Madison County met at the Canaan Twp. Bldg., 8055 US Highway 42 S., Plain City, Ohio 43064

In Attendance Trustees: Monroe Harbage, Jim Meeker & Mark Ishmael
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: Bob Henry & John Swaney, Madison Co. Sheriff's Office
Jeff Phipps, George Roby and Eli Gingerich

Draft copies of the March 1, 2010 minutes had been mailed to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Meeker moved and Ishmael seconded to approve the minutes; Harbage moved and Ishmael seconded to amend the motion to add the words "to approve the minutes as mailed". Amendment & motion passed. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and a copy was made available to the visitors present for inspection.

Administration: The Fiscal Officer's "March 2010 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the March 1, 2010 "Richwood Bank Reconciliation and Fund Balances" report that the Trustees reviewed and approved with their signatures. Ishmael asked if there was a bank balance to cover the presented checks, to which Fiscal Officer Beachy responded "yes". Purchase orders and checks were signed.

The trustees approved with their signatures:

Resolution 2010-4-1 See Resolution Book

*Misc Expenses since last meeting

Resolution 2010-4-2 See Resolution Book

*Misc Expenses

Resolution 2010-4-3 See Resolution Book

*Donation of Twp computer & printer

Two Deputies from the Madison Co. Sheriff's Office spoke concerning the upcoming Sheriff's Levy. They explained in detail information concerning the levy and provided a brochure for reference. They were attending the meeting to enlighten and encourage support from the Trustees and Canaan Twp residents.

Township resident, Jeff Phipps has been advised to speak to the Township Trustees concerning his desire to start a propane distributorship at his residence. After much discussion, the Trustees discussed the pros and cons and their main concern is the school located across from the Phipps residence. The trustees decided to table the issue until the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Beachy reminded the Trustees about keeping the availability to the office key limited. Everyone agreed that the only people to have access to the office key are the Trustees, Beachy and Eli Gingerich. Ishmael suggested that we update our list of individuals who currently have keys. F.O. Beachy said she will update the list. Fiscal Officer Beachy said she has a few rental requests that need to be discussed with the Trustees. A non-Township resident wants to rent bldg for a Sweet 16 party. The trustees all agreed that this is not what the Twp bldg should be used for. They asked if F.O. Beachy would look over the Twp Rental Form and add something concerning decorating restrictions for the Twp bldg. A Twp resident was asked to rent the Twp bldg for a non-Twp resident for a Grad party. The Trustees all agreed that they would be willing to rent to the non-Twp resident for the \$150.00 fee. The trustees all agreed that renting the Twp bldg is determined on a case by case basis.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Mary Ann Webb was at the Madison Co. Twp Assn meeting and said that the Hazardous materials drop off will be April 24th. Meeker received the address for the Hill property from Dave Hughes and plans to stop in personally.

Zoning: Ishmael said the last zoning meeting was cancelled. He did not attend the Comprehensive Plan meeting and will follow up with information. Ishmael spoke w/ Michael Orr on PC Grgsvl concerning the dumpsters at this property. Mr. Orr said that he is using the property to store the containers but should have them moved in a couple of weeks. Ishmael said that he spoke with a Twp resident who wanted to start up a battery business at his home and then move the business to town. He expected them to be at the meeting but they did not show.

Fire: Meeker said that a couple of resolutions were passed and they had an issue that they had to have Pronai involved.

Roads: Meeker said that we need some gravel on the berm at Smith Calhoun and Amity Pike. There is a tile brode down on Amity Pike & Rt. 42. Meeker said he would be in contact with Levin. Meeker said that he had Eli mark the roads where the tiles are in the ditches for reference when mowing this spring. Meeker said he would like to contact American Pavements to get an estimate on repairing the cracks at the Twp parking lot, Surrey Lane and Colvin Drive. He said American Pavements was supposed to come back last time and make repairs to Surrey Lane but never did. He will confirm this with American Pavements. The Trustees discussed implementing a mailbox policy. Currently the Co. replaces the mailboxes on Co. roads and the State replaces mailboxes on state rds with a standard mailbox and will either fix the post or replace it with a metal stake. They will not do any reimbursements. The trustees agreed that they should first verify with the driver to see if they damaged a mailbox and proceed from there. Harbage moved and Ishmael seconded

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Roads cont.: that we need to first get verification from the driver, and then we will replace the mailbox with a standard mailbox unless the homeowner insists on something else then the Township will reimburse the Township resident for no more then \$50 towards the mailbox repair. No Co. or state roads only Township roads unless our Twp driver caused the damage. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker abstained. Ishmael reminded Eli & George not to push snow from the Twp parking lot across Rt. 42.

Cemetery: Harbage said that Rita Newman was buried 3/29/2010. Mrs. Newman, daughter Mrs. Rowse, said that she wants to move her father so she can be buried beside her son in the future. Harbage said that Bob Graber quoted her time & material to do this. Harbage said that the ashes of Sondra Hammond will be buried once the Cemetery dries up. Once they decide on a location. Pete Hammond has started working at the Cemetery and is doing a fine job. He cleaned up the Cemetery. Harbage said that he did contact John Lewis to work but he was working OT @ the elevator and couldn't help. Harbage said that a tree broke down over the winter and he called Peterman Tree Service to come and remove it and prune some other trees. Ishmael asked Harbage why he didn't call Tim Rose who was at last month's meeting. Harbage said that he totally forgot about Mr. Rose. Ishmael asked Harbage why he didn't wait until the meeting to discuss the tree repairs. Harbage said that he wanted to get the Cemetery cleaned up before Easter. There was a strip of grass missed in the Cemetery. Harbage said that he will talk with John Lewis about not finishing the grass. Eli asked the Trustees if they want to fertilize the Twp yard and the Cemetery. He spoke with Heritage @ Kileville and they suggested we use 32-4-10. It would take 8 bags @ the Twp, 14 bags @ the Cemetery and 2-1/2 gallons of Triplett all to be applied before May 15th. Ishmael moved and Meeker seconded to spend up to \$400.00 on fertilizer & Triplet for the Twp yard and at the Cemetery. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Eli Gingerich said that the Twp mower battery needs to be tested and possibly replaced. He will take it to Hilliard Lawn & Garden to be tested and if the battery is bad he will get a new one. He took the mower blades to Hilliard Lawn & Garden to be balanced & sharpened. He purchased a new knob for the Wonder Blower. The Trustees talked about purchasing a roto tiller for the Cemetery to work the dirt on the new graves in order to plant grass seed and smooth out the dirt. After some discussion, the Trustess agreed to purchase a Troy Bilt Super Bronco 208cc 16" width roto tiller from Hilliard Lawn & Garden for no more than \$799.00. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to purchase this tiller. Roll Call; Ishmael abstained, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Eli Gingerich suggested to the Trustees to sell the Bobcat at the Cemetery and replace it with a small tractor and loader. Harbage said that he will gather some quotes for the Bobcat and small tractors to discuss at a future meeting. Meeker said that he is upset that Eli is helping at the Cemetery. He thinks the Cemetery & Township bldg should be separate. It seems that John Lewis is not getting his job done. Now we have Pete Hammond to help.

Building: Electronic Security Service came to the Twp to look at our security cameras and give us a quote on updating and adding a camera. Meeker is still waiting to hear from John Crabtree to give the Twp a quote. We will discuss the quotes at the next meeting. Meeker said that George Roby did an excellent job painting the Township meeting room, kitchenette, bathrooms and foyer. Eli said that some sandblasting needs to be done on the IH Truck. He wants the Trustees to take a look at it.

Misc: Fiscal Officer Beachy asked if we could change the meeting time for the May meeting from 7pm to 1pm. All the trustees agreed to change the time. The Township will be used on May 4th for the Primary Election.

Meeker moved that the meeting be adjourned and Harbage seconded. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

_____ Trustees _____
 Fiscal Officer _____

