

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2008 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: April 7, 2008

7:00 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 & Don Whitmer
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: Phyllis Sparks (Former Fiscal Officer), Shawn Hughes, John Lewis, Eli Gingerich, Martha Wilson and Kelly Hicks

Chairman Whitmer opened the meeting . Draft copies of the March 3rd, 2008 minutes had been mailed to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. With no additions or corrections Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that those minutes be accepted without verbal presentation. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and made available to the visitors present for inspection. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

Administration: The Clerk's "March 2008 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees.
(See attachment).

The Trustees approved with their signatures:

- March 31, 2008 "Richwood Bank Reconcile / UAN Fund Balances" report
 - Checks to cover payroll and other obligations
 - P.O.'s reviewed and signed
 - Resolution 2008-4-1 (April 7, 2008) see attachment
- *Approval to pay purchases made since last meeting

The following items were discussed:

Fiscal Officer Beachy asked if we could close the Carter Lumber account since we now have a Township Master Card for purchases and do not do business very often with Carter Lumber. Whitmer, Harbage and Meeker all agreed that the account should be closed.

Shawn Hughes – CIC Support was present tonight to further elaborate on the Community Improvement Corp. He stated that the purpose of the CIC is to help direct economic development. It helps entities speed up the process to utilize resources and to obtain grants. It was asked who benefits and who the investors would be. The investors are the government entities with 40% public and 60% private. Those who pay membership fees will sit on the board. Further information on economic development entails enticing more "white collar" jobs within the county instead of the focus on warehouse distributors. Trying to keep the jobs in the county instead of bringing workers from outside the county. Whitmer expressed his opinion that it may not be something the township can use in the near future. Harbage expressed that we should be part of the formation but not the membership at this time. Meeker is still unsure of the CIC and feels that once you start something and "open the door" it will lead to other unwanted developments. Shawn Hughes reiterated that it is a resolution to form but not to join. Once it has been set up then a cost will be determined.

Jefferson Twp, Monroe Twp, Range Twp, Pike Twp, Pleasant Twp, Fairfield Twp, West Jefferson, Mt. Sterling and London have joined at this point. The 2nd week of May will be the first meeting to start fund raising and gathering enough support.

Harbage moved that we support the resolution with a footnote added to state that we support the formation but not the membership at this time. Meeker seconded.

Reference: Resolution 2008-4-2 (April 7, 2008)

Radio Club: Meeker stated that the Pleasant Valley Fire Department has agreed to let the Radio Club continue to use the back room at the Fire Building and bring in food. Whitmer, Harbage and Meeker agreed that an emergency plate/outlet could be installed in the Township Bldg. No fee will be charged at this time.

Health & Safety: Meeker reported that Tom Busemi and Teresa Ames are the new members on the Madison Co. Health Board. Madison Co. Health Dept. is not allowed to do any testing at the mega dairies. The D.O.A (Dept of Agriculture) is allowed.

Zoning: Swarzentruher, located on Amity Pike, building permit has been nullified.

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Fire: Meeker reported that the Fire Dept. has received their new fire truck from Sutphen's. Whitmer, Harbage and Meeker took a tour of the Sutphen facility located in Dublin, OH. Meeker and Harbage got a ride in a bucket truck lift. Meeker reported that Ruth Weeks whose husband, Harold Weeks, served as a volunteer firefighter donated \$22,000.00 to the Fire Department in which the Fire Dept. purchased a new Jaws of Life tool. They were able to put it to use just 3 days after receiving it. It can tear into a vehicle in a minute or less which is much quicker than older unit. Meeker stated the Fire Dept. is in good financial shape after the 1st qtr 2008. Meeker also stated that the Fire Dept. has received new air tanks, masks and face shields but are waiting on the air compressors.

Roads: There was discussion as to the following:

- David Brand, Madison Co. Engineer, came on Wed. April 2, 2008 and met with Meeker and Harbage to discuss road information for 2008.
- Plain City Lafayette and Finley Guy will be painted and striped
- Whitmer stated that work was performed on Carters Mill Rd. today
- Whitmer mentioned the bad condition of Carters Mill and Amity Pike and will check on possible repairs.
- Fiscal Officer Beachy about road/ditch cleaning for this spring. Whitmer will contact Rob Miller and his group who did the work last year. We paid \$1,200.00 plus \$305 (dumpster) in 2007.
- Whitmer mentioned that Bryan Roby and family cleaned up the road/ditch on Carters Mill Rd during mid-March.
- County Engineer priced placing a guardrail on the curve at 8205 Smith Calhoun.
- Whitmer will be checking with Waste Management to compare prices that we received from Greyhound.
- Amity Pike bridge will be open for bids in May. They want a bridge with no center post for better water flow so additional land needed to be purchased.

Cemetery: Harbage spoke with John Lewis to do an inventory on what needs to be done as cleanup at the cemetery. They need to rake up the walnuts and Whitmer stated he would take them after they had been gathered up. It states that as of March 15th the cemetery is to be cleaned up and all decorations need to be removed. Harbage stated that Carl Rush and David Wilson did this in 2007 since John Lewis was out sick.

Rt. 42 Building: Meeker and Richard Fogt picked up 175 bags of mulch from Lovejoy's Market. Richard put down 145 bags of mulch at the Township Building and 30 bags at the Big Darby Cemetery. Richard Fogt spread 6 bags of fertilizer (32% nitrogen) on the Township lawn. Harbage wanted to note his protest of the addition of plexiglass that has been added to the meeting room. He stated that it "looks tacky". Meeker stated that he will replace the American Flag when the wind dies down and also put up the Ohio flag.

Misc: Whitmer will attend the Block Grant Meeting @ the Co. Commissioner' Ofc on April 15 at 3:00pm. Harbage and Meeker will attend the Legislative Briefing in Springfield, OH on Friday, April 18 at 9:00-10:30am

New Business: None Reported

Meeker moved that the meeting be adjourned and Harbage seconded.

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____
