

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2009 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

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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: Don Whitmer, Monroe Harbage & Jim Meeker
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: None

Draft copies of the July 8, 2009 minutes had been mailed to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that the minutes be accepted as mailed. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and made available to any visitors present for inspection.

Administration: The Fiscal Officer's "July 2009 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the July 2009 "Richwood Bank Reconciliation and Fund Balances" report that the Trustees reviewed and approved with their signatures. Whitmer 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 2009-8-1 See Resolution Book
*Misc Expenses
Resolution 2009-8-2 See Resolution Book
*Employee pay for drug testing

Fiscal Officer Beachy brought up the issue of paying employees for their time to take drug testing. The Trustees agreed to update the 2004 Resolution. The Trustees discussed changing next month's meeting date due to Labor Day holiday and agreed to change the date to Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 7pm. Fiscal Officer Beachy will notify the Madison Press and Madison Co. Messenger of the change of dates. Trustee Harbage said that he may miss the October meeting but will let us know by the September meeting.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Meeker discussed the Hill trailer again in Amity with Jennifer. The Hill families lives in Hilliard and have been notified by mail several times. The Trustees discussed the situation with Township employee and resident, John Lewis. They would like to offer whatever help they can in removing the old tires, rims and other misc. on his property. Whitmer said that he would provide his tractor and Harbage said that he has a trailer that can be used to haul off tires or junk. The Madison Co. Engineer's office has offered to take the tires but do not want the rims. If the rims could be removed then Mr. Lewis could haul the rims off for scrap.

Zoning: Harbage talked with the state about the progress of the Amity Pike bridge. He said that September 15th is the projected finish date. Whitmer has nothing to report in regards to the proposed soccer fields at Carters Mill & Hayden Run Rd. intersection.

Fire: Meeker said that the Fire Dept. updated their radios with B&C Communications for \$900.00 No new information on the antenna for the amateur radio operators. The auditors called Tony Stevens and said the audit will be finished in two weeks.

Roads: The Engle property located at the intersection of Amity Pike and Smith Calhoun had 4 trees removed and with the approval of the owners; the iron fence has been removed and disposed of. Whitmer wondered if the wood chips have been removed from the property. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that when she came past the property today, the Madison Co. Engineer's equipment was at the property cleaning up and spreading straw. Whitmer said he will contact the Engineer's office to verify that the work has been done. The trustees discussed the addition of guardrails on Smith Calhoun Rd. for safety. The Madison Co. Engineer sent an estimate for the cost of materials to install the guardrail. The trustees feel that safety is very important and even though it is a lot of money; they owe it to the Township residents to provide safety and security. The trustees also discussed the need to stop the "mud" trucks from entering the land next to the Big Darby on Smith Calhoun. They will check with the Engineer's office to see if they could use the old posts to keep out the "mud" trucks from the wet area. They agreed that they will need the Engineer's blessing to complete this project. If the Engineer's office does not want to tackle this work then the Township will need to hire a private company to install the posts. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that the Township spend up to \$2,500.00 to complete this project. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Meeker talked with Mitch Blackford concerning the re-surfacing of Rt. 42. Mr. Blackford said that in 1-1/2 - 2 years the state will be re-surfacing Rt. 42. It will be in the 2011 fiscal budget.

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- Roads:** Harbage said that George Roby told him that there are 2 storm sewers in the ditch in front of Pete Hammond's and Herman Hammond's that are missing their covers. Whitmer said that he will contact Levin at the Engineer's office concerning this matter. A storm grate on Carters Mill S./Langton Rd. is cover with rocks.
- Cemetery:** Harbage received a phone call from Darryl Miller regarding the bid for the drainage project at the cemetery. Mr. Miller has 2 issues before he can finalize his bid. First, the church is digging around the septic tank; we need to find out why. Second, we need to have Levin find a tile in the front to run into. It is only a 2" drop to the road ditch for a service drain. It will create a difference in price in draining in the back or in the front. Mr. Miller will be back in touch after the meeting.
Whitmer asked Harbage if he has seen any damage to the headstones from mowing too close. We may need to kill an area around each headstone to stop from mowing too close; if we can't weed eat each time we mow.
Harbage said that George Roby stopped in and asked for an application for Pete Hammond. Mr. Hammond is interested in mowing for the Township. The trustees agreed to look in to this matter in the future to see if Mr. Lewis can use any additional help managing the cemetery.
- Building:** Meeker said that he will call Advanced Pest to determine if we need to continue their service. Meeker said the outside light is still not working properly. Whitmer asked if Eli could remove the black on the building. Meeker asked Eli to remove the birds nest on the light at the front of the building. The trustees agreed that they are not happy with the white dust on the wash bay floor and would like an explanation from Sherm's. Meeker said he will call Sherm's Service to come back out and look at the floor. Meeker said that Don Hughes from Unique Paving Materials came with Levin Hudson, Mad. Co. Eng office, to fill our cracks in the Township parking lot at no charge. Meeker said he has not been able to speak with Levin Hudson about this product. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to spend up to \$750.00 for the crack seal product and applicator.
- Misc:** Fiscal Officer Beachy needs to update the Township address list with the addition of the Township phone number.
Harbage said that he attended the OTA Summer Conference in Marietta, OH on Wed. July 29-Aug 1, 2009. He said that he received a free meal on Wed. due to poor service. The extra events were sold out before the Conference but they found 1 ticket for Harbage to attend the River Boat Cruise. He said that he had the OTA separate the cost of the entertainment and the cost of the meal. Harbage said that the conference was very busy since it was the last scheduled summer conference for now.
Whitmer said that it has been brought to his attention that the Miami Valley Steam Threshers have one more year on their contract with Plain City. It is possible that the group may move due to conflicts with Plain City. The trustees agreed that they would like to put together a letter of support to keep the M.V. Steam Threshers in Plain City in the future. Meeker said that he would continue to do research on this matter.

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

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____

