

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

### 2010 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: December 6, 2010 7:00 PM – 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: Eli Gingerich & Tim Rose

Draft copies of the November 1, 2010 minutes had been delivered to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Harbage moved to accept the minutes as corrected and Meeker seconded. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and made available to the visitors present for inspection. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

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

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the November 30, 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 2010-12-1 See Resolution Book
  - \*Misc Expenses paid since last meeting
- Resolution 2010-12-2 See Resolution Book
  - \*Misc Expenses
- Resolution 2010-12-3 See Resolution Book
  - \*JD Equip JD 265 Disk Mower
- Resolution 2010-12-4 See Resolution Book
  - \*JD Equip Alamo SH-88 mower
- Resolution 2010-12-5 See Resolution Book
  - \*Triplett, surfactant & fertilizer for Twp
- Resolution 2010-12-6 See Resolution Book
  - \*Aerator Rental

Mr. Rose wanted to clarify some issues with the Trustees. Last spring, Mr. Rose was told by a Township employee, George Roby that the Township would be contacting him regarding tree work at the Cemetery and Mr. Rose never was. Mr. Rose also spoke with F. O Beachy at the November election in which she asked if Mr. Harbage had contacted him. Mr. Rose said that he had not received any phone calls from Harbage. Harbage said that he had to get Mr. Rose's number from Roby and in the Nov meeting said that he had tried to call Mr. Rose a couple of times and was unable to reach him. Harbage corrected the info and said he had not contacted Mr. Rose until after the Nov meeting. Mr. Rose just wanted to make sure the Trustees knew that he is still available to do tree work and he does return his calls. Mr. Rose did remove a stump at the Big Darby Cemetery recently and he would like to donate his services. The Trustees thanked Mr. Rose. Meeker said that he does have a couple of trees in the Township that need trimmed and asked Mr. Rose to submit an estimate. The first location is on the Mardelle Rickard property on Price Hilliard Rd. and the Osborne property on Price Hilliard Rd. Ishmael said he will contact the County and Mr. Osborne regarding these issues.

**The following items were discussed:**

**Health & Safety:** Meeker said that he attended the Health Fair at Tolles Technical. The Health Dept. gave flu shots. Meeker asked about the farm house on Earl Osborne's property regarding the windows that are missing and people are currently living at this property. The Health Dept. said there is not a lot they can do about this. Ishmael said that he may contact them to discuss this further.

**Zoning:** Ishmael will continue to be in touch with Steve Pronai regarding the Mahoney property in Amity. Dave Hughes came to Amity to take more current pictures of three properties. Mr. Hughes told Ishmael that the LeMaster foundation needs a new permit before they can continue. Ishmael said that he has an update regarding the Hill property. He no longer owns this property in Amity and Mr Wightman, the new owner, has had the property cleaned up. Ishmael said that he gave Harbage and Meeker a copy of the Comprehensive Plan survey results.

**Fire:** Meeker said that the Board passed several resolutions, normal for each year. They bought a truck for the Chief and the Battalion Chief @ Jim Keim Ford. The Fire Dept. has 3 EMS Trucks now and Chief Pinney is looking for additional storage. They may need to build a pole building in the future for additional storage. Meeker said that they are about half way thru the Union negotiations.

**Roads:** Ishmael talked to Levin Hudson to test snow fencing. Levin said that it would cost \$125 per 100ft. Ishmael would like to test 1000ft. He would like to put 300ft. at PC Grgsvl near the Big Darby Baptist Church and 700ft on Kilbury Rd. Gingerich spoke with the farm owners on Kilbury Rd. and they said it was ok as long it was not in their wheat fields and the fence is removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ishmael said that he would also like to purchase markers to place on Kilbury Rd. to mark the road edges since there are very few mailboxes for reference. Ishmael

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Roads (cont.): moved and Harbage seconded to purchase 1000ft. of snow fencing at \$125.00 per 100ft. and markers for the road. They agreed to spend no more than \$2000.00 on this project. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. The Trustees discussed the issue of replacing the IH Truck. Gingerich gave the Trustees information on the mileage used for 2008-2010. The Township averages 4000 per year. The IH Truck is a 1996 4900 Series and has 32727 total miles and 260 engine hours. Ishmael said that it is a good time to purchase right now but not sure if we are spending enough on repairs to warrant updating the truck. Meeker said that other Townships trade every 15000 mi or every 5-6 years. Harbage moved to table the discussion until next year or after this upcoming winter season and Ishmael seconded. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker no. Meeker said that the mowing is done except AW Wilson Rd. and that will have to wait until spring. Need to fill in the drop off at Hayden Run & Carters Mill Rd. Gingerich was unable to spray the ditch since the pump went out of the sprayer. It would cost \$800-900 to replace. Gingerich said that the sprayer is set up so nice that he would rather replace the pump instead of the whole sprayer.

Cemetery: Harbage said that the Cemetery has been aerated and fertilizer applied. The stump was removed by Tim Rose. The Mrs. McKnight foundation has been corrected. Harbage asked Yaugers for a 2" apron on the foundation but they did not fulfill their requirements. Stonehugger stopped into the Cemetery in Oct and fixed the broken grave and repaired the Wilson grave. No bill; she donated her time to the Township. Maranatha Church contacted Harbage regarding the option to purchase 20 graves for their church members or whether to create a cemetery on their existing church property. After discussion by the Trustees they decided to invite someone from the church to come to our Feb. 2011 meeting to discuss this further. Harbage would like to talk with Dave Hughes regarding the acreage needed to add an additional driveway to the Cemetery. Meeker suggested putting up additional fencing and a gate at the Cemetery to discourage people from entering the Cemetery after dark. Ishmael will get an estimate for fencing and a gate. Harbage will contact Darby Twp to see what they do at their Cemetery. Ishmael suggested purchasing some starter fertilizer to put along the drive to help the grass grow.

Building: Meeker said they had Noah Miller come out to look at the furnace in the Township shop. Mr. Miller said that the fan is broken and will need to be replaced. It will cost about \$125.00-150.00. Carpets are going to be cleaned after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year since we are renting it out over the holidays.

Misc: Gingerich said that a combination lock is too expensive and is not recommended. The Trustees decided to have the locks re-keyed to get better organized. Meeker moved and Ishmael seconded to spend \$250.00 on re-keying the Township. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. They suggested having an access key for local law enforcement. F.O. Beachy asked what time the Trustees wanted to have the year end budget meeting. They all agreed to meet at 1pm on Thur. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> for the year end budget meeting. Beachy will notify the local papers. We have to 2 rentals of the meeting room in December on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Meeker wants to check to see if the local garden club would want to take care of our Cemetery flowers and then they could use our meeting room for free. Harbage said that he attended the Soil Conservation meeting .

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

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Fiscal Officer

Trustees \_\_\_\_\_

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