

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

### 2009 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: December 7, 2009 7:00 PM –9:15 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: Don Whitmer, Monroe Harbage & Jim Meeker  
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy  
Visitors: Mark Ishmael, George Roby & Eli Gingerich

Draft copies of the November 2, 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 the visitors present for inspection.

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

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the November 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 2009-12-1 See Resolution Book  
\*Misc Expenses  
Resolution 2009-12-2 See Resolution Book  
\*Misc Expenses paid since last month  
Resolution 2009-12-3 See Resolution Book  
\*Delta Dental 2010 rates  
Resolution 2009-12-4 See Resolution Book  
\*General Fund Appropriations  
Resolution 2009-12-5 See Resolution Book  
\*John Deere 2083E Lmtd purchase

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the "Thank You" letter she wrote to Helen Wildermuth from Stonehugger. The letter will be stored with the other Cemetery documents in the Township bookcase.

Fiscal Officer Beachy said that she received an answer from Wendy French with OTARMA to the insurance question for our coverage while mowing on a State road. Her reply was..."If the workers are working in the scope of their duties on behalf of the township, coverage would be under the township's OTARMA liability policy." F.O. Beachy said she is still waiting on a response from E.D. Stone for information on the Disability coverage. F.O. Beachy said that there will be no raise for Trustees and Fiscal Officers for 2010.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Meeker attended the Health Fair at Tolles Career & Technical Center in November. He said that the Health Dept. is still trying to get the Hill trailer removed from the property in Amity. They have sent several letters and are looking into receiving grant money to help with the removal.

Zoning: Whitmer said that he rode to the November Zoning meeting with Township resident, Esther Manker. Mrs. Manker wanted to find out what intentions Mr. Turnball has with his future house project behind her property.

Fire: Meeker said that the Fire Dept. increased their deductible to keep their rate the same. The Board is beginning to discuss the possibility of purchasing a new EMS Squad; approximately \$200,000.00. The Fire Dept. received a "Thank You" letter from The Ohio State University for their demonstration on Grain Bin safety at the 2009 Farm Science Review. Meeker called Jim Williamson, Madison Co. Auditor to find out what to expect in 2010 Revenue. Mr. Williamson said that since the Levy passed the Revenue will stay about the same and will increase approximately \$300,000.00 in 2011. Whitmer said that the Fire Dept. can bill the insurance co. for transport. They can only charge what Medicare would charge. If an individual is not insured, they send one bill and do not follow up but they do follow up if billed to insurance co. These funds are strictly used to purchase new emergency equipment for the fire dept. Harbage said that his grandson went to Pleasant Valley Fire Dept. to spend the day shadowing a firefighter. Harbage wanted to express his thanks to the Dept, his grandson had a great day.

Roads: Whitmer said that we are not quite done with mowing the ditches for a final time. He told Eli Gingerich to use his judgment as to whether continue or not. Gingerich said the Co. filled in a few potholes and will finish the rest later. Meeker said that he drove the Township roads and noticed some cracks starting to appear on Colvin Drive. It may be too late to fix until spring. Gingerich will check with Levin @ the Madison Co. Eng office to see what conditions are needed to use the crack filling material.

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- Cemetery: Harbage said that he spoke with Darryl Miller about fixing the gravel along the edge of the driveway that was cut out by the tractor. Miller said that he will rake the gravel back to fix the problem. Miller is finished with the Cemetery project but did not have time to get a bill ready for this meeting so he will have the bill ready for the Budget Meeting on December 28, 2009. Levin did stop by the Cemetery to check our progress and said that the Co. will make a 6-9 inch tile to the ditch. Doug Peterman has all the equipment ready and will have the electric and lights installed around the flagpole by Christmas.  
Harbage said that Eddie Davis passed away and they need to bury him but there was no marker where his father was buried. Harbage received a call from Jay Ferguson from Ferguson Funeral Home who said that they discovered that Davis serviced in the military from 1967-1970. Therefore, the family agreed he will be buried at the National Cemetery in Dayton, OH.
- Building: Eli Gingerich brought several estimates for replacement of the plexi-glass. First, Pine wood is \$3.69/ft. @ 140ft. for a cost of \$516.60. Second, he said vinyl sheeting like what is in the bathrooms is \$437.00. Third, wainscoting and top rail would cost \$438.00. The trustees suggested picking up some flyers so we can see the products available. Whitmer moved and Harbage seconded to table this idea to a future meeting. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.  
Gingerich showed the trustees the old trim around the new emergency door and suggested that it needed to be replaced. The trustees agreed to have it replaced and have Gingerich pick up the trim @ P&W Millworks and try to match the stain to the kitchen door.
- Old Business: Whitmer had an update on the Comprehensive Plan. He is part of the Steering Committee for the Comp Plan. Whitmer said they discussed putting a survey on the Internet and Whitmer and others agreed that it would not be a good idea. They agreed that a random survey is good but not to put it on the Internet. Feedback would be OK on the Internet. Whitmer said that Chris Snyder said that any online comments should be re-directed to Township Trustees. Harbage and Meeker asked Whitmer is he would continue to stay on the Steering Committee and represent the Township. Whitmer's term is due to expire on Dec. 31, 2009. Whitmer agreed to keep the Trustees informed.
- Misc: The next meeting will be the Year End Budget Meeting on Monday, December 28, 2009 at 1:00pm.
- Harbage moved that the meeting be adjourned and Meeker seconded. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

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Fiscal Officer

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