

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2009 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: March 2, 2009

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 (on vacation)
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: Chris LeMaster, Kent Forster, Tim Bissell, Bill Hamer, Kirk McLinn & Jayne McLinn

Trustee Meeker opened the meeting since Trustee Whitmer was on vacation. Draft copies of the February 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. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and made available to the visitors present for inspection. Roll Call; Harbage yes and Meeker yes

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

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the February 2, 2009 "Richwood Bank Reconciliation and Fund Balances" report that the Trustees reviewed and approved with their signatures. Meeker 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 2009-3-1 See Resolution Book
 - *Misc Expenses paid since last meeting
- Resolution 2009-3-2 See Resolution Book
 - *BOE of Madison Co. to use Twp Bldg
- Resolution 2009-3-3 See Resolution Book
 - *Sale of 1986 Chevrolet Pickup Truck
- Resolution 2009-3-4 See Resolution Book
 - *Redistribute FEMA money
- Resolution 2009-3-5 See Resolution Book
 - *Misc expenses

Fiscal Officer Beachy told the Trustees about her conversation with the Auditor. She also showed them the update to the Employee Handbook concerning the addition of wording about OBMV Driving Records for Township workers with CDL Driver's Licenses; please refer to Resolution 2008-8-1. Fiscal Officer Beachy asked if either Trustee will be attending the Auditor of State Conference in April. Harbage and Meeker both said they will not be attending this year. Harbage said that if Fiscal Officer Beachy wanted to attend it would be OK. Fiscal Officer Beachy said she was not sure at this time and would let the Trustees know at the next meeting.

Meeker opened the floor to our visitors to present their concerns. Kent Forster who lives at 8560 PC Grgsvl Rd. wanted to complain to the Trustees about the various properties in Amity that are in distress. He showed the Trustees pictures of the properties. Trustee Meeker said that Amity has been on his mind since he took office. He said it is a long process to get the situation cleaned up. Both trustees said that the Township has been working on this issue for the last 3 years with the County. Harbage suggested that they write a letter and have the neighbors sign it. This would serve as a petition from the community. Send that letter to Dave Hughes and Steve Pronai. Meeker said that Forster could give him the letter and Meeker would deliver the letter in person. Meeker also stated that he would be in contact with the Health Dept. Forster stated that there were dead deer carcasses on the Hill property. Meeker said that he would have Eli go to the property to remove them since they are a health hazard.

Tim Bissell and Bill Hamer were at the meeting to present the Trustees with more information on the Pioneer Optimist Club. They currently have 42 local members and sponsor the Plain City Youth Football Club. The Pioneer Optimist Club was formed in August 2008 but the Optimist Int'l has been in affect for nearly 90 years with its headquarters in St. Louis, MO. It is a non-profit organization with about 300,000 members around the world. The local group provides concessions for the Youth Football League to help support the chapter's activities. They meet twice a month: once socially and once as a board meeting. They support youth in athletics and academics. They would like to reserve the building for March 18th at 6:30pm. Meeker said he could let them into the building. Meeker also said that he would contact the Madison Co. Prosecutor; Steve Pronai to receive his advice with this group to make sure it would be OK to continue to rent the Township meeting room.

Kirk McLinn, Township resident, said that he checked into getting a flashing Stop sign at the intersection of U.S. Rt. 42 & Price Hilliard Rd. He said that you have to have at least 16 accidents per year to be eligible for this Stop sign. Harbage said that he and Trustee Whitmer attended the ODOT meeting on Feb. 6th. Harbage asked about this and they told him that in 2yrs they will be placing a traffic light at Rt. 40 and then they can move the flashing Stop sign to the intersection of U.S. Rt. 42 & Price Hilliard. We need to be diligent and keep reminding them.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Nothing to Report

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- Zoning:** Meeker sent a letter to the Zoning Appeals Board about his concerns with Mr. Winn and his U.S. Rt. 42 entrance. He has changed his mind since the January meeting. Harbage said that he talked about this at the ODOT meeting Feb. 6th. None of the information from Mr. Winn matched.
- Fire:** Meeker said that several Resolutions were passed. One was to use the Fire House Software License Gov't Accounting Solutions. The other was to stay part of the Ohio Valley which means mutual help for multiple fire districts. Pleasant Valley had 40 runs with Norwich F.D. The Fire Dept. hired a couple of new people and 2 people resigned.
- Roads:** Took the IH Truck to Madison Co. Garage for them to work on the flasher lights. Meeker said we need to make a copy of our maintenance records to send to the Madison Co. Garage. Meeker said he would like to contact the group that cleaned up the roads last year and also the group from 2007.
- Cemetery:** Harbage said that he stopped into the Cemetery and the roof on the south side of the Vault was blowing and rippling. Several shingles had been lost during the last wind storm. Harbage received an estimate from Harold Yoder to fix the roof or replace the roof with metal. Meeker said that Norm Troyer wanted to submit an estimate for the Vault roof. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that Andy Weeks contacted her about submitting a bid for a metal roof replacement on the Vault. F.O. Beachy said that she would forward all bids to Harbage. F.O. Beachy said that she would contact PERSO to check on insurance covering the cost of the new roof. Harbage sold 2 graves and F.O. Beachy made up a deed for the lot. Harbage said that the Cemetery annual Clean Up will be around March 15, 2009. Meeker asked Harbage if he had received anymore information on the electric and drainage issue at the Cemetery. Harbage said that the person planning on doing the job had surgery this winter. Plus the weather had been too bad to complete the job. He will pursue the issue at a later date.
- Building:** Wick Builders came out to fix the Township Building roof problem. Meeker said that he will look into getting fertilizer and mulch for the Township property. Harbage asked if they would put fertilizer on the Cemetery at the same time.
- Misc:** Nothing

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

_____ Trustees _____
Fiscal Officer _____
