

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2008 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: March 3, 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: Phyllis Sparks
Visitors: Don Ferr, Rubin Fedderoff, Don LaFavour, Dr. Bob Lewis, Earl Osborne and Eli Gingerich

The meeting was opened by Chairman Whitmer. Draft copies of the February 4th, 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.

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

The Trustees approved with their signatures:

- February 29, 2008 "Richwood Bank Reconcile / UAN Fund Balances" report
- Checks to cover payroll and other obligations

The following items were discussed:

There was no additional information brought forward to make a decision as to the acceptance of the CIC - Community Improvement Corp. resolution. Meeker wants clarification before taking the vote of support. He plans to attend the County Township meeting March 10th to ask questions of the Madison County Chamber president.

Clerk Sparks reported that the Township census maps have arrived. She suggested that since there are some questionable markings that perhaps they should be reviewed with the County Engineer's office. Whitmer agreed and will look over the maps.

Radio Club: The President of the Madison County Radio Club, Mr. Don LeFavour spoke representing the several members in attendance. A proposal to create an amateur radio station in the Canaan Township Building was presented to the Trustees. (see attachment). According to LeFavour the group is looking to move from the Pleasant Valley Fire facility due to changes in meeting room rental policy and the need for a more controlled environment for the radio equipment. The Board was told that the club does have their own insurance and would communicate with the Township so as not to interfere with scheduling of the meeting room to other events and organizations. Concerned about the safety of the new fiscal officer who may likely be working alone in the building, Clerk Sparks was assured that only a small pool of members would have access other than at their regular meetings, classes and testing days. A suggestion was made as to possibly installing a lock box rather than issuing individual keys. Meeker stated that he understands that the Sheriff currently doesn't require a presence in the building and therefore will not be constructing a tower here. LeFavour said that it may be a while before they would address the construction of a tower on the north exterior of the building. He stated that a tower would be to the Township's advantage in a lighting storm since it would provide a ground for the building. Asked why the club didn't utilize the Tolles building, already designated an emergency facility, he noted that it would be costly in that a janitor would be required to be engaged when they used the building. All the Trustees agreed that the club's presence sounds like a good addition to the community, especially in case of emergency. They will however contact Prosecutor Pronai and OTARMA to obtain guidance in preparing a short term renewable agreement before going forward.

Health & Safety: Nothing to report

Zoning: Harbage will check with Dave Hughes in regard to the Tornic A-1 change being considered at the County Zoning meeting this evening.

Earl Osborne, a Township landowner is aware that the next Comprehensive Plan review will be coming up within the next two years. He reminded the Board that he had spent considerable time and money in 2004 to prepare a professional presentation in an effort to develop for sale a portion of his family farm land. His view is that the Board at that time did not give him adequate consideration and wants to know if there's any chance of a more favorable result in 2010.

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Zoning (cont.): Osborne has talked with the Madison County Commissioners who told him that again he must first direct his plans to the Canaan Township Trustees in that window of time prior to the renewal of the Plan when the Trustees will hear suggestions for map and zoning category changes from all residents. Harbage, who was not an official during the last Plan review, suggested that while he is personally willing to address change east of Plain City Georgesville Rd., he will want to review Osborne's past presentation before making any recommendations. Meeker suggested that he feels that the majority of the residents of the Township still do not want concentrated development and that any changes in the plan will set a precedent. Clerk Sparks will make available Township copies of the 2004 Osborne plans for Trustee review in preparation for discussion at an upcoming meeting. Osborne was satisfied with this arrangement.

Fire: Meeker reported that the Pleasant Valley Fire Board and the union are still in contract negotiations. He stated all are invited to see the new fire truck.

Roads: There was discussion as to the following:

- The two new John Deere Tractors have been delivered and the loader mounted. Gingway will retrofit the side mounted metal boxes.
- Eli Gingerich was on hand at the meeting to ask the Trustees opinion as to the number of wheel weights to put on the tractors. Whitmer replied that Eli could use his own judgment.
- Whitmer has observed that the roads are showing the results of the considerable freezing and thawing experienced this winter.
- There are areas with excess gravel on Middle Pike

Cemetery: Harbage thanked Earl Osborne for his co operation in permitting mowing around the outside of the cemetery fence into his field.

Other items discussed:

- Yoder's fencing will be called to repair or replace a damaged post in the old section.fence.
- Harbage has installed a replacement security light on the east side of the maintenance shed.
- Goldie McVay was buried in Section C. Feb. 16.
- The IH truck was stuck for a time which resulted in ruts which will have to be repaired in the spring. Other holes will also be filled at that time.

Rt 42 Building Meeker will evaluate the need to fertilize the lawn. All agreed that mulch will be needed soon. Meeker will check with Lovejoy's. The two barrister cabinets are on order from Acorn Cabinet Shop in London.

Misc: Both east and west precincts will be set up in the building for the primary election Tuesday, March 4th.

Meeker moved that the meeting be adjourned and Harbage seconded.

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____

