

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: March 7, 2011 4:00 PM – 5:45 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

Draft copies of the February 7, 2011 minutes had been delivered to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected after mailing. 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

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the February 28, 2011 "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.

Administration: The Fiscal Officer's "February 2011 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

The trustees approved with their signatures:

Resolution 2011-3-1 See Resolution Book

*Misc Expenses

Resolution 2011 3-2 See Resolution Book

*Misc Expenses paid since last meeting

Resolution 2011 3-3 See Resolution Book

*Expenses for LGOC April 6-7, 2011

Fiscal Officer Beachy said that the Local Gov't Officials Conference will be April 6-7, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. None of the Trustees will be attending this year. F.O. Beachy has not decided whether she will attend this year.

Beachy said that a representative from KLA Risk Consulting met with her on Feb. 9th regarding risk management for our Township. It was a very good meeting and Beachy received a packet after the meeting with forms that the Township could utilize to better prepare our Township for future liability. After discussing the forms and needs, Ishmael moved and Harbage seconded to accept 4 new documents to use that were recommended by KLA Risk Consultants. The new forms are the General Driving Rules and Regulations, Twp Road Dept. Roads Checklist, Vehicle Inspection Checklist and Citizen Complaint Form. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Dave Hughes called. Ishmael complained that the Osborne farm property has broken windows while people are living on the property.

Zoning: Osborne called Ishmael to confirm that the property next to Ishmael has not been sold. Osborne sold 11 acres in the middle of the parcel. Osborne told Ishmael that it is OK to trim the trees along Price Hilliard by his property. Ishmael said he is going to investigate about changing zoning w/ the Co. Commissioner on unlivable houses.

Ishmael has no new information on the Mahoney property in Amity. Ishmael is still not pleased with Mahoney's privacy fence.

Ishmael spoke with Mark Forrest @ the Engineer's meeting on the slow approval of the Comprehensive Plan.

Harbage said that Boyd Harbage will be splitting off 2 lots on Middle Pike to buy out his sister's share of their farm.

Fire: Meeker said that several Resolutions were passed. They have tentatively signed an agreement. They will change the signing next time to March to avoid conflicting with the annual budget. Specs & PO's for the new fire truck have been approved.

Roads: Meeker said that Mitch Blackford with the State has no plans to cut down the split tree on the Phipps' property at Rt. 42 & Price Hilliard Rd. The Trustees will check with the Co. at the monthly Twp meeting on Monday, March 14th.

Ishmael said the County will start taking down the snow fence when the ground gets more solid. The Co. typically separates the fencing and stores it in London but Ishmael wondered if we had room to store the fence in the Vault at the Cemetery. Eli Gingerich thought we should have plenty of room. Not much snow this winter to truly test the success of the snow fencing. May need to make it longer and move closer to the road.

Eli Gingerich put up high water signs after the large rain storms we recently had. Glenview Dr. needs to be swept, Ishmael had a Township resident complain. Beachy said that she saw the County sweeping Smith Calhoun & Amity Pike today. She also said that it looked like Carter Mill & Amity Pike were swept as well.

Meeker said that Tim Rose cut down 7 Hackberry Trees on Smith Calhoun Rd. and removed the stumps.

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Roads: Ishmael suggested we pick up limbs from the ice storm before we begin mowing. Beachy gave the Trustees a quote from Doug Beachy & United Bethel Youth Group for cleaning the ditches this spring. They would like to do this on Sat. April 16th and will also clean up Rt. 42. Ishmael asked for them to provide how they will clean Rt. 42 safely this year.
Meeker & Harbage will attend the annual Inventory Road Meeting.
Ishmael said there was a problem with the ignition switch in the IH Truck, a connector had melted and needed to be replaced. Gingerich got the part from Center City IH to replace it. Gingerich purchased a new pump for the Township sprayer from TSC. He may need to purchase some additional/new hoses.

Cemetery: Ishmael talked with Mr. Osborne regarding the Township purchasing 4-5 acres from him to expand the Cemetery and add to the driveway. The Twp needs 30-60ft east and north of the Pastor's home. Mr. Osborne said that he would not gift or donate the land and would expect market pricing; no discount. Mr. Osborne said he would like to think about the pricing for a week or so. Meeker said that he is not willing to pay \$19,000.00/acre. Ishmael would not be willing to pay that either. Harbage suggested splitting the difference between the \$5,000-19,000. The top would be \$10,000.00 but not confirmed. Mr. Osborne was a little adversarial with Ishmael since he was the one who complained about his disrepair of Osborne's farm property.
Harbage took 4 hours to research the Cemetery property deeds. We have one parcel that has NO deed. Harbage talked to Steve Pronai and Mr. Pronai said that we can declare a vacant deed for the Cemetery and file a Quit Claim Deed for the use of the property. We will need a survey. The Trustees discussed and revised the Cemetery Regulations. Beachy will make the necessary changes for next month's meeting and when approved a book will be published for the Township.
Harbage received a call from Township resident, John Hammond, who would like to split off 2 lots from his parent's lot, Rose & Herman Hammond. He will meet with Harbage and need a signature from his 2 brothers and we will issue a new deed.
Harbage met with Maranatha Church and they would like to purchase 1 lot. Ishmael disagreed with this since we now need to assign names on the deed for the lot.
Meeker said that Tim Rose said that the tree in the Cemetery is rotten. The Trustees agreed to have Pete Hammond cut down the tree and have Mr. Rose remove the stump.
Ishmael asked Gingerich if the cameras are up yet. Gingerich said he is waiting for warmer weather.

Building: Beachy said she received the police report regarding the individual who ran over our Twp post and Twp mailbox. Ishmael will check with Gingway on the cost to repair or replace this post. Meeker suggested moving the mailbox closer to the Township building. He will check with the Postmaster.
Beachy presented the new Rental Reservation Form. She said that she emailed it to Steve Pronai and he said it looked fine. Meeker moved and Harbage seconded to accept the new Rental Reservation Form. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.
Ishmael said that the circuit board was replaced by Noah Miller on the Township shop furnace.
Eli Gingerich asked the Trustees if he should purchase fertilizer for the Township and Cemetery lawns. Ishmael moved and Harbage seconded to purchase 22 bags of 32-4-10 fertilizer for the Township and Cemetery; 8 bags for the Township and 14 for the Cemetery. The total would be \$352.00 for the fertilizer. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.

Misc: Next month's meeting will be April 4th at 7pm. Beachy asked if we could change the meeting in May due to a conflict.

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

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____

