

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2011 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: May 2, 2011 1:00 PM – 4:00 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 & Mark Ishmael
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: Mary Ann Webb

Draft copies of the April 4, 2011 minutes had been delivered to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Ishmael moved and Meeker seconded that the minutes be accepted as delivered. 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 April 30, 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 “April 2011 Activities Report” was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

The trustees approved with their signatures:

Resolution 2011-5-1 See Resolution Book
*Misc Expenses
Resolution 2011 5-2 See Resolution Book
*Spring 2011 road cleanup
Resolution 2011 5-3 See Resolution Book
*Annual Renewal for OTARMA
Resolution 4 See Resolution Book
*First Energy Aggregation

Fiscal Officer Beachy told the Trustees it is time to renew our insurance policy with OTARMA for the upcoming term of 5/12/11-5/12/12. Beachy went over the new changes & updates to our policy. The Trustees were happy with the coverage and agreed to renew the policy for the upcoming year.

Mary Ann Webb with the Madison Co. Health Dept. addressed the board. She likes to stop in to the Townships at least one a year to see how things are going. Webb said that the levy passed last fall and things are going great; financially ok. The County Commissioners started charging for utilities and may raise their rent annually. She asked the Trustees if they had any complaints or concerns. Harbage and Ishmael addressed her with their concerns.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Nothing additional to report

Zoning: Ishmael said that Mahoney from Amity will be in court this week. Fiscal Officer Beachy gave Ishmael the number for Heather Glick regarding a zoning issue.

Fire: Meeker said that Toni Stevens has been out of town due to an illness in the family so he did not receive the minutes. Meeker said that the PO is signed and the new fire truck has been ordered. They should receive it by the end of the year. They plan to sell the old truck. The Fire Board went into Executive Session. The audit is complete for the Fire Dept. and only a couple of payroll problems were found.

Roads: Meeker said that Eli Gingerich will talk with Doug Beachy from the United Bethel Youth Group who did our 2011 Road/Ditch cleanup regarding some trash that was left & some not picked up. There was heavy rain on April 16th, therefore, there was some water in ditches. Eli has not been able to spray the ditches yet with Triplett due to the rainy weather. The speed mower is here and the flail off set mower will be coming this week. Meeker said that as soon as the weather clears, the guys can start mowing. They can use the off set mower to mow the edge along the road. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that the graffiti is still on the Amity Pike bridge. Ishmael is having a hard time seeing it and will look for it again. Harbage said that Middle Pike and Lucas Pike have a large pothole. Meeker went to the ODOT meeting in Delaware. They talked about stop signs at Rt 42 and Price Hilliard Rd. The road work project on Rt 42 is planned from Plain City to London for this summer. Ishmael said that George Roby wants more hours and so he gave him a project on the IH Truck but he didn’t do a great job cleaning up or finishing in a timely manner.

Cemetery: Harbage & Pete Hammond buried an urn for Jeff Rapp. We should be receiving a check for a non-township O&C from Mr. Rapp. Lewis and Hammond mowed several times this week. They got the mower stuck and fixed the holes. Gingerich and Hammond fixed ruts from the IH Truck and re-seeded. Meeker is not happy about this. We are always welcome to use the rubber mats from Darby Twp. to drive across wet grass. Harbage was not happy that Meeker approached Hammond with his concerns over the ruts left in the Cemetery by the IH Truck; He reminded Meeker that the Trustees agreed to voice their concerns with the appropriate Trustee instead of the worker directly. Harbage is to make clear with Hammond that Hammond is in charge of the Cemetery and to use John Lewis how he needs. Harbage & Hammond walked the old Cemetery on PC Grgsvl Rd. It has a large fence and a tree is laying on the fence and lots of

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Cemetery: briars. Harbage asked if Gingerich and Hammond could weedeat & cut the tree. The trustees agreed to remove the tree but not to continue any maintenance on the Cemetery. Harbage said the Madison Co Genealogical Society has an inventory of all burials in Madison County. Harbage said he will call Tim Rose to remove stumps in the Big Darby Cemetery. Ishmael received an estimate from Mr. Rose to remove the Ash tree and 2 additional stumps from the Cemetery for \$1200.00. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to hire Tim Rose; Central OH Stump Removal to remove the Ash tree, stump and 2 additional stumps at the Big Darby Cemetery for \$1,200.00. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Ishmael would like to oversee this fall at the Cemetery; crabgrass is taking over. Hammond applied preventer to the Cemetery grass. Harbage will look at the Cemetery regulations and will discuss at next month's meeting. Harbage said that Gingerich gave him a list of tools that Hammond wanted for the Cemetery. Ishmael doesn't want to replace tools unless they are broken. The trustees discussed the purchase of acreage from Earl Osborne & his sister to expand the Big Darby Cemetery. Mr. Osborne & his sister have asked the Trustees to make them an offer. Hammond called representing the Big Darby Church and said that the Church Trustees have no problems with the purchase. Ishmael said he will formalize an offer and Mr. Osborne and his sister are fine with 1/2 payment in 2011 and the balance paid in 2012. Meeker will go to the map office to have a map drawn of the property. After discussing the project, Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to have Steve Pronai draw up a contract for purchase of up to 4 acres @ \$12,500.00 per acre from Earl Osborne and his sister. Harbage would like to add an agreement permitting the Township to maintain 6ft. outside of the fence, which is currently an oral agreement. The Township will pay for the survey. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.

Building: Jennifer Shriver has resigned from cleaning the Township meeting room and bathrooms. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that she had someone who may be interested. They will try to get someone locally and if they cannot find someone Harbage suggested putting an ad in the paper. The Township lawn has been fertilized. Gingerich purchased fertilizer with preventor so it cost extra. Ishmael moved and Harbage seconded to add an extra \$65.00 to cover the 22 bags of fertilizer for the Twp and the Cemetery. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Meeker said that Mike Headlee said that Gingway makes a machine to fill cracks in the asphalt. Meeker will check into this. Gingerich called and said that the Stainless Steel post should be around \$300.00 to fix. Ishmael moved and Harbage seconded to spend no more than \$400.00 on the Stainless Steel post for the Twp from Gingway. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Meeker said that there is no insurance on the individual who ran over the Township mailbox and SS post. Harbage said he would like a SS post to mark the property corner of the new Cemetery land purchase. Mike Boeger emailed documents and resolution for the First Energy Aggregation to be passed and placed on the November 8, 2011 ballot. After the trustees discussed the pros and cons, Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to put the resolution on the November 8, 2011 ballot for the First Energy Aggregation grant. Roll call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Ishmael said he will call Mike Boeger to find out what we should do next. Fiscal Officer Beachy said she will be getting flowers for the Township bldg before Memorial Day. Harbage said that the 4-H group will plant the flowers at the Cemetery for one of their service projects.

Misc: Harbage mentioned the upcoming Summer Conference schedule by the OTA. The trustees will discuss at next month's meeting. Next month's meeting will be on Monday, June 6th at 7:00pm.

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

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____

