

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

### 2008 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: May 5, 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: Lisa Beachy  
Visitors: Charles Smith, Tim & Tracy Kronk: Madison Kountry Kids 4-H club

Before the meeting was started, the Madison Kountry Kids 4-H club, that uses our facilities the 1st Sunday of each month visited us. They wanted to express their thanks for letting them use our facilities. They each introduced themselves, asked some questions and we told them a little about ourselves. They brought refreshments for us to share. It was a great surprise!

Chairman Whitmer opened the meeting. Draft copies of the April 7th, 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. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

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

The Trustees approved with their signatures:

- April 30, 2008 "Richwood Bank Reconcile / UAN Fund Balances" report
- Checks to cover payroll and other obligations
- P.O.'s reviewed and signed
- Resolution 2008-5-1 (May 5, 2008) see attachment  
\*Permission to pay & file OPERS & other governmental reports via the Internet
- Resolution 2008-5-2 (May 5, 2008) see attachment  
\*Moved \$2000 within General Fund to refund Estate Tax to Auditor
- Resolution 2008-5-3 (May 5, 2008) see attachment  
\*To pay United Bethel Youth Group for cleaning roads & A&J for dumpster
- Resolution 2008-5-4 (May 5, 2008) see attachment  
\*OTRMA annual renewal
- Resolution 2008-5-5 (May 5, 2008) see attachment  
\*Approval to pay misc. expenses since last meeting

The following items were discussed:

I informed the trustees about HB458 that is currently in the Ways and Means Committee. Trying to clarify insurance reimbursement requirements.

Health & Safety: Nothing to report

Zoning: Don stated that he stopped in to talk with Janet Shriver concerning possible zoning change at their property. Don returned a call from a Mr. Blevins concerning any windmill zoning regulations. Don told Mr. Blevins that there are no current zoning restrictions.

Fire: Jim Meeker said that the new fire engine should be in service this weekend. It took some time to install additional equipment and Sutphen came to train the staff in operating the new engine. Jim Williamson, Madison Co. Auditor stopped into the firehouse and stated that he was very pleased with their financial situation.

Roads: Monroe stated that he had been out driving on the township roads and was on Carters Mill Rd. when he spotted a car parked on the curve. He continued to observe him and saw them throw something out of the car. Monroe turned around and got the license number from the car. He found a 3 month old puppy. Monroe called the Dog Warden and took the puppy home. Mr Kronk called Monroe an hr later and told him that they caught the couple. They received a \$250 fine, 120 hrs @ the dog pound and 5yr probation. Jim Meeker spoke with Mitch Blackford, Supt. of Hwy Madison Co. Div. 7, concerning property on corner of Rt. 42 & Price Hilliard. Rt. 42 entrance should not be used; it was only open to haul in road grindings from PC bypass. Ron Winn has sold off 3 acres on Price Hilliard, therefore, the entrance on Price Hilliard is blocked. The trustees are in total agreement that they are not pleased with Ron Winn. Don contacted Levin Hudson concerning the condition of various roads in the township. Monroe inquired about road signs to include road names. Posts are in place to put the road names on. Jim Meeker also spoke to Mitch Blackford about putting a flashing stop sign at Rt. 42 & Price Hilliard. There are 2 signs @ Rt 40 that could be transplanted. The approximate cost of \$1800.00 could be split. Jim Meeker stated that Mr. & Mrs. Ratchliffe of Colvin Dr. have a problem with a 19yr old who is target practicing. Jim contacted Steve Pronai and Pronai stated that there is nothing to be done as long as it is on his own property. The trustees reviewed the quote from American Pavement and agreed that it seems too high. They will continue to do more checking. They agree that something needs to be done but more pricing needs to be received. The trustees agreed that the drainage project on Smith Calhoun should proceed. The township agrees to pay our part of the costs for the project. Monroe Harbage moved and Jim Meeker seconded. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes

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Cemetery: Eli, Richard and Monroe moving dirt to level. We had 2 burials; Newman and Gilmore this month. Monroe said that Eli had to pump 8in. of water out of the Newman grave and there were 3 in. of water in the Gilmore grave. They removed extra and took it to the County. They got the dirt cleaned up from last winter. Hicks contacted Monroe to complain about the condition of the cemetery. Monroe said to check back on Memorial Day. John Lewis was out sick last week. Eli and Richard mowed the cemetery for John Lewis and plan on trimming. Don Whitmer suggested that we get a truckload of topsoil this summer so the grass will grow better. Monroe stated that a couple of shingles are missing on the Mausoleum. John Lewis told Monroe that ½ of the outlets were not working. Monroe found a broken wire and fixed it (after getting shocked). He suggested calling an electrician to get it fixed properly. Richard and Monroe raked up walnuts while waiting for the funeral. Don is to pick them up if he wants them.

Rt. 42 Building: Jim Meeker is to check on prices for carpet cleaning. The plexiglass is starting to warp.

Misc: Don Whitmer asked about progress with record retention. I told him Phyllis is still helping with that and would like to meet with Don and myself (Lisa Beachy) to finalize the record retention schedule.

New Business: The Washington DC trip coming up in September. The deadline for signing up is in June. Monroe stated that he would like to take his wife along at his own cost. Monroe also stated that he plans on attending the OTA Summer Conference in Cincinnati, OH. Don Whitmer attended the Comm. Block Grant Meeting. He said it was very informative. FYI: Each County gets \$100,000 each year and the rest is competitive. Currently \$36,200 is left for the fiscal year 2007 for South Solon.

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

Trustees \_\_\_\_\_  
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