

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2010 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: November 1, 2010 1:00 -4:00PM

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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: Roger Clark, Dan Burdick, Pete Hammond, Roger McKay, George Roby and Eli Gingerich

Draft copies of the October 4, 2010 minutes had been delivered to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Meeker moved and Ishmael 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

Administration: The Fiscal Officer's "October 2010 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the October 31, 2010 "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.

Ishmael addressed our visitors and asked them to speak. Mr. Clark from ABC gave the Trustees information on new trucks for the Township to replace our IH Truck. He presented 3 quotes to the Trustees. The trustees addressed several questions. Harbage asked Mr. Clark about the life of Aluminum vs. Stainless Steel. Mr. Clark said there is nothing scientific but the Alum seems to have more corrosive problems. Mr. Clark said that the average cost for a chassis only would be \$70000-\$80000 plus approximately \$49000 for the bed. Ishmael asked Mr. Clark his opinion on which he would recommend. Mr. Clark said that based on trade in value & wear conditions he would recommend the Stainless Steel. The bed would actually be stainless steel sides with a carbon steel floor so he would recommend undercoating for approximately \$400.00. Mr. Clark stated that it would take about 6 weeks to get a new bed/truck and ABC is not affiliated with a state contract. After further discussion, Ishmael thanked Mr. Clark and told him that the Township is just getting started discussing the purchase of a new truck and would like to table the issue until a future date.

Roger McKay presented the Trustees with quotes on trading in 2 mowers. The trustees agreed that it is time to replace a couple of the mowers due to wear and tear. After discussion with the Twp employees and the Trustess on the High Speed Mower, Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to trade in our JD 260 Mower for a JD 265 Disk Mower from JD Equipment for \$6193.10. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Next the Trustees discussed replacing the Flail Mower and considered purchasing an arm flail mower. After discussing the options, the Trustees agreed to wait on adding the arm flail mower at this time but will discuss in the future. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to trade in our Alamo SH-74 on a new Alamo SH-88 center mount mower from JD Equipment for \$3646.74. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.

The trustees approved with their signatures:

- Resolution 2010-11-1 See Resolution Book
 - *Misc Expenses paid since last meeting
- Resolution 2010-11-2 See Resolution Book
 - *Misc Expenses
- Resolution 2010-11-3 See Resolution Book
 - *Valley Natl Gases Propane Prepaid
- Resolution 2010-11-4 See Resolution Book
 - *Carpet cleaning & tile re-sealing by Ceiling Pro

Fiscal Officer Beachy asked the Trustees if they would consider having the Budget Meeting on December 23, 2010. They all agreed that this date would work but will decide on the time at the December Monthly Meeting.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Meeker said that the County Oct 16th cleanup went very well.

Zoning: Ishmael has nothing new to report on the Mahoney property in Amity. He will continue to be in contact with Steve Pronai. Ishmael may attend the Zoning Meeting this evening. Earl Osborne has a zoning request and the Trustees have no objections since it does follow the Comprehensive Plan.

Fire: Meeker said that the Fire Dept. did purchase a 2010 Ford F150 for the Chief. They spent \$4300.00 to install lighting and radios. The Fire Dept purchased 3 sets of gear for the Firemen for \$4400.00 They also talked about getting insurance quotes.

Roads: Eli Gingerich and Pete Hammond have been trimming trees along the Township roads. They have taken several loads to Kurtz Bros. on Houchard Rd. There is no cost for this. They are all most done mowing the Township ditches. Eli Gingerich asked the Trustees if he could purchase Triplett to spray for weeds in the ditches and fertilizer for the Township lawn and Cemetery.

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Roads cont: Meeker moved and Harbage seconded to spend up to \$1200.00 on Triplett/surfactant for the Township ditches and fertilizer for the Township lawn and Cemetery. Roll Call; Ishmael yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Ishmael said that we should consider aerating both yards before we spread any fertilizer. Meeker moved and Harbage seconded that we rent an aerator to use before we fertilize and spend no more than \$50.00 for the rental. Roll Call; Ishmael abstained, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Trustees agreed that it is OK to see Don Whitmer for any sprayer parts. Gingerich asked if hooks could be installed on the front & back of the IH Truck. Ishmael asked Gingerich to get a price on this installation and it would be discussed at a future meeting. Ishmael spoke to Levin at the Madison Co. Engineer's Office about the township signs being replaced. Levin indicated that some signs could be replaced now, and others will need to wait for utilities to be marked. Meeker said that he took a bill from AT&T regarding a claim to Steve Pronai. Pronai said that he will send AT&T a letter and suggests that we draft a letter to send to all of our utility companies regarding responsibilities for repairs. Ishmael said that he would like to test snow fencing and will have info at the next meeting. He suggested PC Georgesville at Price Hilliard and Kilbury Rd. He would also like to get something that can mark the edge of the road on Kilbury Rd. since there are very few mailboxes to reference.

Cemetery: Harbage said that he reviewed the Pronai opinion about the Cemetery regulations and said that there is nothing too different from our regulations. Ishmael suggested that we discuss this at our Jan organazitional meeting. All the Trustees agreed. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that she received Fred McKnights original deed and what she should do with it. The Trustees said that we should attach it to the new deed for reference. Harbage said that Helen McKnight contacted him regarding a foundation recently poured by Yaugers that is out of alignment. Harbage contacted Yaugers and they will fix the foundation at their cost. Pete Hammond has been mowing and mulching the leaves in the Cemetery. We need to change the flag at the Cemetery. Stonehuggers came to the Cemetery at the beginning of October to fix a couple of foundations and fix the Wilson grave.

Building: Meeker suggested that we consider changing the sign out front. It is beginning to show some wear. He suggested changing to an electronic sign. Ishmael asked Meeker to get pricing on this option before any decisions could be made. We recently had a 16th Birthday Party at the Township and the Trustees agreed that the building should be used for meetings vs. Birthday parties. However, they all agreed that each rental will be based on a case by case basis. The Trustees agree that they have the right to refuse rental at anytime. Gingerich said that a Highway Patrol officer stopped by the Township Building. He suggested we change the flag. Meeker was waiting until closer to Election Day to replace the flags. The Highway Patrol officer said that some Townships give them keys to use the facilities and it helps with security having a Highway Patrol car on the premises. Gingerich said he will look into this for the next meeting.

Misc: The Trustees agreed that next month's meeting will be on Monday, December 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 _____

