

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2009 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: November 2, 2009 1:15 PM –3:30PM

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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: Don Whitmer, Monroe Harbage & Jim Meeker
Fiscal Officer: Lisa Beachy
Visitors: Mark Ishmael, George Roby & Eli Gingerich

Draft copies of the October 5, 2009 minutes had been mailed to the Trustees in advance of the meeting. Whitmer said that the reference in the October minutes to John Deere should have read as J.D. Equipment. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that the minutes be accepted as mailed. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. The file copy was signed by all members of the Board and made available to the visitors present for inspection.

Administration: The Fiscal Officer's "October 2009 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the October 2009 "Richwood Bank Reconciliation and Fund Balances" report that the Trustees reviewed and approved with their signatures. Whitmer 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.

The trustees approved with their signatures:

- Resolution 2009-11-1 See Resolution Book
 - *Misc Expenses
- Resolution 2009-11-2 See Resolution Book
 - *Re-striping Township parking lot
- Resolution 2009-11-3 See Resolution Book
 - *Cleaning carpet
- Resolution 2009-11-4 See Resolution Book
 - *General Fund line item adjustment
- Resolution 2009-11-5 See Resolution Book
 - *Record Retention Shredding

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the trustees with the 2009 Mowing letter for the Madison Co. Engineer. The trustees explained to the guests how the mowing process works with the County. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that she received the final notebooks from Helen Wildermuth from Stonehugger. We placed all of the notebooks with the information and pictures of the graves in the bookcases in the Township meeting room. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded that we send Ms. Wildermuth a thank you letter. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Harbage asked that Fiscal Officer Beachy purchase a new file cabinet for Cemetery records. Fiscal Officer Beachy said that since we have removed some old documents that we now have room in the fire-proof file cabinet for some of the Cemetery records. Harbage agreed that this would be OK.

The following items were discussed:

Health & Safety: Nothing to Report

Zoning: No issues with the current zoning requests for the Earl Yutzy Estate and Jeff Turnbull.

Fire: Meeker said that the Fire Board passed 2 resolutions. The first resolution was for a contract with Ohio Cat Power to provide maintenance for the generator. The second resolution was to buy 2 mobile computer mapping units for the fire truck and EMS vehicle. Chief Greg Pinney and Clerk Toni Stevens stopped by during our meeting. They had some paperwork for Whitmer to sign.

Roads: Whitmer said that we should mow one last time for this mowing season. Eli Gingerich said that some berm work needs to be completed in areas of the Township. Both Whitmer and Gingerich will contact the County to address these issues. Meeker said that he spoke with Levin Hudson at the County concerning the fallen Amity Pike sign at Rt. 42. Gingerich said that he would like to purchase fertilizer for the Cemetery and Township Bldg property. Gingerich said he would need 8 bags of 32-4-10 @ \$14/bag for \$112.00 for the Township property and 14 bags of 32-4-10 @ \$14/bag for \$196.00 for the Cemetery. Gingerich also needs 20 gal of Triplett for broadleaf weed control for ditch spraying @ \$27/gal for \$540.00 and Surfactant @ \$46.60 for a total of \$586.60. Gingerich would also like to purchase a plate for the Bunton mowing decks to cover the opening to better mulch the leaves and grass. It was also suggested to purchase gator blades for the mowers to better mulch the leaves and grass. All trustees agreed that this would be a good purchase for the Township mowers. Gingerich said that the 1999 Chevrolet Pickup truck needs new tires; they are 5/32. The trustees agreed that we should replace the tires. Whitmer suggested checking Tire Discounters. Gingerich said that he will also check with a local retailer E&R Tires. The trustees agreed to price Michelin tires from both places. They agreed not to purchase the road hazard. Gingerich brought along samples of replacement materials to change the plexi-glass installed below the chair rail in the Township meeting room. He still needs to find out a price on these materials.

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- Roads: It needs to be decided if we only go a few inches below the chair rail or if we install a wainscoting that goes from chair rail to the floor. After the trustees discussed this issue they decided to table this for now and gather more information for future discussion. Gingerich said that he was having trouble with the Bunton mower not starting all the time. He said that he is not sure if it is the battery or the alternator. Whitmer said that is sounds like the battery to him.
Whitmer said that he has an update concerning the \$1/month deal offered from IH last month. He spoke with Dave Miller @ Urbana Tractor who will be at the Co. Township Meeting on Nov. 9, 2009. Whitmer said that Miller said that IH is offering this deal, however, it is only for 1 year and they will not take the John Deere tractors in trade. Whitmers concerns are using different products such as oils, parts or weights. We could try it with one tractor but would it be worth it in the long run. Whitmer and Meeker went to talk with J.D. Equipment. J.D. Equipment agreed to take off an additional \$1500.00 off the original deal offered in September. The new trade for both John Deere tractors would be \$11967.82. Whitmer asked for discussion on the deal. Gingerich said it would take more time to go to Urbana for parts and cost more in gas and downtime. He goes to London for multiple things and JD Equipment is right on the way. Plus IH will not take the John Deere tractors in trade so the Township would be responsible for selling the equipment.
Mark Ishmael said that the Township should stick with what they know and like. It may cost more in 2 years to get back into a John Deere. He wondered if it would be cheaper to stay with the JD tractors longer rather than trade every 2 years. George Roby asked if there was an extended warranty available. The trustees need to check. Whitmer said that if the Township doesn't trade every 2 years then they will need to consider replacing the front tires and may worry about problems with no warranty. Whitmer said that he would like to trade at this time. Meeker said that he didn't know what to expect from IH in the long run. Harbage said that he is in favor of trading for new John Deere tractors but feels that he was excluded from the decision making. He had stated at the last meeting that he would like to go and look at the tractors but was left out. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to trade the John Deere tractors for \$11967.82 with J.D. Equipment for delivery in Feb 2010. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Meeker yes and Harbage no response
- Cemetery: Harbage said that Yaugers came out to dig and pour the foundation for the Larry Ball grave. Harbage gave the workers from Yaugers the bronze military plaque for Larry Ball's monument.
Harbage met with Darryl Miller concerning the ongoing work at the Cemetery. Miller will try to be out this week to run the electric line to flag pole. At this time there will be no changes to the original quote. Harbage met with Pete Hammond concerning the 2 propane tanks that are sitting on Cemetery property. Hammond said that he will empty the large tank and have it removed and then place the 2 smaller tanks in that spot. The Big Darby Church also put in two new leach beds that are now in the way and Miller will have to change the tile 30-40ft different than the original configuration. A man stopped by while Harbage was at the Cemetery looking for his grandfather's grave. Harbage asked for him to wait and when he was done he helped him out. The man was visiting from Alaska and after much looking they found multiple relatives of his.
- Building: Doug Peterman stopped in to look at the Township building flood light. It has not been working properly. He changed the sensor and asked if we would check it this evening to see if it comes on. Meeker said he will check it this evening. The Trustees agreed that the carpet cleaning was a great success and looks great. Whitmer said that we should consider using this company in the future since they did such a good job.
- Misc: The County Twp meeting is Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:30 at Madison Co. Engineer's Bldg. Next month's Township meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2009 @ 7pm and the Budget Meeting will be held on Monday, December 28, 2009 @ 1pm. Fiscal Officer Beachy will notify the local papers of the Budget Meeting.

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

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____
