

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CANAAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF MADISON COUNTY OHIO

2008 REGULAR SCHEDULED SESSION

Held: November 3, 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: See Attached List

Chairman Whitmer opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone who was attending the meeting tonight and then asked Earl Osborne's representative, David Skrobot, to speak to the crowd. Mr. Skrobot addressed the crowd and reviewed how Mr. Osborne has proceeded over the last 4 yrs. Mr. Osborne had presented a limited development on his farmland in 2004 to the Canaan Township Trustees; spoke to the trustees again in March 2008 and then attended the Oct. 6th meeting with Pete Miller concerning alternative use of his land as a possible quarry. Mr. Skrobot reminded the crowd that Mr. Osborne did not submit an application for this quarry; he only wanted to discuss an alternative use of his land with the trustees. Mr. Osborne's neighbors had received a letter with a draft copy of the October minutes. Mr. Skrobot said that Mr. Osborne did not receive this letter. One resident spoke up and said that "we" don't want houses we want agriculture. Trustee Whitmer address the crowd and re-read the draft copy of minutes. He asked Steve Pronai, Madison Co. Prosecutor, to speak to the crowd to explain Madison Co. zoning procedures. Mr. Pronai explained that Madison Co. only has 2 townships not under Madison Co. zoning – Somerford and Monroe. Madison Co. has 4 documents that make up the Madison Co. Zoning: 1-Farm Land Preservation, 2-Co. 208 Plan (sewage plan), 3-Comprehensive Plan (reviewed every 5yrs) and 4-Madison Co. Resolution (permit & conditional uses). Mr. Pronai said there is a conditional use permit for 1yr for a Borrow Pit/Quarry, which is still reviewed by The Board of Zoning Appeals who then asks the Township Trustees their opinion. You still have to submit an application to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the approval of the trustees to get this re-zoned. Trustee Whitmer sat on the board when the county was putting the Madison Co. Zoning Plan together. The Madison Co. Zoning Plan took approximately 2 years to put together. He also stated that the purpose of this plan is to keep building from the infrastructure out and to recognize the value of agriculture. Whitmer did reiterate that Mr. Osborne's limited development proposal presented in 2004 was a very professional demonstration but that it doesn't fall under the Comprehensive Plan & Farm Land Preservation. Mr. Osborne addressed the residents and said that his 2004 proposal was voted 3-0 against (2 of the current trustees were on this board) and then 2-3 wks later he received a letter from the Township to purchase land to expand the Big Darby Cemetery. A resident addressed Mr. Osborne with a question...For the record, would you agree not to sell your land for a quarry? Mr. Osborne said that question was unfair. He wished that the community could have had the chance to see the plan 4 yrs ago and would love to stay in the community. One neighbor expressed his disapproval in Mr. Osborne using the possible quarry as leverage. Whitmer expressed his thanks to the spokesman for the residents. He stated that agriculture is still the #1 industry in OH and Madison Co. He reminded the crowd that a person has the right to sell his/her lands to anyone he/she chooses, however, it would be sold as agriculture. Mr. Pronai said that we should remember the Big Darby restrictions and that Plain City Georgesville Rd. is the most dangerous road in Madison Co. Mr. Pronai said that the trustees do have input on changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Osborne has the option of contacting his neighbors to ask for their support with any changes he may have for his land to gain support. Mr. Osborne is welcome to submit his proposal to the Comprehensive Plan committee. Whitmer encouraged the township residents to attend the monthly meetings and contact the trustees if they have any questions. Township government is the voice of the Township. The monthly minutes, after approved, can be found at www.madison.oh.us. The "Townships" button is the last in the list of options on the left-hand side of the page. Whitmer thanked those who attended and dismissed anyone who wanted to leave. Whitmer welcomed anyone to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

Draft copies of the October 6th, 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 Fiscal Officer's "October 2008 Activities Report" was reviewed by the Trustees. (See attachment).

The Trustees approved with their signatures:

- October 31, 2008 "Richwood Bank Reconcile / UAN Fund Balances" report
- Checks to cover payroll and other obligations

Fiscal Officer Beachy presented the October 31, 2008 "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 2008-11-1 See Resolution book
- *Misc Expenses since last meeting
- Resolution 2008-11-2 See Resolution book
- *Misc Expenses II
- Resolution 2008-11-3 See Resolution book
- *Receipt Allocation

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The trustees approved with their signatures:

- Resolution 2008-11-4 See Resolution book
- *Cemetery Window mold cleaning
- Resolution 2008-11-5 See Resolution book
- *General Fund Appropriation

Fiscal Officer Beachy asked the trustees for permission to purchase Microsoft Access to use on the Township computer for an updated database program. She also asked permission to update the current Township computer as needed to receive wireless Internet signals. Meeker moved and Harbage seconded to allow Fiscal Officer Beachy to perform these activities with the Township computer. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.

The following items were discussed:

- Health & Safety: Nothing to Report
- Zoning: Fiscal Officer Beachy gave each of the trustees a copy of a letter from David Hughes that was sent to Ron Winn concerning the property on the corner of Rt. 42 and Price Hilliard Rd.
- Fire: Meeker attended the Fire Board meeting and reported on the finance for the Fire Dept. Meeker also stated that the Fire Board passed a Resolution for air breathing equipment and signed a maintenance contract. The Fire Board also agreed to hire Dave with the Gov't Accounting Solutions to perform payroll duties when Toni Stevens is out of town or cannot complete her duties. \$75.00/hr plus \$40/hr travel time. Fire Prevention Week was a big success.
- Roads: Whitmer stated that he did not contact Levin at the Madison Co. Engineer's office concerning the drainage project on Smith Calhoun. Whitmer signed the annual mowing letter. Fiscal Officer Beachy contacted the Madison Co. Engineer's office and the reimbursement of \$30 per mile is the same as last year. It is expected for the four rounds of mowing the 41.44 miles of County roads within the Township.
- Cemetery: Harbage presented a proposal to replace approximately 2 bundles of shingles damaged in Sept 2008 windstorm at the Cemetery Vault building. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to have Andy Weeks Construction perform the work. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. The Vac Blower that was purchased at Hilliard Lawn & Garden was returned. It did not have enough power as the old model and would not properly blow grit and gravel off driveways and roads. Whitmer will check with Hilliard Lawn & Garden about getting a more powerful unit. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to approve the monument requested by Mrs. Rankin for her families plot at Big Darby Cemetery. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes. Fiscal Officer Beachy will send Mrs. Rankin a Foundation Permit and Cemetery Regulations.
- Rt. 42 Building: Meeker said that Eli Gingerich, Gary Miller and George Roby cleaned up around the Township building to get the property ready for the General Election November 4th. They fertilized the yard, trimmed around the building, put up new US & OH flags, and power washed the blacktop.
- Misc: Meeker discussed future reimbursements for cancellations of hotel charges for personal reasons. The trustees agreed to table the issue until a future date. Fiscal Officer Beachy reminded the trustees that the Township Handbook states that township officials should only be reimbursed for mileage outside the township. Whitmer said that he would ask a couple of questions at the County Township meeting on Monday, November 10th. The trustees asked Fiscal Officer Beachy to write a follow-up letter to Mr. Osborne.
- New Business: Fiscal Officer Beachy reminded the trustees that she will be attending the Concepts in Record Management for Local Governments at the Ohio Historical Society this Thurs., November 6th from 10-3. Harbage moved and Meeker seconded to reimburse mileage to and from the seminar. Roll Call; Whitmer yes, Harbage yes and Meeker yes.

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

Fiscal Officer

Trustees _____

