
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE

BOARD OF CANFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Meeting held on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Canfield Township Trustees held a regular meeting in the Canfield Township Hall on Tuesday, April 25, at 7:00pm. Chairman Brian Governor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In as much as these meetings are recorded, these minutes are to provide information of the most salient points, and not intended to describe all conversations and testimony verbatim. Recordings of most meetings are available for listening to in the Township Hall, and a copy may be obtained upon request from the Fiscal Officer.

Note: These are not the original minutes submitted by the Fiscal Officer for approval. The trustees are approving this draft completed by the Administrative Assistant.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

The Chairman requested that Keith Rogers, Township Administrator/Road Superintendent, call the attendance roll:

Mr. Paloski	present
Mr. Governor	present
Mrs. Cartwright	present

Also present was Township Administrator/Road Superintendent Keith Rogers. Fiscal Officer Denise Joseph was not present.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

The Board recognized and heard from several Mahoning County residents who voiced their opposition to the Mill Creek MetroParks Board's proposed deer culling. There are several Mill Creek Park areas in Canfield Township that are of concern if hunting deer is permitted. The residents discussed various opinions as to why they are not in favor of the deer hunt. One resident asked if the Township has taken a position on the deer hunt that Mill Creek Park is proposing. The Board of Trustees stated they have not had conversation and are not in a position to take a stance. Furthermore, Chairman Brian Governor made it clear that Canfield Township adheres to the Ohio Revised Code and there is not much legally that the Township can do. It was suggested that the residents speak to the Mill Creek MetroParks Board.

The Board recognized Dennis Hageman of 4510 Quaker Court, Canfield, who received a nuisance property letter from the Canfield Zoning Department and he wanted to explain his position. He believes the complaint is that his backyard isn't meeting the standards for the new Macy Lane development, situated behind his property. Mr. Hageman is a bricklayer and stated the bricks, ladder and scaffolding in his backyard are tools of his trade. He is asking to come to a satisfactory agreement for all concerned. He does not understand why the developer was not permitted to put up a fence. He now has lights at night, from drivers in the new development, that shine into his home. He suggested piling his material in one spot and covering it however, Zoning Inspector Traci DeCapua, told him that was not satisfactory. Lastly, he stated that "he would hope that the Canfield Township officials and zoning would protect those that are affected when developers come in."

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The Board recognized Bruce Neff who first applauded all the individuals in the room for getting involved and wanting change. He continued that this is how you change politics and let administrators know how you feel. He was there to talk about the proposed dog park in the Township which he previously presented to the Board. He is a member of the Canfield Heritage Foundation that operates Loghurst Museum located on State Route 224. The Western Reserve Historical Society from Cleveland owns the property and they have given permission to Mr. Neff, if the supporters can raise their own money, to build a dog park. Mr. Neff asked the Board if the Township would help in a few years with the maintenance consisting mostly of mowing grass at the property.

The Board recognized Attorney Michael Thompson of 214 S. Main Street, Poland, Ohio representing Universal Development for the proposed Canfield Crossing Development; and speaking on behalf of the land owner Ron Anderson. Mr. Thompson stated that Universal Development has questions regarding water supply and the path moving forward with this development. There are three possible routes for water included in this preliminary plan and two routes for sanitary sewer. "The routes for water are; Township water by way of Turner Road; City water by way of Palmyra Road; and City water by way of the Garland land," which abuts State Route 224. "The two options for sanitary sewer; one runs through the Ivy Lane route and the other runs through the Garland land".

To submit a final PUD plan, the Township needs to state to Universal Development how far the water line will run and will the development be able to connect. Mr. Thompson continued discussing several different issues since the developer has many concerns, one in particular is the \$1,000,000 State grant funding which won't be received until October 2023; and no copy of the ABC agreement with Youngstown Water has been given to the developer.

Mrs. Cartwright corrected Mr. Thompson's statement regarding the \$1,000,000 which is not State funding it is Federal funding; and reminded Mr. Thompson that the Board of Canfield Township does not make decisions concerning the water line, the ABC Water and Stormwater District (ABC) Board makes that decision. The Township has a representative on the ABC Board, Mr. Rogers the Township's Administrator/Road Superintendent, however it's the ABC Board that controls the funding.

Mr. Thompson stated he does understand however, what the Township does control is approval of this project and this project might come to the Township with a different water line. Mrs. Cartwright stated if the water is received from the City of Canfield the Township has a court judgment and will utilize it to go before the County Commissioners requesting the City of Canfield sit with the Township and demand a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD); a Cooperative Economic Development Agreement (CEDA) or an Annexation Agreement be put into place before any development is built.

Mr. Paloski explained there is a total of \$1,325,000 for an ABC water line; and when Mr. Anderson addressed the Board previously with preliminary plans and under oath stated; the development would tie into the ABC water line and would pay to do so.

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Mr. Rogers stated that the developers of Millennial Moments and SummerWind paid to run the water line to their respective developments.

MINUTES: Chairman Governor moved to approve the public hearing meeting minutes and the regular meeting minutes of April 11, 2023. These minutes with suggested changes were incorporated and accepted.

ADMINISTRATOR/ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Mr. Rogers stated after speaking with the vendor Streetsweeping is scheduled to begin at the end of this week on Friday or Monday next week.

The Board discussed moving forward with installing a digital sign that would be in front of the Township Hall. Mr. Rogers stated after speaking with Canfield City's Zoning Inspector Mike Cook, the Township will need a zoning variance at a cost of \$300; a \$30,000 grant opportunity through the Mahoning County Commissioners office will fund this project.

The Township has re-advertised for a full-time Public Works department employee in various papers; and the position is posted on the Township's website as done previously.

Mr. Rogers stated a second quote of \$1,600 was received from Keystone Surveying to locate the boundaries (pins) on Westington Drive; the first quote received was from AES Surveying for \$1,000. Residents are dumping their grass clippings and sticks that has become a huge mound on the access road leading to the detention pond. This surveying would help the residents know where their property ends. The Board agreed to the first quote from AES Surveying and Land Planning.

ABC Water District: The ABC Water and Stormwater District will have a special meeting to advertise for Request For Qualifications (RFQs) with engineering firms due to the cost of the waterline project; the ad will run for two weeks. The ABC Water District will then select an engineering firm at the next regular meeting. A copy of the contract was submitted to the Ohio EPA for approval; which is a requirement for any waterline project.

The ABC Water District will replace some curb and gutter on Revere Run as a special project.

Cornersburg Cemetery Update: Mr. Governor stated that Cemetery Sexton Bob Burkett, suggested the first (4) items in Section (1) of the *Dean Hill Cemetery* Rules and Regulations be updated to reflect the *Cornersburg Cemetery*. The Board agreed with the updates; Mr. Rogers will submit the aforementioned to the Mahoning County Prosecutor's office for review.

Township Park: Mr. Rogers stated the Public Works Department did a great job on spreading the fall protection at the park playground.

Public Works Report: No Discussion.

ZONING REPORT: Mrs. Cartwright stated that home starts are down from the last several years during the same time period.

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Mr. Governor moved to accept the Administrator/Road Superintendent, Public Works and Zoning reports as presented.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT: Mr. Governor stated in the Fiscal Officer's absence she wanted to reiterate that the first half real estate settlement for calendar year 2023 was \$36,000.

Mr. Governor moved to accept the Fiscal Officer report as presented.

New Business / Motions / Resolutions:

MOTION 2023-54

Summer Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Cartwright moved to adopt a Summer Meeting Schedule as in past years to one meeting a month from June through September 2023 with the regular meeting schedule resuming in October. During the summer, the meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise advertised and in October, the regular meeting schedule will return to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Discussion: The Board will meet as needed throughout the summer in addition to the regular meeting. Mr. Governor seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

MOTION 2023-55

Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded In 2023

Mrs. Cartwright moved to approve the Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2023 **Resolution #2023-04-25-04**. Canfield Township is agreeing to purchase 653 tons of salt which includes 53 tons for the Canfield Local School District. Mr. Governor seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

MOTION 2023-56

Donation War Veterans Museum

Mrs. Cartwright moved to approve a \$800 donation to the War Veterans Museum, to help with the cost of the Wall of Honor Plaque for the 2023 Memorial Day event. Mr. Governor seconded the Motion. Discussion: This contribution will come from the General Fund – Contribution to Other Organizations. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

MOTION 2023-57

Donation American Legion Post 177

Mrs. Cartwright moved to approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the American Legion Post 177 as requested by Michael Kubitza, Commander of the Post, to help with the cost of the 2023 Memorial Day Service. Mr. Governor seconded the Motion. Discussion: This contribution will come from the General Fund – Contribution to Other Organizations. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

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2022 National Opioids Settlements

Mrs. Cartwright moved that Canfield Township participate in the 2022 National Opioids Settlements reached with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

MOTION 2023-59

Warrants & Electronic Payments

Mr. Paloski moved to authorize the payment of all the Township's outstanding obligations. Mr. Governor seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0.

Trustee Comments:

Civic Day is Friday, May 12, 2023; there are 2 morning sessions.

The Board reviewed the photos for the Township Hall.

Mr. Paloski stated the lease agreement with the Cardinal Joint Fire District for the building on Messerly Road has been signed by the Cardinal Joint Fire District Board.

Next Meeting Date(s): The Board will have regular meetings May 9 and 23, 2023 at 7:00pm. These meetings are scheduled to be in person at the Township Hall and will be advertised appropriately.

MOTION 2023-60

Executive Session

In accordance with ORC 121.22 Mr. Governor moved to adjourn into executive session at 8:41 pm specifically for exception: G (1) To consider the employment of a public employee(s). Mrs. Cartwright seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Paloski, yes; Mr. Governor, yes; Mrs. Cartwright, yes. Motion carried 3 to 0. The Board re-entered Public Session at 9:16 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Board, Chairman Governor adjourned the meeting at 9:18pm.

Mr. Brian W. Governor, Chairman

Mr. Joseph N. Paloski, Trustee

Mrs. Marie Izzo Cartwright, Vice-Chairman

Not Present

Mrs. Denise M. Joseph, Fiscal Officer

Minutes prepared by:

Cindy Williams

Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees

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