

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – August 22, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in-person. Supervisor Graham-Hudak called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Borninski, Ganguly, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneiderman
Members Absent: Foster

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Discuss pending litigation (Stefani Horrenstein v Charter Township of Canton, et al.)

Motion by Siegrist supported by Slavens to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 Sec 8 (1) (e) to discuss pending litigation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the agenda as presented, adding item G-15 and a floating resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Public comment was held.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Slavens, supported by Borninski to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON EXPENDITURE RECAP FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF August 22, 2023		
101	GENERAL FUND	879,563.12
204	ROADS FUND	826,217.77
206	FIRE FUND	481,626.80
207	POLICE FUND	783,623.20
208	COMMUNITY CENTER FUND	65,678.89
219	STREET LIGHTING FUND	24,797.85
230	CABLE TV FUND	13,847.14
246	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND	0.00
248	DDA - CANTON	49,915.96
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	18,866.93
261	E-911 UTILITY	2,640.12
265	ORGANIZED CRIME - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	0.00

274	CDBG FUND	318.00
276	NSP GRANTS FUND	0.00
285	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT	0.00
301	ENERGY PROJECT DEBT SVCE FUND	0.00
302	CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICE	0.00
401	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	10,564.55
402	CAP PROJ - WATER & SEWER	0.00
403	CAP PROJ - ROAD PAVING	944.82
404	CAP PROJ - CHV DEVELOPMENT	0.00
584	GOLF FUND	46,649.28
592	WATER & SEWER FUND	188,178.97
596	GARBAGE & RUBBISH COLLECTIONS	1,622.17
661	FLEET MAINTENANCE FUND	33,076.13
701	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	450.00
702	CUSTODIAL FUND	120.00
736	POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND	116,142.82
852	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT SERVICE	0.00
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		3,544,844.52

Item G-15. Consideration of Board Action on Attorney's recommendation regarding pending litigation

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens in the matter of Stefani Horrenstein v Canton Township, et. al. pending in United States District Court, I move to approve the proposed settlement with the Plaintiff, and further authorize the Township Supervisor to sign any documents necessary to effect resolution of this pending lawsuit on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Calendar:

Item C-1. Consider Increasing Blanket Purchase Order for Municipal Services

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the amendment to the following purchase order: PO#2023-00001029 Suburban Calcium Chloride Sales increase from \$13,000 to \$13,500 using account # 101-447-03.801_0090. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C-2. Consider Increasing One Blanket Purchase Order for Municipal Services

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following Budget Amendment:

Increase Revenue:

661-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$10,000
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Increase Expenditure:

661-530.939	Inventory Purchased	\$10,000
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Further, to approve amendment to the following purchase orders: PO #2023-0000291 Golf Cars Plus increase from \$19,000 to \$29,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item C-3. Consider Approval of 2023 Budget Adjustments

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the attached listing of budget adjustments to the 2023 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

General Calendar:

Item G-1. Consider WTUA Annual Budget Approval

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the resolution as presented.

**RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MCHIGAN**

Approval of WTUA Annual Budget Approval

Whereas Western Townships Utilities Authority has prepared a proposed budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, which has been reviewed by the Finance Committee on July 12, 2023 and the Board of Commissioners on July 24, 2023; and;

Whereas the Authority is required to submit a budget to each of the member Townships for approval in August of each year; now therefore be it;

Resolved, that the departmental budget for the Authority as presented on page 1 of the Proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, in the amounts presented, is hereby approved.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-2. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Ford & Napier Rezoning

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance of Planning Application #070-RZ-7754, which rezones tax parcel no. 070-99-0002-702 from RA, Rural Agricultural to R-2, Single Family Residential. Further, to table consideration of the amendment for a second reading on September 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition

Item R-1. Resolution Recognizing Megan Donahue, Mark Jones, Jim Polturanus, Peyton Steele and Keith Welty

Motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Siegrist to approve the resolution as presented.

**RESOLUTION OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MCHIGAN**

Resolution Recognizing Megan Donahue, Mark Jones, Jim Polturanus, Peyton Steele and Keith Welty

Whereas the Canton Police and Fire Departments recognizes the importance of heroic citizens and their involvement in the accomplishment of public safety; Whereas on July 18, 2023, Megan Donahue, Mark Jones, Jim Polturanus, Peyton Steele and Keith Welty were at their homes located in the 3500 block of S. Canton Center Road when they heard a female neighbor screaming for help; Whereas these five neighbors ran from their homes toward the screams to discover a female sitting on the roof of her home with flames visible on the first floor;

Whereas one neighbor quickly retrieved a ladder from his property and everyone assisted in getting the female down from the roof of the burning residence;

Whereas firefighters and police officers arrived to find one victim who had made her way out from the first floor, and the second victim who had been assisted safely to the ground by her neighbors; and

Whereas these five individuals demonstrated unwavering courage and compassion going above and beyond to make a positive impact on their neighbor's life; now therefore be it;

Resolved, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton upon recommendation of the Directors of Police and Fire Services does hereby recognize Megan Donahue, Mark Jones, Jim Polturanus, Peyton Steele and Keith Welty for their commendable contribution to the Canton community.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-3. Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Nameti Rezoning

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to introduce and hold the first reading of the proposed amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as provided in the attached ordinance of Planning Application #121-RZ-7853, which rezones tax parcel no. 71-121-99-0007-000 from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Single Family Residential. Further, to table consideration of the amendment for a second reading on September 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-4. Consider Approving an Animal Sheltering Agreement with the Michigan Humane Society

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to approve the proposed agreement with Michigan Humane Society for animal sheltering services through December 31, 2025, in the total annual amount of \$46,925 (\$41,925 in flat monthly fees, plus \$5,000 for ancillary specialty services as needed, per contract). Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-5. Consider Approving an Agreement for Emergency Veterinary Services

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve an agreement with Veterinary Emergency Service West, for an annual amount not to exceed \$6,000. This agreement will be effective upon approval, and valid through December 31, 2024, with an option for a two-year renewal at that time. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-6. Consider Approving an Extension to the Embedded Social Worker Contract with Hegira Health, Inc.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve an extension to the embedded social worker contract with Hegira Health, Inc, to run through November 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-7. Consider a Request to Approve a Letter of Agreement Between Canton Township and the Police Officers Association of Canton/Police Officers Association of Michigan

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the LOA between Canton Township and the POAC/POAM to provide for the establishment of a promotional process for the positions of Telecommunications Supervisor. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-8. Consider Approving a Three-Year Animal Control Services Contract

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to award a three-year animal control contract, with the option to extend an additional three years, to Varmint Police, Inc., of Willis, MI, in the amount of \$6,064.12 a month (72,769.53 annually), from August 1, 2023 – July 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-9. Consider Approving the Purchase of GrayKey from GrayShift, LLC, and Accept a Donation from the Operation Underground Railroad Toward the Purchase

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the purchase of GrayKey Essential with one-year annual licensing in the amount of \$14,120, additionally, accept a donation from the non-profit organization Operation Underground Railroad in the amount of \$5,260.25, to be applied toward the \$14,120, and paid directly to GrayShift, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-10. Consider Approval of a Purchase Order to OHM Advisors for Engineering Services for the initial phase of Cherry Hill Village

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to waive the bidding process and approve a purchase order to OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 for professional engineering services for the initial phase of the Cherry Hill Village Square development. A purchase order will be submitted in the amount of \$117,500 to be paid from Account #404-727.801_0050 Professional Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-11. Consider approval of resolution approving settlement agreement in opioid litigation involving Walgreens

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the resolution approving the settlement agreement in opioid litigation involving Walgreens and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign any necessary documents in order to effectuate the settlement. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-12. Consider purchase of property located at 50755 Cherry Hill Road, commonly referred to as the Village Arts Factory

Motion by Borninski, supported by Sneideman to recuse Clerk Siegrist due to a disclosed conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve the purchase of the property at 50755 Cherry Hill Road for an amount not to exceed \$2,085,831.18 and approve the following budget amendment:

Increase Revenues:		
246-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$2,085,832.00
Increase Expenditures:		
246-261.970_0070	Capital Outlay Land	\$2,085,832.00

Further, to recommit the fund balance previously committed for Fire Station #4 in the amount of \$2 Million to fund the purchase of this property and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign all of the necessary documents to finalize the sale, pending the results of an environmental assessment on the property, and final approval by legal counsel. Motion carried.

Item G-13. Consider Award of a Contract to AKT Peerless Environmental Services to Perform an Environmental Assessment at The Village Arts Factory Warehouse, 50755 Cherry Hill

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to waive the bidding process and award a contract for environmental assessment at 50755 Cherry Hill to AKT Peerless Environmental Services, 22725 Orchard Lake Rd, Farmington, MI 48336 in the amount of \$17,550 to be paid from account 404-727.801_0050 Professional Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Item G-14. Consider FOIA 23-457 Second Appeal

Motion by Siegrist, supported Slavens to grant the appeal in full: giving the dog owner's identity to The Sam Bernstein Law Firm. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional Public comment was held.

Additional Board comment was held.

Adjourn: Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor