

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – May 21, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in person. Supervisor Graham-Hudak called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Members Present: Foster, Ganguly, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens

Members Absent: Sneideman, Borninski

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution:

Item R-1. Resolution Declaring May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

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

Resolution Declaring May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Whereas in 1990 Congress voted to expand Asian Pacific Heritage from a week to a month-long celebration and in May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month;

Whereas understanding Asian and Pacific Islander history is an important part of celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month;

Whereas even in the face of adversity, generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have helped make this country what it is today;

Whereas according to the U.S. Department of Justice, reports of bias incidents and hate crimes against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) individuals have increased in communities across the country over the past few years;

Whereas the AAPI community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 45 distinct ethnicities and more than 100 language dialects;

Whereas according to the Bureau of the Census, the AAPI community comprises of nearly 20% of the population of Canton Township;

Whereas on March 7th, 1834 Canton became a township and was named after a city in China due in part to the enhanced trade relations the United States and China had brokered at that time;

Whereas over 40 different languages are spoken in Canton Township, many of which are of

Asian origin, namely Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali and Gujarati; and in 2023 Canton township, in collaboration with the community, erected a peace pole in Canton Heritage Park to commemorate some of these languages, and;

Whereas Canton Township is known regionally for our diverse offerings of markets, restaurants, and retail businesses owned by Asian American residents that are an integral part of the diverse history of Canton; now, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Canton Township Board of Trustees does hereby declare May 2024 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Canton Township and strongly encourages our community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to our nation, state and township.

Motion carried unanimously

Study Session:

- 1) WESTERN WAYNE BUILDING RENOVATIONS REVIEW
- 2) CANTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PLAN

Public Comment:

Public Comment was held.

Adjourn:

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor