

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings - March 25, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, 3/25/2025, at 1150 Canton Center Rd. S., Canton Michigan. This meeting was called to order by Supervisor Graham-Hudak at 7:00 PM.

7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ansari, Borninski, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens

Members Absent: Ganguly

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/FORMAL RESOLUTIONS

- 1) Resolution Declaring the Month of April as “Fair Housing Month” in Canton Township (FBD)

Motion by Borninski, supported by Slavens to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution Declaring the Month of April as “Fair Housing Month” in Canton Township

Whereas the year 2025 marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act: Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended;

Whereas this law guarantees that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, sex, family status, disability or national origin;

Whereas equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation, state and township; and

Whereas barriers which diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the rights of all citizens; Now, therefore be it;

Resolved that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees designates the month of April 2025 as “Fair Housing Month” in Canton Township. We encourage the residents of our community to join in this observance.

Motion carried unanimously.

2) Social Work Month 2025 Proclamation

Motion by Graham Hudak, supported by Foster to adopt the following resolution:

Social Work Month 2025 Proclamation

Whereas people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation;

Whereas this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Compassion + Action," embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results;

Whereas the Social Work Profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, with Social Workers successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage;

Whereas Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion;

Whereas Social Workers follow a Code of Ethics, which sets as the primary mission of the Social Work profession the enhancement of human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty;

Whereas the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2033;

Whereas Social Workers work in all parts of our society – including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive; WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division;

Whereas Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and are pressing for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve mental health care delivery in our nation;

Whereas Social Workers help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption;

Whereas research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents; and

Whereas Social Workers continue to stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; Now, therefore be it;

Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby proclaim the month of March 2025 as National Social Work Month. We encourage our residents to join the National Association of Social Workers and Canton Township in recognizing the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers.

PUBLIC HEARING

1) Consider Holding the Public Hearing for the 2025 Sidewalk Repair Program (MSD)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to open the Public Hearing to hear comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs pursuant to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance, Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 at 7:09 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

- Michelle Brewer spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Dian Keeting spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Barb on Ardsley Ct. spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Mike Walker spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Lucas Walsh spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Richard Burowski spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Melanie Gumz spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- George Miller spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.
- Jing Chen spoke against the necessity of sidewalk repairs.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to close the Public Hearing after hearing the comments on the necessity of sidewalk repairs to the Township Sidewalk Ordinance, Sidewalk Repair Program Policy and as provided in Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 at 7:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the attached resolution No. 2025-9 requiring replacement of sidewalks in the subdivisions and miscellaneous locations as indicated on the attached list and published in the DLN on March 10, 2025 and TE on March 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Held.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Approval of minutes from March 11, 2025

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT/PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 1) Payment of Bills 3-26-25

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Consider Approval of a Purchase Order to Michigan Cat for the installation of a generator at the Village Theater, and Fire Station 3. (MSD)

Approve the contract and purchase order to Michigan Cat in the amount of \$301,000 for the installation of Generators at Village Theater, and Fire Station 3.

- 2) Consider Awarding a Contract and Purchase Order to Replace the Recalled Fire Suppression Sprinkler Heads at Fire Station 1. (MSD)

Waive the bid process and utilize Vanguard Fire & Security Systems, and approve the contract and a purchase order to Vanguard Fire & Security Systems, Inc, in the amount of \$32,302 to replace the recalled fire suppression sprinkler heads at Fire Station 1.

- 3) Consider Approving a Request to Purchase Ammunition (Police)

Approve the purchase of ammunition utilizing State of Michigan Contract Pricing from Kiesler Police Supply, in the amount of \$39,932.

- 4) Consider the Acceptance of CPE Training Funds from the State of Michigan with Associated Budget Amendment (Police)

Approve acceptance of funding from the State of Michigan to be used on MCOLES three-year CPE training program, with the associated 2025 Police Budget amendment:

Increase Revenues:

State Grants	#207-000.539	\$84,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	#207-000.695	\$42,000

Increase Appropriations:

Training & Education CPE	#207-301-50.810_0008	\$126,000
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- 5) Consider Budget Amendment and Purchase Order for Crimboli Nursery, Inc. for Tree Planting Services (MSD)

Approve a purchase order to Crimboli Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$104,000 and the required associated budget amendment:

Increase Revenue:

101-000.528 Other Grants \$4,000

Increase Expenditures:

101-585.801_0050 Professional Services \$4,000

GENERAL CALENDAR

- 1) Consider First Reading of an Amendment to Appendix A – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for Muslim Educational Community Center of America (MECCA) Rezoning (MSD)

Motion by Siegrist supported by Borninski to introduce and hold the first reading of Planning Application #031-RZ-8298, which rezones the subject parcel at 6200 N. Ridge Rd. from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential, as the proposal meets the standards of Section 27.06(D)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance as stated in the Planning Commission's motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreements with 16 Consultants for Community Planning Services (MSD)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to authorize the Township Supervisor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with each of the 16 consulting firms that submitted proposals in response to Canton Township's Community Planning Services RFP issued on January 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Consider Action to Pursue Tree City USA Designation (MSD)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to direct Planning Services Division staff to prepare the necessary materials for Canton Township to pursue Tree City USA designation, in coordination with other divisions and departments, and to present the materials to the Township Board at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

- 4) Consider Approving a Proposal for Architectural Services for the Public Safety Headquarters Building with an Associated Budget Amendment (Police)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the proposal for architectural services with Partners in Architecture in the amount of \$26,450, with the required amendment to the 2025 Police Budget:

Increase Revenues:

Fund Balance Appropriation Treasury Forfeiture #207-000-695_1008 \$26,450

Increase Appropriations:

Program Expenses Treasury Forfeiture #207-301-50.763_0027 \$26,450

Motion carried unanimously.

- 5) Consider Renewing a One-Year Contract for Grant Writing Services with Davis Kirksey Associates, Inc. (Police)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve a one-year contract for grant writing services with David Kirksey Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$39,600 to be paid in monthly

installments equally from the Police, Fire and General Funds. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6) Consider Approving the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Police Department with an Associated 2025 Budget Amendment (Police)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the purchase of office furniture in the amount of \$50,486.51 from Kentwood Office Furniture and the required amendment to the 2025 Police Budget:

Increase Revenues:

Fund Balance Appropriation DEA Forfeiture	#207-000-695_1004	\$50,487
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Increase Appropriations:

Program Expenses DEA Forfeiture	#207-301-50.763_0021	\$50,487
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Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) Consider Approving the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Fire Department (Fire)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve the purchase of office furniture in the amount of \$42,897.57 from Kentwood Office Furniture. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8) Consider a Request to Approve Letter of Agreement (LOA) Between Canton Township and the Technical Professional Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) (Supervisor)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Letter of Agreement (LOA) between Canton Township and the Technical Professional Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM). Motion carried unanimously.

- 9) Consider Reappointments to the Historic District Commission (Supervisor)

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve the reappointments of David Curtis, Karen Krepps, and Kathy Martin to the Historic District Commission for three-year terms to end on April 30th, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Held.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

Held.

BOARD COMMENT

Held.

ADJOURN

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor