

**Canaan Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**  
**Minutes**

Chairman Matt Carwell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call showed all trustees present. Also present were Prosecutor Charles Howland as well as Gene Ebert, Ebert Mowing and Landscaping.

Mr. Howland looked over the legality of the First Energy Amendment for the Community Aggregation Program that Lorraine Rader, Manager of Government Aggregation for First Energy presented to the trustees last month. Mr. Howland felt that everything looked okay from a legal standpoint. After last month's meeting, Ms. Rader contacted the trustees with an offer to extend the agreement to a 48 month (4 year) term at 4.94¢ kWh. Because of the change in terms, Mr. Bayles made a motion to amend the resolution (4-8-2019-1) to replace the 36 month option at 5.00¢ kWh with the 48 month option at 4.94¢ kWh. This option still includes the \$2,500 grant payable in March of 2020. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bayles, yes; Mr. Carwell, yes; Mr. Sayers, yes.

Mr. Howland also addressed the junk vehicle complaint the trustees received last month about a property on the corner of CR 70 and CR 59. Mr. Howland gathered the information he needed to send a friendly letter asking the homeowners to take proper steps to clean up the property.

Mr. Gene Ebert, with Ebert Mowing and Landscaping reported that the mowing season is going well but the rainy weather has been a challenge for everyone this spring.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting. Mr. Sayers made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The fiscal officer reported receipts and balances to date in all funds. The bank reconciliation report was also presented. Automatic drafts for utilities were examined. The United Bank Statement was also distributed. Credit card purchases for April were reviewed and the attestation statement signed by Mr. Carwell. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the reports. Mr. Sayers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Communications included the Grassroots Clippings and other newsletters and flyers.

The trustees checked all the roads on May 8, 2019. There continues to be various potholes. As weather permits, the trustees will work on patching potholes. The roads discussed for chipping and sealing this year include TR 72, TR 73, TR 60 between TR 65 and CR 61, TR 61 between TR 60 and west to the Marion County Line, TR 244 including the turnaround and alley, and TR 133. This equals approximately 4 miles of road. Mr. Carwell will check on piggy backing on the County's bid with 20-20 Enterprises out of Somerset, Ohio doing the roadwork.

Mr. Sayers reported that First Consolidated recently had a meeting. Normal business was conducted and bills were paid.

There was no Regional Planning update.

The discussion was continued on the benefits of transferring the operating funds from Chase Bank to United Bank. The operating money will earn more interest as money not needed for day-to-day transactions can easily be transferred to the interest bearing Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) Money Market Account the township currently has with United Bank. Money can then be easily transferred back to the operating fund account as needed. The ICS funds are currently earning interest of approximately 2.4%. The fees with this account will also be lower to no fees. Mr. Bayles made a motion to a resolution (5-13-2019-1) to start the transfer of operating funds from Chase Bank to United Bank. This also includes closing out the lock box at Chase which currently has a rental fee of \$165 a year. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Bayles, yes; Mr. Carwell, yes; Mr. Sayers, yes. The trustees will also look into opening a new lock box with either United Bank in Caledonia or First Knox in Mt. Gilead. Both banks fall under the Park National umbrella of companies. The township will be able to make deposits and withdrawals or other transactions at either United Bank in Caledonia or First Knox Bank in Mt. Gilead or any Park National branch.

Mr. Bayles has checked into the OPWC Grant for Round 33. The district the township is in is still being reviewed. The township should expect to receive a pre-award letter in the next month or two.

Mr. Sayers will contact Koorsen Fire & Security to see about scheduling the annual fire extinguisher service.

The Agreed Upon Procedures from Wilson, Phillips & Agin were reviewed and signed by the trustees and fiscal officer.

Mr. Sayers made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Sayers made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_ Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Carwell, Chairman Edward Sayers, Vice Chairman

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_ Fiscal Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Bayles Jill Retterer