

Canaan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024
Minutes

Chairman John called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call showed trustees John Bayles and Matt Carwell present. Trustee Tyler Levering was absent due to a work commitment. The fiscal officer was present. Also present were County Treasurer Jim Jahn and County Commissioners Tim Siegfried and Jon Mason.

Mr. Jahn shared that, since his first year in office, tax delinquencies are down almost a million dollars. His office is also working very aggressively with the Land Bank on using grant money to tear down abandoned homes where the owners are deceased. There is \$500,000 available this year to help with these projects. Canaan Township has submitted two houses for demolition using the grant funding for this year.

Mr. Mason shared that he has been in office now a little over a year. He is interested in seeing what is happening in the townships and how he can help. He shared that the commissioners are currently working on a lot of projects. One he shared about is what is being called the 480 Douglas Street Project. The commissioners bought this 12,000 square foot building in September of 2022 and are currently renovating half of the space for the Board of Health. The other big project in the works is the new County Garage that will be built on Home Road (CR 76). The 50,000 square foot facility will be located on the former Morrow County Home land that is owned by the county. They have a contractor in place and will be moving dirt soon. This facility is projected to cost \$7.3 million to complete with an expected completion date of spring 2025.

Mr. Siegfried shared that he is up for re-election this year. He also updated on what is happening with the Morrow County Hospital. The hospital will be moving forward in a couple of weeks with a letter of intent from OhioHealth to begin negotiations for a long-term lease. When this happens, Morrow County Hospital will become a full-fledged member of OhioHealth, which will then provide the community with even more services. It will also allow use of the EPIC system which will electronically transfer records to other providers instead of the patient having to take a hard copy with them. The hospital will still remain the property of the county, but OhioHealth will run it. An Advisory Board will eventually replace what is the current Hospital Board.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the January 9, 2024, meeting. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Carwell 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 were examined. The Park National Statements were also distributed. Credit card purchases for January and early February were reviewed and the attestation statement signed by Mr. Bayles. Mr. Carwell made the motion to approve the reports. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Communications included:

- the Grassroots Clippings newsletter
- Morrow County Recycling – Trash Bash 2024
- Generac Generator Extended Warranty

The letter from Morrow County Recycling was discussed. Kristin Ruth, Program Director, will be visiting with Morrow County's 4-H Clubs soon and they are interested in knowing how much they may be reimbursed for cleaning up miles of roads in the township. The trustees agreed that they would reimburse the same amount as last year, \$25 per mile.

The trustees checked all the roads on Tuesday, February 6th. It was noted that there are still signs that need to be straightened. Mr. Carwell filled a pothole on TR 133 and mentioned there is also a pothole on TR 67. The trustees also reported that TR 74 has a sandstone structure culvert that will need to be replaced soon. The county will pay for the pipe and the trustees will pay the cost to replace the culvert. The Road Sign Inventory and Management form was completed and is on file.

Mr. Bayles reported that First Consolidated had their last meeting on January 23, 2024, at the firehouse. Mr. Bayles shared that the total reimbursement received in 2023 from Medicount was \$127,903. The department also received a \$10,000 grant for two Marcs radios. There is also discussion of putting a new fire levy on the ballot in November. It was noted that there has not been any new levies since 2008.

Mr. Carwell reported that the last Regional Planning meeting was very short. There were a couple of lot splits but nothing in the area of Canaan Township.

Mr. Bayles and his wife attended the OTA Convention on February 7-9 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Mr. Bayles reported that it was a very busy convention, and he was able to attend several informative sessions including Resolution vs Motion: Understanding Board Procedures, Cemetery Law Update, Where the Money Comes From, and Self-Help Remedies for Junk Vehicles and Trash. Mr. Bayles said there was a lot of useful information received at the different sessions and this was one of the largest attended conventions in the last 3-4 years. The General Session speaker was Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted.

The trustees and fiscal officer signed a cemetery deed for the purchase of Lots 91A, 91B, 91C, 92A, 92B, and 92C in the new section of North Canaan Cemetery. These lots were purchased by township resident Joel T. Hedrick.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Carwell made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Trustee: _____
John Bayles, Chairman

Trustee: _____
Matthew Carwell, Vice Chairman

Trustee: _____
Tyler Levering

Fiscal Officer: _____
Jill Retterer

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January 2024 Receipts:

Date:	Amount:	Receipt #:	From:	For:
1/11/2024	\$25.00	1-2024	Tiffany Heimlich	Township Hall Rental
1/11/2024	\$25.00	2-2024	Veronica Watson	Township Hall Rental
1/11/2024	\$11.50	3-2024	Ohio BWC	Employer Premium Refund
1/12/2024	\$150.00	4-2024	Ohio BWC	Employer Premium Refund
1/17/2024	\$528.32	5-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January Local Gov. Dis. Per sec 57
1/17/2024	\$741.20	6-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January Local Government Distribution
1/19/2024	\$9,373.55	7-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January Excise Gas Tax
1/19/2024	\$1,918.21	7-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January cents per gallon gas tax
1/24/2024	\$75.00	8-2024	Joseph Griffith	Township Hall Rental
1/24/2024	\$25.00	9-2024	Jesse Haughn	Township Hall Rental
1/25/2024	\$649.65	10-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January License Tax - State
1/25/2024	\$342.80	10-2024	Morrow Co. Auditor	January License Tax - County
1/31/2024	\$987.63	11-2024	Park National	ICS Interest
TOTAL:	\$14,852.86			

January 2024 Payments:

Date:	Amount:	Voucher/Warrant:	To:	For:
1/3/2024	\$31.54	1-2024	Ohio Edison	Denmark Street Lights
1/3/2024	\$42.07	1-2024	Ohio Edison	Climax Street Lights
1/9/2024	\$84.75	2-2024	Ohio Edison	Township Hall Electric
1/9/2024	\$40.00	4148	Aim Media West	Legal Ad - Meeting Notice
1/23/2024	\$12.00	3-2024	Delco Water	Township Hall Water
1/31/2024	\$155.00	8-2024	Elan Financial	OTA Convention Registration Fees
1/31/2024	\$794.58	4149	John Bayles	January Payroll
1/31/2024	\$791.02	4150	Matthew Carwell	January Payroll
1/31/2024	\$802.96	4151	Tyler Levering	January Payroll
1/31/2024	\$907.43	4152	Jill Retterer	January Payroll
TOTAL:	\$3,661.35			

Bank Balance January 31, 2024

Park National Checking Balance:	\$111,873.97
Park National MM Balance:	\$381,907.60
TOTAL:	\$493,781.57