

**Canaan Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 13, 2023**  
**Minutes**

Chairman Tyler Levering called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call showed Trustee Mr. Levering, Trustee Mr. Bayles, and Fiscal Officer Jill Retterer present. Trustee Matthew Carwell was absent due to another commitment. Also present were Gene Ebert with Ebert Mowing and Landscaping, former trustee Mr. Edward Sayers, and Steve Rowan from Galion, Ohio.

Mr. Rowan was following up on his inquiry from April 2022. Mr. Rowan has relatives buried in South Canaan cemetery and was inquiring about any information the township might have. Some of the graves date back to the early 1800's and do not have any grave markers. The township does not have any records that go back to the dates in question.

Mr. Ebert said everything is going well with the mowing in the cemeteries and at the township hall. It has been dry, but the recent rains will green things up again. It was discussed that the small stone pile to the west side of the township hall building needs leveled out or removed. Also, the new spikes in the N. Canaan Cemetery need to be driven a bit further into the ground so they do not catch the deck of the mower.

Former Trustee Mr. Edward Sayers presented the map with the plotted graves in the new one-acre section at N. Canaan Cemetery. The new section has 663 new plots. The map was approved and filed with the Morrow County Engineer. The new plots will be put into the UAN Cemetery software and will be available for purchase.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Levering 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 May and early June were reviewed and the attestation statement signed by Mr. Levering. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the reports. Mr. Levering seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Advertising for the upcoming budget meeting on July 11, 2023, will be advertised in the Morrow County Sentinel on June 28, 2023.

Communications included:

- The Grassroots Clippings newsletter
- Letter from Twp. Resident John Morton regarding dirt pile at Worden Cemetery
- MCTA Summer Quarter Meeting June 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. at Peru Twp. Hall
- Trash Bash Report

Mr. John Morton expressed concern via email about the growing dirt pile at Worden Cemetery. He remarked that it keeps growing and collecting trash. Mr. Morton was notified that the trustees intend to have the dirt hauled away to another location as soon as possible.

The Clover Posse 4-H Club, lead by Canaan Township Resident Carol Holsinger, was responsible for collecting over 166 pounds of trash out of the ditches of eleven Canaan Township roads. Included in the report was the collection of 80 pounds of trash, 44 pounds of aluminum cans and 42 pounds of recyclables. Other items removed from the ditches were a baby pool and a lamp. The trustees expressed their appreciation to the 16 adults and 27 children who volunteered over 64.5 hours to clean up the ditches on Canaan Township roads.

The roads were checked on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Several signs were reported as bent or leaning and will need to be straightened and fixed. The Road Sign Inventory and Management form was completed and is on file.

Mr. Bayles reported that 1<sup>st</sup> Consolidated recently found out that they are unable to put a levy on the ballot for the upcoming special election in August. To do so, a fiscal emergency would have to be declared. With that in mind, the plan is to put a renewal levy on the November ballot. It was also reported that the floor of the old squad 104 needs to be replaced.

There was no Regional Planning update.

There is no update on when the new Bard wall mount units will be in. They were ordered in January of this year. This HVAC project will be completed by Dave Roush Heating and Cooling and the township will be using ARPA funds to pay for this project.

A township resident, Nikki Blanton, called the township to ask if anything could be done about an abandoned property at 6004 Co. Rd. 66 Edison. Ms. Blanton lives next door and said the grass is very tall and racoons and other wild animals are becoming a nuisance. Ms. Blanton she does have the ability to contact the present owner. She was encouraged to contact them to see if something could be worked out. Ms. Blanton was invited to attend this meeting or any other township meetings in the future to discuss any further concerns. She did not attend this meeting.

New credit cards were issued for three of the township officials because the current cards are expiring in August. The township records for the credit cards were updated to reflect the new information.

The township is piggybacking off the county bid this year for chip and seal. 20/20 Enterprises was awarded the bid this year. The contract for 20/20 Enterprises was discussed and signed.

There was a cremation/burial this month in Worden Cemetery. Brian David Smith of Cardington, Ohio, passed away on April 28, 2023. Mr. Smith was cremated, and the burial took place on June 9, 2023.

Mr. Levering 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. Levering made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tyler Levering, Chairman

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Bayles, Vice Chairman

Trustee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Carwell

Fiscal Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jill Retterer

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May 2023 Receipts:

| Date:         | Amount:            | Receipt #: | From:                  | For:                              |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5/10/2023     | \$25.00            | 38-2023    | Kassandra Hauersperger | Township Hall Rental              |
| 5/16/2023     | \$829.55           | 39-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May Local Government Distribution |
| 5/16/2023     | \$528.32           | 40-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May Local Gov. Dis. Per sec 57    |
| 5/16/2023     | \$150.00           | 41-2023    | Gompf Funeral Home     | O/C Grave Rosella Giaque          |
| 5/17/2023     | \$9,301.06         | 42-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May Excise Gas Tax                |
| 5/17/2023     | \$2,511.40         | 42-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May cents per gallon gas tax      |
| 5/17/2023     | \$795.45           | 43-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May License Tax - State           |
| 5/17/2023     | \$372.00           | 43-2023    | Morrow Co. Auditor     | May License Tax - County          |
| 5/23/2023     | \$50.00            | 44-2023    | Courtney Celestino     | Township Hall Rental              |
| 5/31/2023     | \$941.43           | 45-2023    | Park National          | May ICS Interest                  |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>\$15,504.21</b> |            |                        |                                   |

May 2023 Payments:

| Date:         | Amount:            | Voucher/Warrant: | To:                        | For:                                   |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 5/2/2023      | \$989.68           | 40-2023          | OPERS                      | April 2023 Payroll                     |
| 5/3/2023      | \$42.29            | 41-2023          | Ohio Edison                | Denmark Street Lights                  |
| 5/3/2023      | \$31.68            | 41-2023          | Ohio Edison                | Climax Street Lights                   |
| 5/9/2023      | \$206.92           | 42-2023          | Elan Financial Services    | Sam's Club - Twp. Hall Supplies        |
| 5/9/2023      | \$1,156.43         | 4038             | Eugene P. Ebert            | May 2023 Mowing Contract               |
| 5/9/2023      | \$100.00           | 4039             | Treca                      | Refund - 2 unused days building rental |
| 5/9/2023      | \$270.00           | 4040             | Aim Media                  | Legal Notices - Paving and Chip & Seal |
| 5/9/2023      | \$245.99           | 4041             | Hoffman Office Supply      | Printer Ink                            |
| 5/9/2023      | \$320.00           | 4042             | Morrow County Twp. Assoc.  | MCTA/OTA Membership Dues 2023/2024     |
| 5/9/2023      | \$15,121.55        | 4043             | Village of Mt. Gilead      | Fire Contract Payment (65%)            |
| 5/9/2023      | \$8,142.38         | 4044             | Iberia Joint Fire District | Fire Contract Payment (35%)            |
| 5/9/2023      | \$478.24           | 4045             | John Bayles                | April Health Ins. Reimbursement        |
| 5/9/2023      | \$691.76           | 4046             | Matthew Carwell            | April Health Ins. Reimbursement        |
| 5/9/2023      | \$544.26           | 4047             | Tyler Levering             | April Health Ins. Reimbursement        |
| 5/11/2023     | \$78.19            | 43-2023          | Ohio Edison                | Township Hall Electric                 |
| 5/15/2023     | \$12.00            | 44-2023          | Delco Water                | Township Hall Water                    |
| 5/31/2023     | \$780.95           | 4048             | John Bayles                | May Payroll                            |
| 5/31/2023     | \$777.56           | 4049             | Matthew Carwell            | May Payroll                            |
| 5/31/2023     | \$789.26           | 4050             | Tyler Levering             | May Payroll                            |
| 5/31/2023     | \$888.93           | 4051             | Jill Retterer              | May Payroll                            |
| <b>TOTAL:</b> | <b>\$31,668.07</b> |                  |                            |  |

Bank Balance May 31, 2023

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Park National Balance:    | \$159,234.28        |
| Park National MM Balance: | \$374,219.62        |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>             | <b>\$533,453.90</b> |