

Canaan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2023
Minutes

Chairman Tyler Levering called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call showed all trustees and the fiscal officer present. Also present was Commissioner Tim Siegfried and Gene Ebert with Ebert Mowing and Landscaping.

Mr. Siegfried shared some things that are happening around the county including that the courthouse parking lot is being repaved, Yizumi HPM in Iberia is adding onto their building and will be creating more jobs, and the new building at SR95/I71 is for lease. Mr. Siegfried also said that ODOT is giving the new building at SR95/I71 a right turn only to go in and out. An update was given on the upgrade and improvement of the SoMoCo (Southern Morrow County) Wastewater Treatment Plant by the Dollar Tree Distribution Center. The project consists of design and construction of approximately 6,000 lineal feet of 12' outfall sewer to Alum Creek. ARPA Funds are being used for this project.

Mr. Ebert shared that the mowing season has gone well and that things are slowly winding down for the year. The trustees expressed their appreciation for the great job that Mr. Ebert has done over the past few years keeping the cemeteries and township hall looking nice. Mr. Ebert indicated that he would be willing to contract with the trustees at the same rate next year.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting. Mr. Carwell 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 were examined. The Park National Statements were also distributed. Credit card purchases for September and early October 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.

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

Communications included:

- The Grassroots Clippings newsletter
- 2023 Trash Bash Questionnaire
- DKMM Program Updates/Address Change
- River Valley letter regarding tow levy issues on the fall ballot
- District Advisory Council Fall meeting – Weds. 10/18/23 at 7 p.m.

The roads were checked on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. The Road Sign Inventory and Management form was completed and is on file. The trustees were contacted by a River Valley school bus driver about a tree from the Gandert property on TR 60 that has low hanging branches. The bus driver said he cannot pass through there on his daily route without the branches hitting the bus.

Mr. Bayles was not able to attend the last First Consolidated meeting. He did share from his copy of the minutes that they are working on getting the levy information out to the voters and putting up signage. The department recently received a fire prevention grant that will allow every household in the district to receive new florescent house number signs. There are currently two new hires that are on the required 90-day probation period.

Mr. Carwell reported for Regional Planning that there were 17 lot splits by Westpoint and one lot split in Canaan Township on CR 61 for Griffin and Maison Enterprises.

The OPWC Grant for Round 38/FY 25 is due on November 3, 2023. The application will be completed entirely online again this year using the OPWC Portal WorksWise. The trustees and fiscal officer have been gathering the information needed but are still waiting on the engineer's estimate. If awarded, the project will be widening and resurfacing a one-mile section of TR 60 between TR 67 and CR 61. This would complete the paving of the total five miles of TR 60 from CR 27 to CR 59.

Mitchell Trucking provided a quote for snowplowing for the 2023/2024 season. Hourly plowing will be \$72/hour; spreading grit will be \$57/hour; cost of grit will be \$12/ton; cost of salt/grit mix will be \$75/ton. Mr. Bayles made a motion to accept the quote from Mitchell Trucking for snowplowing for the 2023/2024 season. Mr. Levering seconded the motion. Motion passed. The trustees signed the contract with Mitchell Trucking.

The trustees discussed uses for the remaining \$44,315.81 in ARPA Funds. Ideas discussed were paving the parking lot at the township hall, a new mower, a front-end loader for the tractor, and new gutters on the township hall. The deadline to appropriate the funds is December 31, 2024 the deadline to spend the funds is December 31, 2026.

A Second Amendment Agreement with Energy Harbor, for all Ohio Edison Customers in Canaan Township, was signed on September 15, 2023. The current amendment, with a supply rate of 4.94 cents per kWh, was a four-year contract that will expire on December 31, 2023. The new supply rate of 6.52 cents per kWh is effective January 1, 2024 and will expire on December 31, 2024. With rising energy costs, the rate of 6.52 cents per kWh is currently a competitive rate. The County Commissioners are in the process of becoming an aggregator at the county level. As required by law, the Commissioners are holding two public hearings and then their application will go to the PUCO for approval. There are currently five townships in the county that offer electric aggregation: Canaan, Cardington, Gilead, Perry, and Washington. As more townships realize the benefits of electric aggregation, it is hopeful that participation numbers will increase, offering even greater savings for those that choose to participate. Next year the Commissioner's will do a Request for Proposal for the combined township's that offer electric aggregation. The new rate and contract will be effective January 1, 2025. As always, residents can opt out at any time and choose to shop for their own supplier.

As a follow-up to the Tiell nuisance complaint regarding noxious weeds, Trustee Levering attempted to speak to Mr. Tiell at his residence, but nobody answered the door. Mr. Levering will try to reach out via telephone.

The 2023 Propane Alliance Safe Installation Rebate Application was completed and will be given to Dave Roush, the installer, to fill out his part of the form. The rebate will be \$400 for the installation of the two new Bard Wall Mount Units.

The trustees discussed the interest rates provided by STAR Ohio versus the current interest rate the township is receiving from the money market account at Park National. It was decided that for now, the township will keep the funds with Park National. The interest rates have been over 3% recently and is providing great interest on the township's money.

The applications for the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program are due on November 1, 2023. These applications must be submitted to the Morrow County Land Bank.

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 9:07 PM.

Trustee: _____
Matt Carwell, Chairman

Trustee: _____
Tyler Levering, Vice Chairman

Trustee: _____
John Bayles

Fiscal Officer: _____
Jill Retterer

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September 2023 Receipts:

| Date: | Amount: | Receipt #: | From: | For: |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 9/13/2023 | 88.66 | 75-2023 | Ergon Oil Purchasing | Interest - Guy Heffley Well |
| 9/13/2023 | \$800.00 | 76-2023 | Stephen S. & Charlene K. Black | Purchase 2 cemetery lots - N. Canaan |
| 9/13/2023 | \$400.00 | 77-2023 | Stephen D. Black | Purchase 1 cemetery lot - N. Canaan |
| 9/14/2023 | \$741.20 | 78-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September Local Government Distribution |
| 9/14/2023 | \$528.32 | 79-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September Local Gov. Dis. Per sec 57 |
| 9/14/2023 | \$21.98 | 80-2023 | State of Ohio | Manufactured Homes Rollback |
| 9/15/2023 | \$50.00 | 81-2023 | Malorie Whitehead | Township Hall Rental |
| 9/19/2023 | \$9,876.47 | 82-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September Excise Gas Tax |
| 9/19/2023 | \$2,694.69 | 82-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September cents per gallon gas tax |
| 9/20/2023 | \$753.59 | 83-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September License Tax - State |
| 9/20/2023 | \$355.50 | 83-2023 | Morrow Co. Auditor | September License Tax - County |
| 9/30/2023 | \$944.02 | 84-2023 | Park National | September ICS Interest |
| TOTAL: | \$17,254.43 | | | |

September 2023 Payments:

| Date: | Amount: | Voucher/Warrant: | To: | For: |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 9/1/2023 | \$989.68 | 78-2023 | OPERS | August 2023 Payroll |
| 9/5/2023 | \$42.10 | 79-2023 | Ohio Edison | Denmark Street Lights |
| 9/5/2023 | \$47.15 | 79-2023 | Ohio Edison | Climax Street Lights |
| 9/7/2023 | \$618.00 | 80-2023 | Treasurer of State | 4th Quarter UAN Fees |
| 9/11/2023 | \$103.82 | 81-2023 | Ohio Edison | Township Hall Electric |
| 9/11/2023 | \$12.99 | 82-2023 | Elan Financial Services | Drug Mart - copy paper and staples |
| 9/12/2023 | \$1,156.43 | 4093 | Egene P. Ebert | September 2023 Mowing Contract |
| 9/12/2023 | \$383.40 | 4094 | NextGen Access | 1 year internet service |
| 9/12/2023 | \$95.95 | 4095 | Koorsen Fire & Security | Annual Fire Inspection |
| 9/12/2023 | \$852.13 | 4096 | Shaw Creek Propane | Pre-buy 700 gallon propane @ 1.449 gallon |
| 9/12/2023 | \$56.76 | 4097 | Affordable Funeral Supply | Grave Markers for cemeteries |
| 9/12/2023 | \$3,323.00 | 4098 | OTARMA | 2023-2024 Insurance Renewal |
| 9/12/2023 | \$74,147.64 | 4099 | 20/20 Enterprises Inc. | Chip & Seal TR 39,67 (partial),72,74,135 and 244 |
| 9/12/2023 | \$587.43 | 4100 | Burkhart Farm Center | Kuhn Mower Parts |
| 9/12/2023 | \$33,023.00 | 4101 | Dave Roush Heating & Cooling | New wall mount HVAC Units for Township Hall - ARPA Funds |
| 9/12/2023 | \$478.24 | 4102 | John Bayles | August Health Ins. Reimbursement |
| 9/12/2023 | \$691.76 | 4103 | Matthew Carwell | August Health Ins. Reimbursement |
| 9/12/2023 | \$544.26 | 4104 | Tyler Levering | August Health Ins. Reimbursement |
| 9/12/2023 | \$266.36 | 4105 | Jill Retterer | August Health Ins. Reimbursement |
| 9/19/2023 | \$12.00 | 83-2023 | Delco Water | Township Hall Water |
| 9/30/2023 | \$780.95 | 4108 | John Bayles | September Payroll |
| 9/30/2023 | \$777.56 | 4109 | Matthew Carwell | September Payroll |
| 9/30/2023 | \$789.26 | 4110 | Tyler Levering | September Payroll |
| 9/30/2023 | \$888.93 | 4111 | Jill Retterer | September Payroll |
| TOTAL: | \$120,668.80 | | | |

Bank Balance September 30, 2023

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| Park National Checking Balance: | \$99,069.89 |
| Park National MM Balance: | \$378,003.91 |
| TOTAL: | \$477,073.80 |