

Canaan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2023
Minutes

Vice-Chairman John Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call showed Trustee John Bayles, Trustee Matt Carwell, and Fiscal Officer Jill Retterer present. Also present was former trustee Edward Sayers. Trustee Tyler Levering was absent due to family vacation.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the July 11, 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 Bank Statements were also distributed. Credit card purchases for July and early August were reviewed and the attestation statement signed by Mr. Bayles. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the reports. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Communications included:

- The Grassroots Clippings newsletter
- Communication from Kristin Yoshioka-Ruth regarding Trash Bash 2024
- OTARMA 2022 Annual Report
- An anonymous letter from a township resident
- Shaw Creek 2023/2024 Propane Pricing Options

Morrow County Recycling Program Director, Kristin Yoshioka-Ruth, sent an email to all the townships containing a petition for Trash Bash litter pick-up in 2024. She explained the idea to capitalize on the solar eclipse “litter trail” to help increase participation in 2024. The petition is for business engagement. Kristin is contacting 4-H clubs and county residents with other incentives. With enough signatures, she can request a grant to help with supplies and advertising.

The OTARMA 2022 Annual Report was reviewed and is on file at the township hall.

The trustees received an anonymous letter from a township resident regarding property in Canaan Township located at 1658 County Road 59, Caledonia. The property is overgrown and has noxious weeds (Canada Thistle) that is going to seed throughout the yard and property. Ohio revised code ORC 971.33 to 971.35 requires that the township trustees must become involved when a landowner fails to destroy noxious weeds on private land beyond the fence row. The trustee will mail a letter to the homeowner requesting that this issue be taken care of in 30 days. If not, the trustees will be compelled to cut and destroy the weeds by letting the work to the lowest bidder and entering into a private contract with the lowest bidder. The cost of the work will then be certified and given to the county auditor at which time the costs will go on the property owner’s real estate taxes.

Information was received from Shaw Creek for the 2023/2024 year to pre-buy propane @\$1.449 per gallon. This is a commercial pre-buy rate and is .50 cents per gallon less than last year. The township currently has a \$1.82 credit with Shaw Creek from last year’s pre-buy of 600 gallons. Mr. Carwell made a motion to pre-buy 700 gallons of propane. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The roads were checked on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. The Road Sign Inventory and Management form was completed and is on file. It was noted that 20/20 Enterprises recently completed almost 5 miles of chip and seal on several township roads. The roads that were chipped and sealed were TR 39, TR 67 (between TR 66 and CR 28), TR 72, TR 74, TR 135, and TR 244. The trustees have received several nice compliments on the quality of the work on the roads. The trustees are also in the process of mowing the township ditches for the second time this season.

Former trustee, Edward Sayers, recently completed work in both N. Canaan and S. Canaan Cemetery. The new section of N. Canaan cemetery is completely laid out and two plots have already been sold. Mr. Sayers also gave the township a new map of the new section of S. Canaan cemetery. He also filed this map with the county engineer's office. The trustees are very appreciative of Mr. Sayers' work and dedication to providing and maintaining accurate and complete records for the township cemeteries.

Mr. Bayles reported that First Consolidated Fire District is attempting to fill two full-time positions. Also, the Medicount update is 395 runs this year versus 454 last year at this time.

There was no Regional Planning update as the meeting was cancelled.

The four-year contract that Canaan Township has with Energy Harbor as an energy supplier option for Ohio Edison customers ends on December 31, 2023. As energy prices continue to rise, it is important for the township to get the best rate possible for the residents of Canaan Township. Benjamin Rich, Energy Harbor Government Aggregation Sales Rep, encouraged the township to do a Request for Proposal to find the best rate. Morrow County had attempted to put county wide electric aggregation on the ballot in 2022 but it did not pass. Five townships in Morrow County currently have electric aggregation: Canaan, Perry, Washington, Cardington, and Gilead. After reaching out to Amy Hoffman with Palmer Energy, the energy consultant that Morrow County uses, a meeting was held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, with representatives from Canaan, Perry, Washington, and Cardington townships. The meeting was held at the Morrow County Commissioner's chambers with Commissioner's Tim Abraham, Jon Mason, and Tim Siegfried all present. Also present were Canaan Township Fiscal Officer Jill Retterer, Canaan Township Trustee John Bayles, Washington Township Fiscal Officer Scott Snyder, Perry Township Fiscal Officer Steve McChesney, and Cardington Township Trustee Mike Patterson. Amy Hoffman, with Palmer Energy, presented the idea that the townships that currently have aggregation would be best served by banning together and ceding authority to the County Commissioners, who would then become the County Aggregator for those townships. This joining together will provide the best rate possible as rates become lower with more participants. The commissioners agreed to become the County Aggregator and the paperwork with the appropriate resolutions will be put in place. Palmer Energy will take care of all the paperwork including the sample resolutions and the filing with the PUCO. Once the commissioners have filed through the PUCO to be the County Aggregator, then Canaan Township can pass a resolution ceding authority to the commissioners. This should all be in place by the end of August or early September. This will allow a new contract with pricing to be implemented in a timely manner. As always, any township resident can opt out if they do not wish to participate in the aggregation program.

The OPWC Grant for Round 38/FY 25 is due on Friday, November 3, 2023. Applications will be completed entirely online again this year using the OPWC Portal WorksWise. The trustees and fiscal officer will work on gathering the needed information to complete the grant. If awarded, the project will be widening and resurfacing a one-mile section of TR 60 between TR 67 and CR 61. This will be the second time this section has been applied for. The township was not awarded the OPWC grant last year for this same section. If awarded this round, it will complete the entire 5-mile stretch of TR 60 in the township.

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 8:00 PM.

Trustee: _____
Tyler Levering, Chairman

Trustee: _____
John Bayles, Vice Chairman

Trustee: _____
Matthew Carwell

Fiscal Officer: _____
Jill Retterer

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July 2023 Receipts:

Date:	Amount:	Receipt #:	From:	For:
7/8/2023	\$220.00	54-2023	Charles and Phyllis Linton	Purchase 2 cemetery lots - Worden
7/11/2023	\$220.00	55-2023	Larry J. and Cheryl Baughman	Purchase 2 cemetery lots - N. Canaan
7/12/2023	\$670.81	56-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July Local Government Distribution
7/12/2023	\$528.32	57-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July Local Gov. Dis. Per sec 57
7/27/2023	\$9,688.38	58-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July Excise Gas Tax
7/27/2023	\$2,166.69	58-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July cents per gallon gas tax
7/27/2023	\$756.87	59-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July License Tax - State
7/27/2023	\$389.08	59-2023	Morrow Co. Auditor	July License Tax - County
7/31/2023	\$957.01	60-2023	Park National	July ICS Interest
TOTAL:	\$15,597.16			

July 2023 Payments

Date:	Amount:	Voucher/Warrant:	To:	For:
7/3/2023	\$989.68	58-2023	OPERS	June 2022 Payroll
7/3/2023	\$1,247.85	59-2023	IRS	2nd Quarter Federal Tax
7/3/2023	\$197.91	60-2023	State of Ohio	2nd Quarter State Tax
7/3/2023	\$140.10	61-2023	State of Ohio	2nd Quarter School District Tax - Mt. Gilead
7/3/2023	\$17.31	62-2023	State of Ohio	2nd Quarter School District Tax - River Valley
7/5/2023	\$53.61	63-2023	Ohio Edison	Denmark Street Lights
7/5/2023	\$40.21	63-2023	Ohio Edison	Climax Street Lights
7/10/2023	\$104.18	64-2023	Ohio Edison	Township Hall Electric
7/11/2023	\$1,156.43	4071	Eugene P. Ebert	July 2023 Mowing Contract
7/11/2023	\$35.00	4072	AIM Media Midwest	Legal Notice 2024 Budget Hearing
7/11/2023	\$717.36	4073	John Bayles	June Health Ins. Reimbursement
7/11/2023	\$691.76	4074	Matthew Carwell	June Health Ins. Reimbursement
7/11/2023	\$544.26	4075	Tyler Levering	June Health Ins. Reimbursement
7/11/2023	\$266.36	4076	Jill Retterer	June Health Ins. Reimbursement
7/18/2023	\$12.00	65-2023	Delco Water	Township Hall Water
7/31/2023	\$780.95	4077	John Bayles	July Payroll
7/31/2023	\$777.56	4078	Matthew Carwell	July Payroll
7/31/2023	\$789.26	4079	Tyler Levering	July Payroll
7/31/2023	\$888.93	4080	Jill Retterer	July Payroll
TOTAL:	\$9,450.72			

Bank Balance as of July 31, 2023

Park National Checking Balance:	\$167,127.21
Park National MM Balance:	\$376,100.44
TOTAL:	\$543,227.65