

## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-March 3, 2009

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Greg Hohenberger, Mary Falzon, Tom Casari, Brad Sharp, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Mike Ager **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Community Survey for Canton Leisure Services.** Leisure Vision is the firm that has been hired to conduct the community survey for Canton Leisure Services. Ron Vine, Project Manager, was present to solicit input from the Board on questions to be included in the Community Survey. **Item 2. 2009 Update of Water & Sewer Rate Study** In May, 2007 the Board received and later adopted an updated true cost-of-service study for water and sewer rates prepared by Utility Financial Solutions. One recommendation in the study was that the Township update the analysis each year. The proposed five (5) year rate track for 2007-2011 recommended average annual rate increases of 12% for water and 9.4% for sewer costs each year in order to adequately fund the operation of the utilities. In April, 2008, the Board received an updated study prepared by staff on rate increases for 2008 that averaged roughly 20% for a typical residential account. The analysis of proposed rates to be effective on May 1, 2009 has been completed. A presentation by staff and discussion of the recommended rates and assumptions prior to making the necessary ordinance amendments in March and April to ensure the new rates are communicated to our customers prior to implementation on May 1, 2009. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session at 8:53 p.m. for discussion of employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Eva Closed Session discussion of employee negotiations. Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried unanimously. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by Williams at 9:20 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Philip LaJoy, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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