

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-July 20, 2010

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, July 20, 2009 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Members Absent: Caccamo Staff Present: Glenn and Doug Shaw, Director Eva, Audrey Robinson **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Supervisor LaJoy stated the Residential Field Inspection program is a State requirement. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Residential Field Inspection Program** The State Tax Commission recommends a community-wide field inspection of residential properties every five years. Field inspections also ensure equity and fairness among residential taxpayers. A by-product of the field inspections would be the additional of items not previously assessed which will result in a taxable value gain. Canton Township has not conducted a community-wide field inspection of residential properties since 1982. An updated field inspection ensures compliance with the State Tax Commission's 14-point review. The consequences are substantial if Canton Township were to fail the field inspection portion of the State Tax Commission's 14-point review. The State Tax Commission would give Canton Township one year to review the residential properties. If Canton Township is unable to achieve a one year review, the State Tax Commission will review the properties at a substantial cost to the Township. The State Tax Commission will withhold money from the Township State Shared Revenue to cover the cost of their residential property review. Field inspections also ensure equity and fairness among residential taxpayers. A sample field inspection was conducted of 252 residential properties. The sampling identified 232 items found (not previously assessed), 26 existing items requiring adjustments in size, and 26 items that had been removed. The value attributed to the items found, adjusted, or removed was an average increase of \$1,110.00 per parcel in taxable value. **Adjourn** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Bennett at 6:08 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. . - Philip LaJoy, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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