

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-August 31, 2010

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Faas, Bob Belair, Tom Casari
Guest Present: Tom Veresh, Wade Trim Associates **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. 2010 Water Distribution System Master Plan** The Michigan Safe Water Drinking Act (PA 399) requires communities to perform master plan/reliability studies of their drinking water system every five years. The purpose of the Master Plan is to develop a comprehensive model which determines existing and future system capabilities, identifies deficiencies and assists in determining future improvements. **Item 2. Municipal Services Department Fee Update** On August 23, 2006 the Township Board approved revised fees for the Municipal Services Department after a fourteen (14) year period of no changes. Earlier this year, staff began the task of updating the fees since four (4) years of time has elapsed. The next step is to present the proposed fees for adoption in September and implementation before year-end. Any user fee must: 1. Serve a regulatory purpose, rather than to raise revenues. 2. Be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service provided. 3. Be voluntary for the user. Previously the Board has embraced a new methodology for the computation of our water & sewer fees based on "true cost of service". A similar approach was used by staff in developing the methodology for the revised fees in the MSD General Fund Programs. The staff working on this project utilized the following three (3) objectives in analyzing the cost of services provided: 1. Ensure Departmental consistency, 2. Fees must reflect the level of effort provided, and 3. Utilize a fixed plus variable cost approach where applicable. Supervisor LaJoy stated the next Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 14, 2010, Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn** Motion by Anthony, supported by Williams at 8:13 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. . – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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