

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-December 15, 2011

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Demopoulos, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Billbrey-Honsowetz, Director Eva, Director Faas, Director Nemecek, Deputy Chief Kerr, Fire Chief Dunn, John Weyer, Bob Belair, Carolyn Cox, Greg Hohenberger, Brad Sharp, Gregg King, Jonathan LaFever, Abe Vinitiski, Mary Falzon **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. REVIEW OF 2013 BUDGETS FOR CANTON MUNICIPAL SERVICES, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND LEISURE SERVICES REVIEW.** . Departments presented for the Board's review, the proposed 2013 budgets. **Public Safety Highlights:** 2013-14 Budget Reductions historically, show 1,457,120 in reductions from savings in internal cuts, personnel cost savings. **Police:** In relationship to the 2012 budget, the largest increases are in the cost of fleet maintenance, vehicle fuel, and support staff chargeback's. Replacement of 5 patrol vehicles are slated for 2013 and 4 in 2014. There is no additional large capital purchases budgeted. **Fire:** Largest increases are in fleet maintenance, vehicles fuel and support chargeback's. Large capital purchases over 5,000 include replacement of Shift commander vehicle, a Ladder Truck in 2014 and 2 Ambulances. E-911 Communication will have to be upgraded to meet state requirement. **Leisure Services Highlights:** Eliminated 6 full time positions since 2008, Downgrades to 2 full time positions upon vacancy, savings of 621,285. Reduced facility maintenance coverage by 176 hours a week. **Municipal Services Highlights:** Permit Activity up 7%, Revenues up 6% in permit area from 2010. Water Volume purchases were up about 5%. Big question in the future is the fleet replacements have been deferred. **Finance Highlights:** Canton has been able to keep the expense side basically flat with reductions in a personnel and internal cuts. The revenue side with the loss of dollars, from home value, and the increase in population with state shared revenues leaves us using dollars from the fund balance. This issue will have to be addressed as we work through 2013. Many variables exist which will help or hurt the bottom line in finances. New Union contracts, Health care costs, the number of person who seek retirement in 2012. Departments presented for the Board's review, the proposed 2013 budgets. Motion by Bennett, second by Taj to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A complete copy of the materials presented related to the proposed budgets for 2013 are available in the Clerk office for your review. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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