

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-June 19, 2012

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, Demopoulos, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Taj, Williams Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Eva, Director Faas, Director Nemecek, Kristin Kolb, Deputy Fire Chief Meier. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. D I S -**

CUSSION OF DRAFT TEXT AMENDMENTS TO CODE OF ORDINANCES: a. Chapter 54 – Peddlers & Solicitors A review of Chapter 54 was prompted by a resident's complaint about the late hour of which a solicitor came to his home. This gave staff an opportunity to review the hours allowed for solicitors to go door to door. Additionally, Sgt. Sullivan had some concerns as the Public Safety Department representative charged with review of peddler and solicitors license requests for criminal background checks. Upon review of these provisions, it was discovered that the peddler and solicitor regulations were not in compliance with recent court decisions further lessening the licensing, registration and fee requirements for non-commercial entities. Therefore, a comprehensive review and revision is proposed for review. **b. Chapter 46 – Article 4, Division 3 – Fireworks** There are two proposed amendments to the Township's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 3 Fireworks. The state "loosened" the restrictions on the types of fireworks that may be purchased and sold in Michigan. PA256 of 2011 also allows both permanent and temporary retail sales locations, and places limits on the Township's ability to regulate sales of fireworks in the community. PA 256 also provides that communities may not in ANY way regulate the use or discharge of consumer fireworks on the day preceding, day of, or day after a "national" holiday. The rest of the year, the Township may enact restrictions, up to and including a total prohibition, on the use of consumer fireworks. Many communities are, in fact, opting for a total prohibition on the days other than those provided for in the statute. The Fire Department is advocating for a total prohibition. One version of the text amendment does provide, among other regulations, for a total prohibition of use and discharge of consumer fireworks on days other than the day preceding, day of, and day after a national holiday. The other version would allow use of consumer fireworks on any day subject to certain restrictions. **c. Chapter 14 - Animals** This text amendment was prompted by a request from a resident at a Township Board meeting for some relief from our Township ordinance limiting dog ownership to three pets. The Supervisor was thereafter contacted by another resident who provided him some information on a license arrangement being utilized by other communities known as an "animal fancier's permit." Based on research on these types of permits, amendments are being proposed to Chapter 14 that would allow a permit for dog ownership in excess of three dogs, maximum of 5, subject to, among other things, an annual inspection. In the process of reviewing Chapter 14, additional deficiencies (one of the most glaring was the repeated reference to an "animal control officer", which the Township has not had in some time, were identified, and a number of other updates are being proposed to this Chapter. **Public Comment:** Mr. George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, had questions regarding dogs, deer signs, cleaning ditches and a manhole cover. **Other:** Supervisor LaJoy stated the next Board meeting is Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn:** Motion by McLaughlin, supported by Taj at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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