

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 15, 2013

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 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, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Trumbull, Director Faas, Director Mutchler, Joe Kocinski, Josh Meier, Fire Chief, Bob Belair, Bill Serchak Others Present: Rob LaBelle, Verizon, Vyto Kaunelis, OHM Advisors, Carrie Cox, OHM Advisors **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. VERIZON CELL TOWER PROPOSAL** The presentation summarized the discussions held with representatives of Verizon Wireless over the past six months regarding its request to place a cellular communications antenna on the existing township-owned communications tower behind Public Safety. Verizon Wireless became the Township's new cell phone provider in early 2012 and has identified additional cell signal capacity needs in the area around our Administration complex. The existing 155 foot tall communications tower has limited structural capacity to carry additional antennae and has limited physical space to do so. The Michigan State Police (MSP) has recently expressed a need to have an additional 800 MHz antenna in the Canton area to support the new 800 MHz regional wireless system. As such a taller replacement tower has been the focus of the recent discussions with Verizon Wireless. **Item 2. WATER DISTRIBUTION STORAGE OPTIONS** The presentation covered a summary of the report from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM) on water distribution storage options for the Township. In October 2011, the Board received a presentation on "Managing Peak Water Usage" which identified building storage as an option for the Township to consider in the future. The report was also prepared in response to requests from residents who attended past water rate forums seeking options to lower future water rate increases by the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD). **Item 3. ITC CORRIDOR MULTI-USE PATHWAY** The presentation covered the background on the planning, design and permitting of a multi-use pathway to be constructed along the International Transmission Company (ITC) high energy power corridor in Canton Township. For over seven (7) years staff has been coordinating this project with staff from ITC, Wayne County, MDEQ and even local residents. The multi-use pathway will serve primarily as a maintenance route for Public Works staff to access the manholes along the newly constructed sanitary sewer relief sewers along the same route. As such, the funding of the construction of the multi-use pathway was included in the 2007 bond issuance for the sanitary relief sewer projects. A secondary benefit of the multi-use pathway is for recreational purposes, the most requested amenity over the past several years by Canton residents. The multi-use pathway will start at Griffin Park (off Sheldon Road) and extend easterly along the ITC corridor to the ITC Cherry Hill Station (east of Morton Taylor). A connection will be made to the northeast to Flodin Park. The pathway will turn southerly along the north-south ITC corridor crossing Cherry Hill Road & Palmer Road until it meets up with the existing Lower Rouge Trail & Pathway System. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:56 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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