

## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-January 26, 2013

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 3950 Lotz Road, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneiderman (left the meeting at 10:50 am), Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Bilbrey-Honsowetz, Director Trumbull, Director Faas, Director Mutchler **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by Williams to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **BOARD RETREAT UPDATES:** **Item 1. WATER RATES:** Canton's Water rate increase is 9%. This increase relates to the contract for water services. Sewer rates for the Township has not yet been received. **Item 2. BUDGET UPDATE** Director Trumbull stated on December of 2011 the Board of Trustees adopted a two year budget for 2012/ 2013. In April 2014 a Study Session will open the Budget process. System limitations with set the schedule as follows: In April the "2014" budget will be proposed and accepted by the Board of Trustees, In November the final "2014" budget will be adopted. At the same time in November the "2015" budget will be accepted. **Item 3. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS** Director Trumbull reminded the Board of the recent settlement of Contacts in the organization. She indicated negotiations with the Fire Union have started and are ongoing. Police Command Union contract does not expire until "2014". Preliminary discussions are just beginning. **Item 4. GOLF UPDATE** Director Honsowetz indicated the "Billy Casper Golf" contract for Fellows Creek will be coming to the Board in February. It is presently in review with legal. Pheasant Run operations is working to streamline operations. Continental has released the Clubhouse Grill to Canton Township for operation. Canton will have 100% of the liabilities and 100% of the profit. **Item 5. I-275/ FORD ROAD EXITS** Director Faas indicated that State of Michigan will hold Public Hearings in March to release the Improvement Plan for Ford Road/ I-275 interchange areas. **Item 6. SIDEWALK GAP PROGRAM** This is the first year in a while for which \$20,000.00 has been budgeted for Sidewalk Gaps. The primary concentration will be along Canton Center Road, from Warren to the Rouge River Bridge. The permit is currently pending with Wayne County. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION** **Item 1. GOALS:** Strengthen Operational Efficiency, Maintain Financial Stability, Develop the Workforce, Provide High Quality Services, Promote the Community, Educate and Inform Residents **Item 2. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.** Boards, Committees, Commissions and Taskforces Community Development Block Grant, Cultural Commission & Subcommittees (Pat Williams), Downtown Development Authority (Melissa McLaughlin), Historical District Commission (Terry Bennett, Melissa McLaughlin), Human Service Center Advisory (Terry Bennett), Leisure Services Advisory (Terry Bennett), Merit Commission, Planning Commission (Melissa McLaughlin), Senior Advisory (Terry Bennett), Tax Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals, Canton Mobility Transportation Committee (John Anthony), Partnership for the Arts & Humanities (Steve Sneiderman), Golf Committee ( John Anthony), Canton- Plymouth Mettetal Airport Board (John Anthony) **Item 3. CANTON CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS.** The Board recognizes the need to continue to reach the wide variety of demographics that enriches Canton in programming and in communication. **Item 4. WATER TOWER/ RATES** Director Faas indicated that the study continues as related to the Water Tower. This information will be added to the public meetings that discuss the setting of the Water Rates for "2013". **Item 5. STANDARD HOME TRASH COLLECTION BINS.** Trustees Williams and Sneiderman would like to see Canton move toward a Standardized Trash Truck with the ability to pick up trash bins similar to the program offered by City of Westland. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Anthony and seconded by Williams. Motion carried by all members present. Supervisor LaJoy adjourned the meeting at 11:16 am. - Philip LaJoy, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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