

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-October 15, 2013

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor LaJoy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sneiderman, Williams Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Faas, Kristen Thomas, Jeff Goulet Guest Present: Greg Green, Planning Commission, Sue Dodson, Planning Commission, Aaron Domini and Tony Slanec, OHM, Ken Danter, Danter Company **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. OHM REDEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING STUDY PRESENTATION. (SUPERVISOR)** Kristen Thomas stated a couple of years ago it was discovered that Canton needed marketing skills to accommodate businesses. At that time it was decided that Canton needed to hire a company to give Canton the tools to reach their goals. Last Fall Canton hired OHM to do a redevelopment and marketing study. The Ford Road and Michigan Avenue component was done first. Aaron Domini stated OHM is an Engineering and Planning Firm. OHM Headquarters is in Livonia, Michigan. OHM has several offices throughout the Midwest. OHM has 250 staff members. OHM does a lot of private sector planning as well as municipalities. Ken Danter stated Danter Company is a real estate research company. Danter does market feasibility studies for a variety of real estate development, residential, retail, offices, golf courses, and marinas. Danter is a National company. Danter employs 14 employees. Those employees are on the streets investigating the property in the market place. Danter Company has been in business for 43 years. Mr. Domini stated the study examined two commercial corridors within the Township: the Ford Road Corridor and the Michigan Avenue Corridor. Each corridor is distinct in its character and mix of businesses but share one common identity; there is real economic opportunity to continue to develop these areas into high-quality prosperous areas of commerce. The study identified how and where new public sector projects will help advance larger economic development goals. It identified market opportunities for the public and private sector. It illustrated the desired type and mix of future land uses. It demonstrated the scale and intensity of future development and conveys areas where the public and private sector can work together to achieve a common vision. **Other:** The next Board meeting is Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 8:54 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. – Philip LaJoy, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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