

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – May 16, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneiderman, Williams
Members Absent: None
Guests: Doug Shaw, MAAO and Aaron Powers, **Adoption of Agenda Motion** by Slavens, supported by Sneiderman to amend the agenda to add Recognition Item R-1 – Recognition of Winners of The Beloved Community's Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Contest. Motion carried unanimously. **RECOGNITION: Item R-1: Recognition of Winners of The Beloved Community's Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Contest.** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to adopt the following resolution and enter it into the public record. Motion carried unanimously **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Recognition of Winners of The Beloved Community's Third Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Contest** WHEREAS, the residents of the Charter Township of Canton live in a multicultural community of people from many places across the country and across the globe, and WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees celebrates multiculturalism and diversity as a way of life, recognizing the dignity of all residents and their contributions to our success, and WHEREAS, the community organization The Beloved Community Plymouth Canton was established in 2014 to engage our community members on topics critical to racial justice by facilitating local opportunities for education, deep reflection and reconciliation, and WHEREAS, members of The Beloved Community share a vision articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that true unity is possible in our diversity and that healing and reconciliation will be achieved, and WHEREAS, The Beloved Community group, sponsors an annual essay contest for all middle and high school students who reside in Plymouth or Canton, or attend the Plymouth Canton schools, focusing on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, and WHEREAS, the topic of consideration was "community is a group of people who are responsible to each other and support one another through activities that build on common interests while maintaining respect for community members' unique differences" answering if they had seen people or groups of people excluded or not included in our communities, focusing on ways to make their communities more welcoming and inclusive of all people, and WHEREAS, one hundred and twenty students from Plymouth-Canton submitted essays and the judges had a challenging task selecting honorees, The Beloved Community Plymouth Canton selected the following prize winners: **Middle School** 1st Ashley Wenzel (Discovery Middle School) 2nd Virginia Kopp (Liberty Middle School) 3rd Brendan McCloskey (Discovery Middle School) **High School** 1st Julius Crouch (Canton High School) 2nd Sreya Sista (Canton High School) 3rd Taral Patel (Salem High School), and WHEREAS, these outstanding young writers will receive recognition on May 19 at 7 pm at an award ceremony at Tonda Elementary School where the top three winners from each category will be invited to share excerpts of their essays **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, MI does hereby congratulate the 2017 Beloved Community Martin Luther King Essay contest winners and be it further resolved that they stand with the Beloved Community of Plymouth Canton in supporting the vision for a community that is authentic, inclusive and just, where all are equally valued, heard and honored. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Assessor's Update.** (Assrs.) Aaron Powers and Doug Shaw, Managing Directors of WCA Assessing, presented a PowerPoint of an overview assessing in general and the services provided by WCA Assessing for Canton Township. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours, or by contacting the Secretary to the Clerk at 734-394-5120. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on perceived discrepancies between building and assessing. **OTHER:** Trustee Anthony stated May 14-20 is National Police Week. May 20th is National Armed Forces Day – a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. Treasurer Slavens stated Relay for Life is this Saturday in Heritage Park. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneiderman, supported by Sneiderman to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**
Pat Williams, Supervisor

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