

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – October 17, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Siegrist, Slavens, Williams Members Absent: Graham-Hudak, Sneideman Staff Present: Director Meier, Barb Caruso, Mike Steckel Staff Absent: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull. Supervisor Williams opened the meeting by asking the board to participate in this Study Session with an eye to a potential future community wide forum regarding this very important topic. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Opioid Addiction – Understanding, Combating and Healing in Canton. (PSD) PRESENTER:** Public Safety Director – Josh Meier. PS Executive Assistant/Communications Specialist – Barb Caruso **ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:** Deputy Director Chad Baugh Deputy Director Chris Stoecklein Deputy Chief Craig Wilsher Deputy Chief Jamie Strassner Lieutenant Mike Steckel Bruce McColley, Assistant Special Agent in Charge – Detroit Field Division – USDOJ - DEA Kurt Tyszkiewicz, Executive Director of Staffing, Student Services & Policy - PCCS Brian Spitsbergen, PhD, LLPC, CAADC – Director of Community Relations, Growth Works, Inc. Pat Stropes, CPRM, PRC, RCSS, Recovery & Community Support Specialist Community Intervention & Treatment, Growth Works, Inc. Director Meier outlined three objectives for the meeting: Understand the scope of the problem and to understand addiction What are we, as a community, doing to address the problem Opportunities for the future. The meeting opened with a video from 20/20 entitled “Breaking Point – Heroin in America” Brian Spitsbergen of Growth Works, in conjunction with several Public Safety Presenters, presented a PowerPoint to the board. (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.) The Public Safety Department, along with several community guest presenters, provided an in-depth look into the Heroin/Opioid epidemic, specifically related to the impact it is having on the Canton community and the Canton Police & Fire Departments. Speakers discussed strategies for tackling the issues, as well as, opportunities for recovery and healing. A question and answer session involving all speakers concluded the evening. **RESOURCE LINKS:** ABC’s full 20/20 special, “Breaking Point – Heroin in America” <http://abc.go.com/shows/2020/episode-buide/2016-03/11-031116-breaking-point-heroin-in-america> Washington Post article, “The Drug Industry’s Triumph over the DEA” https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2017/investigations/dea-drug-industry-congress/?tid=a_inl&.utm_term=7e8a84a79747 **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. ___**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** ___**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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