

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – April 21, 2018

A special study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.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 Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Meier Staff Absent: Director Hohenberg, Director Trumbull Guest Present: James Kosteva – Chairman – Roads Task Force **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneiderman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Continue Discussion of Roads Task Force Presentation** Director Faas gave an overview of what was presented at the Study Session on April 17, 2018. He reviewed the projected cost (just over \$4.4 million/year) of setting up a Roads Division if Canton Township became a city explaining the figures excludes overhead (higher level management), building utilities, and any other capital improvements. It does not include any heavy duty fixes on the roads. Regarding PA51 funds/revenue, Director Faas presented an analysis of how the expenses would most likely be allocated if Canton was a city. Director Faas presented spreadsheets with calculation comparisons analyzing city vs township scenarios. Director Faas presented a map of potential roads Canton would have jurisdiction over if it were a city. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (27 Residents were in attendance) Tony Gramer, 186 Scarlet Drive, commented on contractor accountability for the materials used as well as the expected life of the pavement. Gary Hotycki, 47596 Ten Point Drive, commented on a statement made by Mayor Wilde of Westland regarding how difficult it is for cities to obtain funds from the state. Harjot Singh, 2449 E. Woodmont Drive, asked if the contractors be responsible for the quality of materials used for road repairs/construction. If Canton has control of the roads will they be able to set weight limits? Will a millage be temporary? Gary Smith, 43697 Swanmere Drive, commented on how the material content of pavement has changed throughout the years. Ron Letourneau, 6473 Marshall, (Task Force member) commended the board for setting up the Roads Task Force. Would like to explore becoming a city further. Darian Moore, 4022 Bruton, (Task Force member) supported the comments of Mr. Letourneau on investigating becoming a city. Charles Miller, 47074 Glastonbury, asked what guarantees we would have regarding getting all the PA51 money. He is against Canton becoming a city. Marc Rankin, 302 Savannah Drive, member of Savannah Point Association board with private roads. It is difficult to get a majority of the homeowners to vote to pay for road replacement/repairs. He is encouraged by the proposition of the township getting involved in roads. Mike Andro, 47937 Royal Pointe Drive, thanked the board for this initiative. He would rather have the primary roads fixed first, before we take on fixing the subdivision roads. These are the most serious roads. **TOPIC 2: Reach Consensus of Roads Plan** Director Faas gave a general overview of how investments in projects could be handled. State Roads, County Primary Roads, and Local Roads funding were all addressed. Information was given as to various millage rates and how funds could potentially be handled. Director Faas presented spreadsheets with comparisons regarding these matters. He included subdivision resident participation in projects as well. Regarding the Task Force's recommendations: Investments would be made in maintenance, rehabilitation, and repair projects balanced amongst 3 different categories of assets – State Roads, County Primary Roads, and Local Subdivision Roads. Funding for this would be derived from a dedicated Roads Millage to be levied over a 10 year period should the voters agree to do so at an upcoming election. There would be a provision for the property owners in subdivisions that participated in the 2016 County Road Assistance Program where repairs have already been made to their neighborhood subdivision roads and the one remaining subdivision that has a SAD – Lexington Square for preventative maintenance as well as any additional repairs needed to their streets. Address the desire to dedicate some of the monies for improvements to Ford Road. Address the need to have a mix of projects: small, medium, and large scale projects. Supervisor Williams summed up the session with several decisions to be made. Do they want a millage, How large would the millage be, How would the monies be directed Faas presented a spreadsheet with examples of what a 1.45 millage would cost the taxpayers. Copies of the presentations from this meeting as well as the PowerPoint from the April 17, 2018 meeting are available through the Clerk's Office by contacting the secretary during regular business hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 734-394-5120. The board will work to compile a Request for Board Action for the next meeting with a consensus of how they would like to proceed. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneiderman to adjourn at 12:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** **Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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