

**Charter Township of Canton  
Board Proceedings – March 12, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Foster, supported by Sneiderman to appoint Treasurer Slavens as temporary clerk for this meeting only. Motion carried by all members present.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Slavens, Sneiderman, Williams  
 Members Absent: Siegrist  
 Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Trumbull, Director Meier, Bill Serchak,  
 Annette Luke

Guests Present: Stephanie Johnson, Samar Sakakini- Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, Joe Rotondo, Rotondo Construction

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneiderman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Anthony to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2019 as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**Citizen’s Non-Agenda Item Comments:** Mark Slavens, Canton resident presented a birthday cake for Dian, his wife to share with the board. Bryan Amann, commented on Dian getting a rose too.

**Payment of the Bills:**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneiderman to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

<b>CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON EXPENDITURE RECAP FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF March 12, 2019</b>		
101	GENERAL FUND	396,586.80
204	ROADS FUND	1,795.46
206	FIRE FUND	166,716.81
207	POLICE FUND	207,960.48
208	SUMMIT OPERATING (General)	67,785.28
219	STREET LIGHTING	0.00
230	CABLE TV FUND	4,200.43
245	PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	0.00
246	TWP (COMMUNITY) IMPROVEMENT	0.00
248	DDA - CANTON	48,137.97
261	E-911 UTILITY	455.40
265	ORGANIZED CRIME - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	43,772.59
274	CDBG	42.11
275	ARRA GRANTS FUND	0.00
276	NSP GRANTS FUND	0.00
401	CAP PROJ - ENERGY PROJECT	0.00

402	CAP PROJ - SUMMIT CONSTR	0.00
403	CAP PROJ - ROAD PAVING	0.00
584	GOLF FUND	39,550.83
592	WATER & SEWER FUND	880,925.26
596	SOLID WASTE	276,962.47
661	FLEET	30,411.59
701	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	13,842.50
702	CONSTRUCTION ESCROW	7,279.45
736	POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	86,678.71
<b>TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>2,273,104.14</b>

**Presentations:**

Supervisor Williams requested Commissioner Samar Sakakini, representative of the Cultural Commission and of the Arab American Community of Canton to go ahead of Stephanie Johnson, representing Khandler, Reed, Khoury & Muchmore due to the larger group in attendance and all agreed.

**1. Proclamation Recognizing April 2019 as National Arab American Heritage Month.**

Supervisor Williams read the Proclamation recognizing April 2019 as National Arab American Heritage month.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneiderman to add the Proclamation to the minutes. Motion carried by all members present.

**Proclamation Recognizing  
April 2019 as National Arab  
American Heritage Month**

- Whereas,** for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society: in medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, culture; and
- Whereas,** since migrating to America, men and women of Arab descent have shared their rich culture and traditions with neighbors and friends, while also setting fine examples of model citizens and public servants; and
- Whereas,** they brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed that have added strength to our great democracy; and
- Whereas,** Arab Americans have also enriched our society by sharing in the entrepreneurial American spirit that makes our nation free and prosperous; and
- Whereas,** the history of Arab Americans in the US remains neglected or defaced by misconceptions, bigotry, and anti-Arab hate in the forms of crimes and speech; and
- Whereas,** Arab American issues, such as civil rights abuses, harmful stereotyping, and bullying must be combatted in the forms of education and awareness; and
- Whereas,** they join all Americans in the desire to see a peaceful and diverse society, where every individual is treated equally and feels safe; and

**Whereas,** the incredible contributions and heritage of Arab Americans have helped us build a better nation;

**Now, therefore,** we announce that the Canton Township celebrates the contributions Arab Americans have made to society, and does hereby declare April 2019 to be National Arab American Heritage Month in Canton. We encourage our community to join us in this special observance.

Samer Sakakini, representative of the Cultural Commission and of the Arab American Community of Canton spoke to the board giving thanks and speaking on the positive impact of Arab Americans.

2. **Legislative Update:** Stephanie Johnson, representing Khandler, Reed, Khoury & Muchmore gave a legislative update about Governor Whitmer's budget proposal and upcoming legislation.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneiderman to place Stephanie Johnson's comments in the records.  
Motion carried by all members present.

Stephanie Johnson, representing Khandler, Reed, Khoury & Muchmore explains the lame duck session was active due to the many changes in legislators and governor leadership. Canton Township Tree Ordinance was successfully kept in place. Future legislation is possible. With lifetime term limits in the House and Senate there was a change of 43 in the House out of 110. Committee assignments were made in mid-January and a change creating New Ways and Means Committee in the House and as a bill is reported out of the subcommittees creating a 2 step process before reporting it to the House. Last week was the Ways and Means Committee meeting. Not much legislative activity due to weather and Governor Whitmer's budget recommendation which came out later on March 5, 2019, which is allowed for a new governor. Governor Whitmer put out a gas tax proposal for fixing the roads was of .45/gallon. Which would be in \$.15 increments every 6 months for 18 months, with a total gas tax of \$.71. Proposal includes a new formula will be in place unlike the previous one giving priority to roads not previously given funds. Governor is looking into new programs funding and into making college more affordable, taking general fund money for the schools and the gas tax fully funding the roads. Auto No Fault policy reform is possible. Dark Store legislation by Representative Beau LaFave, creating a fair assessment of businesses tax rate. Supervisor Williams reminded the board of the contribution of \$5,000 toward the Escanaba Case "Dark Stores", tax assessment. Proposal 3 passed and will make significant changes in voter rights and the voting process and the governor has created funding to communities for these changes. Trustee Foster agreed with the possible new roads revenue going through the Fixing Roads program instead of PA51 and Ms. Johnson stated there is a positive path moving forward. Recreational Trustee Sneiderman asked if small cell technology is being considered in Lansing. Representative Johnson will do research this technology and get back with the board. William asked the cells put up on top buildings rather than easement for aesthetic purposes. Trustee Anthony asked when budget will be finalized and Ms. Johnson said July at the earliest. Ms. Johnson addressed gas tax and Act 51. Stephanie Johnson said discussion on changing Act 51 possible but legislation not probable to pass. Supervisor Williams spoke about the internet tax passed for \$62M for recycling grants across the state and stated meetings are taking place for short term and long term plans for recycling. A meeting with Pat Colin, Wayne County is planned.

**Public Hearing:**

**PH-1: Public hearing for Canton Leisure Services to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant that, if awarded, would be implemented in 2019-2020.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to open the public hearing at 7:43 p.m. for comment on the MDNR Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application towards funding the purchase and installation of bridges on the Lower Rouge Trail between I-275 and Hannan Road. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Anthony to close the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. to consider the request for an application for MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve submission of an application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund towards the purchase and installation of two bridges along the Lower Rouge Trail between I-275 and Hannan Road, and to accept the funds if approved. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve the following resolution in support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant: Motion carried by all members present.

**Resolution of  
Board of Trustees  
Charter Township of Canton, Michigan  
  
Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant  
Program Resolution of Authorization**

**Whereas,** Charter Township of Canton supports the submission of an application titled, “Lower Rouge Trail East Expansion” to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development of a trail extension to the east from I-275 to Hannan Road; and,

**Whereas,** the proposed application is supported by the community’s 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and,

**Whereas,** Charter Township of Canton has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$155,217.30 matching funds, in cash; and,

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** the Board of Trustees of Charter Township of Canton hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application for \$155,216 (50%) for bridges and installation along the Lower Rouge Trail, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$155,217.30 (50%) of a total \$310,433.30 projected cost (cost based on Engineers Estimate), during the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years.

**Consent Calendar:**

**Item C-1. Consider the request for resolution for a Local Body of Government to recognize the Workman Elementary School PTO at 250 N Denton Rd Canton, MI 48187 as a Nonprofit in the community for purposes of making application for a “Charitable Gaming License” to the Bureau of State Lottery.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to adopt the resolution for a Local Body of Government to recognize the Workman Elementary School PTO at 250 N Denton Rd Canton, MI 48187 as a Nonprofit in

the community for purposes of making application for a “Charitable Gaming License” to the Bureau of State Lottery. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item C-2. Set Public Hearing on April 9, 2019 for the consideration of the Local Government Approval of the request for a quota Class “C” Liquor License by Desi restaurant Group, LLC located at 42075 Ford Road Canton, Michigan 48187, Canton Township**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to set the Public Hearing on April 9, 2019 for the consideration of a new Class “C” Liquor License from Desi Restaurant Group LLC located at 42070 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187. Motion carried by all members present.

The Public Hearing is set for April 9, 2019 to review the application of Desi Restaurant Group LLC located at 42070 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187. This applicant is requesting one of the remaining four.

**Item C-3. Consider the request for resolution declaring the month of April as “fair housing month” in Canton Township.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to adopt the resolution to declare the month of April as “fair housing month” in Canton Township Michigan, County of Wayne. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item C-4. Consider second reading of the Amendment to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Ordinances for the S&S Homes Rezoning and Approval of the Third Amendment to the Mocerri Consent Judgment.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to hold the second reading of the amendment to the Mocerri Consent Judgment for the remaining 2 acres (known as Commercial Site No. 2) to allow rezoning from C-2, Community Commercial, to R-6, Single-Family Attached Residential. The conceptual plan that is included with the amendment would permit construction of 11 residential units (Five 2-unit buildings and one single detached unit). Motion carried by all members present.

**Item C-5. Consider approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of the Rouge Regarding a Future Water Trail on the Rouge River.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve of a “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) from the Friends of the Rouge regarding the future water trail along the Rouge River. Motion carried by all members present.

**General Calendar:**

**Item G-1. Consider payment of the annual GIS Software Maintenance Fees to ESRI. (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc.)**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to move to approve the following budget adjustment: Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation 101-000.695 \$9,400. Increase Expenditures: Maintenance & Repair Computer Equipment 101-701.930\_0010 \$9,400. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to move to authorize the Supervisor to sign the 3 year agreement effective March 2019 – March 2022 and a payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support, for a total cost not-to-exceed of \$50,000 per year. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item G-2. Consider approval of the annual payment for the Township’s Microsoft Email Archiving Services.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve annual payment for the Township’s Microsoft Email Archiving Services. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item G-3. Consider to award a contract for a 2019 Street Tree Planting Program to Margolis Companies for a total amount not-to-exceed \$13,500.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to award a contract for a 2019 Street Tree Planting Program to Margolis Companies for a total amount not-to-exceed \$13,500. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item G-4. Consider increase of P.O. 2018-2645 for professional design and construction engineering services to Northwest Consultants, Inc. for the 2018 water main replacement projects.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment: Increase Expenditure 592-536.970\_0050 Water Capital Outlay-Infrastructure \$42,440 Decrease Expenditure 592-536.801\_0040 Professional Services – Engineering \$42,440. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to increase of P.O. 2018-2645 for the 2018 Water Main CIP Design to Northwest Consultants, Inc. by \$42,440, combined with the limit of \$86,270 approved on August 14, 2018 for a total limit to P.O. 2018-2645 of \$128,710. Motion carried by all members present.

**Item G-5. Consider request to an extension of the contract with Rotondo Construction Corporation for the 2019 sidewalk repair program in the amount of \$475,000; and further authorize the Township to further extend the contract with Rotondo Construction Corporation into the 2020 program year based on satisfactory performance and stable prices.**

Motion by Slavens, supported by Foster to approve an extension of the contract with Rotondo Construction Corporation for the 2019 sidewalk repair program in the amount of \$475,000; and further authorize the Township to further extend the contract with Rotondo Construction Corporation into the 2020 program year based on satisfactory performance and stable prices. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Sneideman to approve the following budget amendment:

**Increase Revenues:**

Fees – Sidewalk Replacements #101-000.607\_0026 \$31,000

**Increase Expenses:**

Maintenance and Repair of Sidewalks #101-447-03.930\_0050 \$31,000

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Concrete Costs (from Contractor & Supplier)
2. Memo from Engineering Services - 2019 Sidewalk Program Budget and Scope of Work

Motion carried by all members present.

**Additional Public Comment:** Mike Shultz, resident 44580 Dionne St, Canton voiced his frustration of the \$.45 increase in the gas tax that Governor Whitmer is proposing.

**Other:**

**Adjourn:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneiderman to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

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Pat Williams, Supervisor