

**Charter Township of Canton  
Board Proceedings – June 8, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 virtually. Supervisor Graham-Hudak called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Borninski, Foster, Ganguly, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens & Sneiderman  
Siegrist location Lelanau County, all other members stated their location is Canton Township

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Smith, Director Trumbull, Director Baugh, Director Stoecklein, Community Planner Sloan, Sergeant Shulman

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the agenda as amended adding a Resolution for Juneteenth and Items G-0a and G-0b. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Siegrist supported by Foster to approve the May 25, 2021 Board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was held.

**Payment of Bills:**

Motion by Slavens supported by Sneiderman to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

<b>CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON EXPENDITURE RECAP FOR THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF June 8, 2021</b>		
101	GENERAL FUND	531,306.65
204	ROADS FUND	368,170.73
206	FIRE FUND	513,135.13
207	POLICE FUND	622,745.36
208	SUMMIT OPERATING (General)	80,120.43
219	STREET LIGHTING	0.00
230	CABLE TV FUND	12,591.21
246	TWP (COMMUNITY) IMPROVEMENT	6,005.00
248	DDA - CANTON	7,400.56
261	E-911 UTILITY	474.12

265	ORGANIZED CRIME - DRUG ENFORCEMENT	45,767.60
274	CDBG	4,904.75
276	NSP GRANTS FUND	0.00
401	CAP PROJ - ENERGY PROJECT	10,042.50
402	CAP PROJ - SUMMIT CONSTR	0.00
403	CAP PROJ - ROAD PAVING	0.00
584	GOLF FUND	43,697.31
592	WATER & SEWER FUND	740,095.88
596	SOLID WASTE	388,152.15
661	FLEET	32,991.22
701	TRUST & AGENCY FUND	714.00
702	CUSTODIAL FUND	5,819.46
736	POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	217,932.57
852	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DEBT	0.00
301	ENERGY PROJECT DEBT SVCE FUND	0.00
302	CAPITAL PROJECT DEBT SERVICE	0.00
		0.00
<b>TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>		<b>3,632,066.63</b>

**Presentation:**

- 1) Redevelopment Ready Communities Program

Presented by Community Planner Patrick Sloan and Intern Christine Ross

**Special Hearing:**

**Item SH-1. Public Hearing for Petition to Appeal Soliciting, Canvassing, and Peddling License Denial; Chapter 54 Article II Section 54-33; for Tarlochan Gill.**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to open the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. to hear comments on the Petition to Appeal Soliciting, Canvassing, and Peddling License Denial; Chapter 54 Article II Section 54-33; for Tarlochan Gill. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Jaijit Gill was appointed to represent Tarlochan Gill and spoke for five minutes in favor of the appeal. Sergeant Shulman presented for five minutes on the issues that resulted in the denial. The trustees each spoke about their concerns over the police reports regarding Tarlochan Gill.

Motion by Foster, supported by Borninski to close the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to move that the determination of the Board of Trustees, upon hearing all the evidence submitted and reviewing documents is to deny the appeal and uphold the Clerk's denial the of a 2021 license for Tarlochan Gill. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item R-1.

**RESOLUTION OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
CANTON, MICHIGAN**

**Commemorating June 19, 2021 as “Juneteenth Independence Day” in Canton Township in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to an end in the United States.**

**WHEREAS**, the transatlantic slave trade system established both Europe and North America as world powers by and through the commoditization of Africans. Millions of Africans suffered disease and death on the eight-week voyages across the Middle Passage;

**WHEREAS**, from 1619 through 1865, millions of Africans and their descendants were enslaved in the United States, the thirteen American colonies, and eventually the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, maritime, agricultural, insurance, defense, tobacco, sugar, and cotton industries were established off profits from the atrocities of slavery;

**WHEREAS**, Michigan served as the major hub of the Underground Railroad and home to several white abolitionists, including U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator Jacob Merritt Howard, Guy Beckley of Ann Arbor, Erastus Hussey of Battle Creek, and Seymour Finney of Detroit;

**WHEREAS**, through the work of these great men of all colors, the Second Baptist Church of Detroit, Friends of the Fugitives, Anti-Slavery Society, and other institutions, thousands of slaves were freed;

**WHEREAS**, Canton historian David Curtis has invested more than 200 hours of research into the home located at 43425 Warren Road in Canton, which is believed to be the third oldest home in our community, and a possible stop on the underground railroad and a refuge for runaway slaves on their way to Canada;

**WHEREAS**, effective January 1, 1863, “all persons held as slaves” were to be freed under the Emancipation Proclamation, in which word of this proclamation did not reach Texas until two and a half years later, on June 19, 1865, following his statement, June 19th (Juneteenth) became the emancipation date of those long suffering for freedom;

**WHEREAS**, this tradition of celebration has remained strong well into the 21st century to recognize the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery and to honor the strength, endurance, and faith of African American ancestors;

**WHEREAS**, slavery was abolished through the passage of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution in 1865, after the end of the Civil War;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that citizens across the state join together to acknowledge a time in our history that carried on the nation’s ideals of equality and democracy and celebrate the joys of liberty and justice for every American citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2005, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signed legislation officially designating the third Saturday in June as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Michigan and Senator Martha G. Scott sponsored Senate Bill 384 to recognize Juneteenth as an official state holiday; Now, therefore be it,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton commemorates June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Independence Day and recognize the devastating legacy of American slavery, and encourage all residents to educate each other and future generations on the history of slavery in order to ensure this tragedy will never be forgotten or repeated and to and celebrate African American history and culture, while continuing to promote diversity, equality, and a strong sense of community in Canton Township.

Motion by Ganguly, supported by Sneideman to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item C-1. Consider Authorization to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the resolution for Authorization to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready Communities Program as presented.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
CANTON, MICHIGAN**

**Authorization to Participate in the Michigan Economic Development Corporation  
Redevelopment Ready Communities Program**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has established the statewide Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Program to empower communities to further establish and increase sustainability and potential business growth by becoming compliant with MEDC best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, RRC is a program that provides technical assistance to and certifies Michigan communities that actively engage stakeholders and plan deliberate, fair, and consistent processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of Canton recognizes the value of the RRC Program and seeks to improve its redevelopment readiness via a detailed review of existing development standards and processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the RRC program includes evaluating and strengthening the development-related partnerships between the Township Board of Trustees and stakeholder organization such as the MEDC, the Downtown Development Authority, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals; and

**WHEREAS**, the RRC Program and MEDC staff will assist Canton Township in making timely and necessary updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the RRC Program will open and expand opportunities for further State revenue and support for Canton Township through recognition by the MEDC;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby authorize the Charter Township of Canton to participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program and pursue RRC Certification, including use of the RRC Best Practices and evaluation process to improve the Township's development standards, processes, and stakeholder communication.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item C-2. Consider Award of a Contract to Cadillac Asphalt for the 2021 Major Roads - Asphalt Project for the 2021 Road Improvement Program and Authorize a Budget Amendment**

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

Increase Expenditures:

Roads, Major – Capital Outlay #204-446-11.970\_0050 \$1,652,003

Decrease Expenditures:

Roads, Major – Professional Services, Engineering #204-446-11.801\_0040 \$1,652,003

And, to approve a purchase order and contract with Cadillac Asphalt for the 2021 Major Roads - Asphalt Project construction in the amount of \$1,356,864 plus a 10% contingency of \$135,686 for a total of \$1,492,550, and, to approve a purchase order and contract with Fishbeck, Inc. for the 2021 Major Roads – Asphalt Project construction engineering in the amount of \$144,958 plus a 10% contingency of \$14,495 for a total of \$159,453. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item C-3. Consider an Increase of \$80,000 to PO 2019-2942 for Additional Road Work Related to Fire Station #2 Construction**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve increase Purchase Order No. 2019-2942 for the Dailey Company in the amount totaling \$80,000 from account number Road Construction Fund, #204-446-11.970\_0050 (Roads Major – Capital Outlay) for additional Warren Road pavement rehabilitation as part of the Fire Station No. 2 contract. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-0a. Request to Purchase Voter Precinct Laptop Replacements**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the following budget amendment and for the purchase of replacement Dell laptops for use by the Township Clerk in the execution of election responsibilities at the State of Michigan negotiated price with Dell:

Increase Revenue:

# 101-000.695 (Fund Balance Appropriation) \$38,600.00

Increase Expenses:

#101-262.970\_0010 (Capital Outlay Computers) \$38,600.00

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-0b. Request for Resolution of Local Body of Government to Recognize “Partnership for the Arts & Humanities” As a Nonprofit in the Community for Purposes of Making an Application for a "Charitable Gaming License" to the Bureau of State Lottery.**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski approve the resolution for the “Partnership for the Arts & Humanities”, 355 N. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 481887 to be recognized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-1. Consider Award of CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Contracts**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to approve the two housing rehabilitation contracts to Optimum Contracting Solutions listed below totaling \$40,000.

Street	Home Type	Contractor	Low Bid/Cap
XXXX Twyckingham	Single Family Home	Optimum Contracting Solutions	\$15,000
XXXX Rector Dr.	Single Family Home	Optimum Contracting Solutions	\$25,000

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-2. Consider Approving a Merit Commission Recommendation for a Position Reclassification in Public Safety**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the Merit Commission recommendation to reclassify the current Grade 5 position of Executive Assistant/Communications Specialist–Public Safety, to a Grade 6 position of Business Operations Coordinator–Police and Fire Services. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-3. Consider Approval of a Purchase Order Increase for Preservation Park Pavilion Construction**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Borninski to approve an increase to PO#2020-00001917 in the amount of \$8,994.50 to be paid from account #246-750.970\_0020 – Capital Improvement Fund to Carpentry Concepts and Ceilings, L.L.C. 18786 Susanna Livonia, MI 48152 for the additional

manhole and cross connection for the Preservation Park Pavilion. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-4. Consider Approval of a Purchase Order for Reliable Landscaping, Inc.**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to approve the following budget amendments:

Increase Expenditures		
584-773-57.801_0050	Pheasant Run Golf Club	\$22,835
	Professional and Contractual Services	
101-752-50.801_0050	General Fund Parks	\$21,260
	Professional and Contractual Services	
Fund Balance		
Decrease		
584-773-50.999	Transfer to Fund Balance	\$22,835
Increase		
101-000.695	Fund Balance Appropriation	\$21,260

And, further move to approve a purchase order for Reliable Landscaping, Inc. 8285 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$52,895.25 to be paid from the following accounts:

Division Account Amount		
Police	207-301-50.930_0020 M&R Buildings	\$5,835
Parks	101-752-50.801_0050 Prof. & Contractual Serv.	\$21,260
Pheasant Run Golf	584-773-57.801_0050 Prof. & Contractual Serv.	\$22,835
Historic District	101-803.930_0020 M&R Buildings & Additions	\$2,965
Commission		

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**Item G-5. Consider Approval for two Emergency Purchase Orders for the Underground Line Service Repair at Heritage Park**

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to approve an emergency purchase order to Corby Energy Services, Inc. P.O. Box 970, Belleville, MI 48112 in the amount of \$2,765 for the generator service at the COVID testing site to be paid from the COVID Fund account #101-261.955\_0001 and a second purchase order to Utilities Instrumentation Service 2290 Bishop Circle East, Dexter MI 48130 in the amount of \$19,812.42 for the repair of underground service lines in Heritage Park to be paid from the Community Improvement Fund 246-750-970.0020. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Additional Public comment was held.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Sneiderman, supported by Foster to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

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Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Supervisor