

**Canaan Township Board of Trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**June 9, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Chairman Edward Sayers called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call showed all trustees present.

The clerk read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the minutes as amended; Mrs. Pangborn seconded. Motion passed.

The fiscal officer reported receipts and balances to date in all funds. The bank reconciliation report was also presented. Automatic drafts for utilities were examined. Mrs. Pangborn made the motion to approve the reports; Mr. Sayers seconded. Motion passed.

A preliminary budget report for 2009 was distributed for study. The Budget Hearing will be at the next regular monthly meeting in July.

Communications included the Grassroots Clippings, an email from Terry Bell concerning the need for legislation to allow townships to recover costs of damage to roads from heavy trucks of private industry, a thank you note from Bob Clark for the quick response on his request for a fire hydrant, and other newsletters and flyers.

Under old business road work was discussed. Roads were checked and the report filed with comments about signs all being in place. There was discussion of summer road work to be started soon. Monument repairs have started at S. Canaan Cemetery. N. Canaan Cemetery needs attention to fix entries and gravel the road as well as removal of weeds and brush from the fence row. A metal detector to find lot markers was approved. Mr. Sayers made the motion to approve reimbursement to the Fiscal Officer for the purchase of the Garrett Metal Detector; Mr. Bayles seconded. Motion passed. Mr. Bayles has installed one cemetery map in the trustee office. Two more will be put up soon. An outdoor bulletin board has been received and will be put up outside by the front door to the office building.

To eliminate costs for updating the township webpage, Mr. Sayers made the motion to contact Miami University and the Local Government Department that contracts with the Ohio Township Association for internet services including free webpage design and maintenance for townships in Ohio, and to authorize them to take over the design and maintenance of the Canaan Township webpage at no cost to the township; Mr. Bayles seconded. Motion passed.

Under new business bills for payment were presented. Mrs. Pangborn made the motion to approve the payment of the bills; Mr. Bayles seconded. Motion passed.

A discussion of the benefits of the county health department's Solid Waster Revolving Loan Fund, Mrs. Pangborn made the motion that Canaan Township donate \$1000 for 2008 membership in the program; Mr. Bayles seconded. Motion passed.

A new Cemetery Policy was read for approval. Mr. Sayers made the motion to adopt a resolution to approve the policy as presented; Mrs. Pangborn seconded. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Mr. Sayers, yes; Mrs. Pangborn, yes; Mr. Bayles, yes.

A new Driveway/Culvert Policy was read for approval. Mr. Bayles made the motion to adopt a resolution to approve the policy as presented; Mrs. Pangborn seconded. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: Mr. Bayles, yes; Mrs. Pangborn, yes; Mr. Sayers, yes.

A new Meeting Policy was read for approval. Mrs. Pangborn made the motion to adopt a resolution to approve the policy as presented; Mr. Bayles seconded. Upon roll call the voting was as follows: ; Mrs. Pangborn, yes; Mr. Bayles, yes; Mr. Sayers, yes.

There was discussion of a severe weather/tornado siren and information on a per cost of approximately \$20,000 and location of installation. More information will be researched on possible grants available.

A request for a permit to install a telephone line on TR10 was signed for Embarq.

Citizen concerns received since the last meeting included John Morton on TR133 inquiring about a bolt missing on the bridge and the lack of ditches on the road affecting the stability of the road surface. The bridge concern was sent on to the county engineer. The ditch concern is still pending. Betty Moodispaugh called with concerns about the road surface of TR74. She was informed that summer road work will address the issue.

There being no further business to come before the board Mrs. Pangborn made the motion to adjourn; Mr. Bayles seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

The next meeting will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM with a Budget Hearing preceding the regular monthly meeting.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Edward Sayers

V. Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

John Bayles

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Billie Pangborn

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Deana Detwiler, Fiscal Officer