

**Charter Township of Canton  
Board Proceedings – January 16, 2018**

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Williams  
Members Absent: Slavens, Sneedman,  
Staff Present: Director Faas, Kristen Thomas  
Staff Absent: Director Hohenberger, Director Meier, Director Trumbull

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

**STUDY SESSION:**

**TOPIC 1: Technology Committee Findings Report,  
Presented by: Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director and  
Kristen Thomas, Economic Development Manager**

Board was provided a presentation outlining the feedback received at the Technology Committee Meeting held in September 6, 2017.

Director Faas and Kristen Thomas presented the PowerPoint to the board covering the topics on each slide.

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| A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available through 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. |
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The staff also outlined the items for follow-up in 2018 and beyond.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gregg Greene, 46890 Creeks Bend Drive, commented on his opinion of autonomous vehicles and Canton's role interacting with these types of companies proactively. Director Faas replied Canton has worked with legislators to improve the conditions along Ford Road. Faas stressed the fact that the township does not have jurisdiction over the roads.

Bob Parker, 6806 Weathersfield Way, commented on various modes of alternative transportation, including the predictions of the percentages of electric powered vehicles in the United States by various automotive industry leaders.

Matt Grisius, 41880 Coventry Way, complimented the township on the Technology Committee Meeting in September. He also questioned the budget for connectivity and how it will be

handled. Director Faas gave a generalization of how budgeting for this would be handled. Basically starting by working with MDOT and Wayne County. Mr. Grisius inquired how citizens can get involved. Ms. Thomas explained as more information and opportunities become available in the future, the township will post information on the Canton website.

Trustees Foster and Anthony commented positively on the presentation and the rapid rate at which technology is advancing.

Clerk Siegrist commented on other benefits of CAV. Siegrist inquired about what other communities are doing along this line. Director Faas describe some of the things Oakland County is doing to move them into the future. Siegrist stated our ordinances and building codes will also have to keep up with technology.

Trustee Graham-Hudak stated there are two locations in Canton where residents can charge their electric vehicles: AAA and IKEA. Graham-Hudak stated there are funds that will be available as a result of “Diesel-Gate”. She stated that 15% of the funds may be utilized for electrical infrastructure, and funds are available for purchasing municipal transit vehicles like electrical busses.

Director Faas explained he is aware of this and is involved with investigating grants. Graham-Hudak commented on various topics covered during the Technology Committee’s meeting and inquired what can Canton do to get Wayne County more involved. Director Faas explained the county still has jurisdiction over most of the roads, but Canton is always working with the County to assist in any way we can.

Clerk Siegrist asked if the repairs/renovation of I-275 will include “flex-route” technology. Director Faas replied no. There is a 2-3 year project to update freeways as well as major thoroughfares such as Michigan Avenue and Ford Road that will have the traffic control technology in place.

**OTHER:** None

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Siegrist to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

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**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk**

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**Pat Williams, Supervisor**