

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – March 20, 2018**

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Members Present: Anthony, Foster (arrived 5:16 p.m.), Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to add one General Calendar Item G-1: Set Date for Appeal Hearing Smoking Establishment License Denial. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item G-1: Set an Appeal Hearing Date for the Appeal of Denial of the 2018 Smoking Lounge License for Cloudz Hookah.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to set April 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. as the date/time for an Appeal Hearing for denial of a 2018 Smoking Lounge License for Cloudz Hookah. Motion carried by all members present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

PH-1. Host Public Hearing and Consider Approval of Application for MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to open the Public Hearing at 5:04 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.

Canton Leisure Services is seeking approval to apply for a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant that, if awarded, would be implemented in 2018-2019. A Public Hearing and formal Board approval to apply for the grant are required components.

The project is proposed to take place along the Lower Rouge Trail which provides non-motorized trail access and Public Works sewer maintenance access. The Public Works division would like to gain additional access to the east segment of the park to maintain sewer lines by adding a pathway between I-275 and Hannan Road. The Public Works division will be installing the pathway portion of the trail, similar to the existing portion of the Lower Rouge Trail. Canton is seeking additional support through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the

purchase and installation of the bridge crossings in this segment.

The total cost of the bridge purchase and installation is estimated at \$290,883.30 and Leisure Services is applying for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant in the amount of \$145,441. The matching funds are budgeted in the water and sewer fund in 2019.

Director Hohenberger conducted a PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of the MDNR grant, what they would be applying for, and the improvements to the trail that would result from being awarded this grant.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to close the public hearing at 5:10 p.m. for comments 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 Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman 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 Siegrist, supported by Sneiderman to approve the following resolution in support of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant. Motion carried unanimously.

**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 \$145,442.30 matching funds, in cash; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Charter Township of Canton hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$145,441 (50%) for

bridges and installation along the Lower Rouge Trail, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$145,442.30 (50%) of a total \$290,883.30 project cost, during the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years.

AYES: 6

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION APPROVED.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly made and passed by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at their meeting held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in Canton Township, Michigan with a quorum present.

Michael Siegrist, Clerk

Date: March 21, 2018

STUDY SESSION:

TOPIC 1: Township Owned Properties

Presenters: Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director
Greg Hohenberger, Leisure Services Director

The Board was provided a presentation outlining the work done since the June 2017 study session on this same topic. The purpose of this topic is to solicit feedback from the Board on the information presented in advance of finalizing a policy on the disposal of surplus property.

TOPIC 2: 2018 Recommended Water & Sewer Rates.

Presenters: Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director
Wendy Trumbull, Finance & Budget Director
Bob Belair, Public Works Manager
Brad Lear, Public Works Superintendent
Sarah Clay, Accounting Manager

The Board was provided a presentation outlining the staff recommended water and sewer rates for 2018. Discussion on the proposed capital equity charges (new connections) occurred.

The purpose of this topic is to solicit feedback from the Board on the information presented in advance of finalizing the rates.

Public Works Manager, Bob Belair, reviewed how the water/sewer rates in Canton are calculated.

Director Trumbull reviewed the analysis factors that affect the setting of the Water/Sewer Rates.

Covering both the migration to YUCA for water treatment, the new Water Storage facility, and the water contract with GLWA.

Mr. Belair covered samples of the water sewer rate changes would be with the proposed rates. The average is about 6.5% reductions.

Director Faas stated the expenses for the Water Storage Facility debt is still affecting rates. Also the bonus is the switch from sending 30% of our sewage to Wayne County system, to sending it to YUCA.

Director Faas commented on the positive effects of building our Water Storage Facility as well as redirecting our waste water to YUCA. Mr. Belair commented the goal is to keep rates down. This is the largest decrease since 1974.

A complete copies of the document(s) and PowerPoint presentation(s) are available through the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Combee, 6640 Raintree Drive, asked if the equity charges of \$150 was for both Water and Sewer or for each. Ms. Trumbull stated it was \$150 in total.

OTHER: None

ADJOURN: Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Pat Williams, Supervisor