

**Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings – May 1, 2018**

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 1, 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, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas
Additional Staff: Carolyn Cox – Budget, Benefits, & Internal Audit Mgr.
Bill Serchak - Engineering Services Manager
Staff Absent: Director Meier, Director Trumbull

Adoption of Agenda

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

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item G-1: Consideration of Resolution Approving Ballot Language for Road Improvement Millage

Supervisor Williams gave an overview of how this considered resolution came about. Prior to the board discussing this issue he asked for public comment.

Public Comment:

Mark Horvath, 7758 Charrington Drive, requested to hold his comments after the motion is taken. Supervisor Williams agreed.

There was no other public comment at this time.

Trustee Sneideman commented he would prefer the millage be for a 20 year period. A township wide SAD is not feasible at this time. He would like to see all 3 categories of roads (State Roads, Primary County Roads, and Local County Subdivision Roads) be addressed by this type of millage. He would like to see a rate closer to 2 mills rather than the 1.45. He would also like to see sidewalks and paths be covered by this effort.

Treasurer Slavens stated she feels the 1.45 level over 20 years is fair to ask of our voters. We have to invest in our roads. She would not like to see a rate higher than 1.45.

Trustee Foster stated she agrees with the 20 year period. She feels 1.45 would not be a stretch for the community to handle. She is comfortable with the ratios presented by our Municipal Services Department.

Supervisor Williams commented on the problems the Roads Task Force was asked to address, the increase in the gas tax, the increase of federal funds coming to Wayne County as a result of the Census 2020 data and how Act 51 funds will be allocated to Canton. Supervisor Williams also commented on redesigning Ford Road to reduce the amount of hazardous left hand turns. He is in favor of a millage but would rather see it be for a period of 10 years. He wants to ensure that if Canton raises money for roads, that Wayne County will not reduce the amount they are contributing to Canton's roads.

Clerk Siegrist commented on the daunting task of maintaining/repairing our roads and the options open to the township. He is in favor of preparing for Ford Road improvements rather than wait for Wayne County to take the initiative. He would like to see a larger percentage spent on the primary roads, perhaps 55%. He feels 1.45 mills over 20 years is reasonable.

Supervisor Williams stated this would cost the average homeowner in Canton approximately \$145 per year.

Trustee Anthony stated he has been on the board for over 10 years and has only raised taxes once, and that was for the Police and Fire fund. It is tough to raise taxes on the residents, but we have to do something. We have put in 8 times for Tiger Grants for Ford Road, but have never gotten it. However Macomb County was given a grant to pave a road to a dump. Supervisor is working with the county to ensure we have a good working relationship. He is in favor of 1.45 millage for 20 years. This money will stay in our community.

Director Faas explained the intent of this millage, if it passes, is to spread this money around the community, not just for one individual area. We are not taking ownership of the roads, we are taking responsibility for assisting with the maintenance. Priorities will vary from year to year based on the research done by our engineers.

Supervisor Williams explained a future Study Session will tackle the pros and cons of becoming a city.

Trustee Graham-Hudak thanked the Roads Task Force for their efforts with these problems. She is in favor of taking the option of a 1.45 millage over 20 years to the voters. She is proud of this initiative and the steps Canton is taking to tackle the roads problems.

Supervisor Williams opened the meeting up for public comment again.

Additional Public Comment:

Mark Horvath, 7758 Charrington Drive, commented on his opinion of a millage that he feels will be ineffectual.

Mike Malone, 50453 Eisenhower Drive, commented he would like the electeds to reprioritize the township budget rather than request a millage.

Darian Moore, 4022 Bruton, request the township delay placing this on the August 2018 ballot.

Jim Leddy, 6757 Brookshire, commented favorably on the idea of reprioritizing the budget. Mr. Leddy inquired why the township doesn't get more of the Act 51 money.

Gary Hotycki, 47596 Ten Point, commented that he does not want a tax increase. He doesn't want any tax monies spent on subdivision roads. He feels there are other ways to solve the roads problems.

George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, commented on potholes on Palmer and Sheldon Road. He inquired where the funds came from to pay for the paving of these two roads. He inquired about shelters available for senior residents during power outages.

Chuck Miller, 47074 Glastonbury, commented that he does not want to pay any more taxes.

Jim Leddy, 6757 Brookshire, questioned redirecting unspent funds vs. redirecting the overall funds. Director Faas explained how this would work in order to take advantage of potential projects on primary roads.

Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adopt the following resolution adopting a road improvement millage ballot language and direct the Clerk to forward a certified copy of the resolution to the County Clerk for inclusion on the August 7, 2018 Primary Ballot. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton communicated an interest in pursuing the feasibility of a road initiative and established an advisory roads task force on July 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Transportation Fund Act, Public Act 51 of 1951, created a formula to distribute funds for road repair and maintenance that are insufficient to meet the infrastructure needs of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton has determined that the condition of roads are substandard and wishes to provide road maintenance and improvements within the Township; and

WHEREAS, Townships may provide road maintenance and improvements, as authorized by Public Act 246 of 1931, MCL 41.271 – 41.290; and

WHEREAS, Townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide road maintenance and improvements to protect property and the health, safety, and welfare of the public, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, Townships may impose and levy *ad valorem* property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Charter Township of Canton wishes to levy 1.45 mills to provide public road maintenance and improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August primary election ballot:

Shall the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, levy a new millage of 1.45 mills for 20 years for the purpose of paying the costs of maintaining, improving, rehabilitating, and reconstructing State & County roads in the Township, including pedestrian pathway improvements and storm water drainage improvements, together with all costs of designing and acquiring right-of-way, and appurtenances and attachments thereto, as well as to pay off any principal and interest on any debt issued related to the improvements as described herein?

YES
NO

If approved, the estimated millage (\$ 1.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value) is expected to raise \$5,506,872 in the first year. It is estimated that 97.09% of the annual millage revenue would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton for road improvements, and, as required by law, 2.91% would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority. The amount disbursed to the Charter Township of Canton Downtown Development Authority shall be collected solely from properties located in the Canton Township Downtown Development Authority.

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of May, 2018 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, (referred as “Public Act 267 of 1976”), and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been available as required by Public Act 267 of 1976.

Michael Siegrist, Clerk
Dated: May 2, 2018.

Supervisor Williams explained if this does pass, that begins the next phase of a tremendous amount of work to be done, hiring professionals, completing PASER Studies, and a lot of details to work out. As well as addressing the questions asked this evening.

Trustees Foster, Sneideman, Treasurer Slavens, Clerk Siegrist, Trustee Anthony, and Trustee Graham-Hudak all made closing remarks in support of the millage proposal and placing this before the Canton voters.

Director Faas commented on the great work done by Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Manager with the Roads Task Force. Publically commending him on his efforts.

At 7:07 p.m. the board took a break, reconvening at 7:15 p.m.

Additional Public Comment:

William Asper commented on his opinion regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program, giving his findings with regards to who has responsibility for paying for this program.

Karen Skipper, 228 Buckingham, commented on a personal matter regarding the Sidewalk Repair Program. Engineering Manager Serchak spoke with Ms. Skipper regarding her issues and agreed to check into her concerns.

STUDY SESSION:

TOPIC 1: Pedestrian Pathways & Sidewalk Gaps

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

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS: Jon LaFever, Deputy Director of Leisure Services
Brad Sharp, Facility Services Manager
Bill Serchak, Engineering Services Manager
Erika Hidalgo, Engineer II

The board was provided a presentation outlining the status of the pedestrian pathway and sidewalk gap projects for 2018 and 2019.

Directors Faas and Hohenberger explained the goals of the township regarding pedestrian pathways and sidewalk gaps. Director Hohenberger covered the pathways. Director Faas covered individual sidewalk gaps the township would like to complete, prioritizing the projects for the board. He also covered various grants the township is applying for.

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.

Trustee Sneiderman inquired the cost of a bridge. Director Faas explained from \$100,000 to \$200,000 based upon the type of bridge constructed.

OTHER: Fishing Derby will be this Saturday.

ADJOURN: Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

Pat Williams, Supervisor