



**CANTON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
BOARD OF TRUSTEES STUDY SESSION
MARCH 29, 2022**

6:00 P.M.:

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: BORNINSKI, FOSTER, GANGULY, GRAHAM-HUDAK, SIEGRIST, SLAVENS,
SNEIDEMAN

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

GENERAL CALENDAR:

- 1) APPROVE NEW PRECINCT MAP & POLLING LOCATIONS – PRECINCT AUDITOR
CONCLUSION (CLERK)

STUDY SESSION:

- 1) COMMUNICATIONS

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**CANTON COMMUNITY
REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

MEETING DATE: 03/29/2022

AGENDA ITEM #G-1

ITEM: Approve New Precinct Map & Polling Locations - Precinct Auditor Conclusion

PRESENTER: Michael Siegrist

INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

After the decennial census, the Clerk is required to review precinct alignments and make any necessary adjustments. Clerk Siegrist and the Redistricting Auditor have worked tirelessly to evaluate the demographics of Canton Township, the growing trend of voting by mail, and new processes and efficiencies. This in-depth research, presented to the Board of Trustees by Clerk Siegrist, has resulted in new precinct maps and a new assortment of polling locations. It is believed the maps, as presented, will reduce costs, increase the efficiency of voting, and serve the voters with excellence.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Canton Township has continued to try to maximize the efficiency of its voting process. Originally over 40 precincts, the Township now believes the ideal number of precincts is 33. Not only does this produce a dramatic reduction in budget, but it is believed that this move matches voter behavior while increasing efficiency of the voting process. After the decennial census, the Clerk is required to review precinct alignments and make any necessary adjustments.

STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS: **Welcoming Community:** Matching voting precincts with voter behavior for a better experience. **Organizational Climate & Culture:** Increases trust in the Organization through efficient operations. **Quality Infrastructure:** Increases the strategic operations of critical infrastructure by increasing efficiency and simplicity. **Financial Stability:** Reduces costs. **Healthy Ecosystem:** Reduces the number of paper ballot style needed.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the new precinct boundaries and list of polling locations.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS & ACCOUNT NUMBER: The Township should see a significant cost savings over time due to reduced need for supplies and testing requirements. However, it is estimated to cost a total up to \$16,000 to print and mail voter redistricting cards as is required by law.

\$9,000 from 101-262.851 for postage

\$6,296.39 from 101-262.801_0050 for current printing and mailing services vendor Printing Systems Inc.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: 1. Obtain Board approval 2. Submit plans to Secretary of State 3. Mail new voter ID cards and info to all voters 3. Hold a Town Hall 4. Promote the changes on Social Media

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION: Approve

FINANCE AND BUDGET DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

MODEL RESOLUTION:

Motion to approve the new precinct boundaries and polling locations as presented, and the associated costs related to mailing the legally required notices. Further, to authorize the Clerk to make minor changes as it relates to correcting errors in the precinct maps as needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

Old Map
New Map
List of Polling Location
Election Commission Resolution
Quote from PSI
New Precinct Layouts