

**Canaan Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2019
Minutes**

Chairman Matt Carwell called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Roll call showed all trustees present. Lorraine Rader, First Energy Solutions; Mike Sayers, Mt. Gilead School Board Member; and Gene Ebert, Ebert Mowing and Landscaping were also present.

Lorraine Rader provided information in regards to the current Community Aggregation Program that was put in place by the voters in 2010 and will expire in December 2019. The current program has 108 customers (100 residential) and the average customer pays 5.01¢ kWh with an average yearly savings of \$40. The options to renew with First Energy with a First Amendment to the Master Agreement were presented as follows:

Product:	Terms:	
	24 months	36 months
Fixed Price	4.89¢ kWh	4.96¢ kWh
Fixed Price with one time Grant of \$2,500	4.96¢ kWh	5.00¢ kWh

The above pricing also includes a no cancel fee and 1% off the Ohio Edison price option if, at any time, the Ohio Edison price is lower than the First Energy price.

Mr. Bayles made a motion to a resolution (4-8-2019-1) to choose the 36 months option at 5.00¢ kWh that includes the \$2,500 grant payable in March of 2020. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sayers, yes; Mr. Bayles, yes; Mr. Carwell, yes.

Mr. Mike Sayers provided information on the proposed 0.75%, 5 year, Income Tax Levy for Mt. Gilead School District that will be on the May 2019 ballot. This proposed income tax is for operating funds and is in addition to the 0.75% Income Tax already being paid for permanent improvements. If the levy does not pass, reductions will include: 1. Change from full to half-day kindergarten. 2. Elimination of art, music, and physical education at Park Avenue Elementary. 3. Elimination of bussing for high school students to and from school. 4. Implementation of pay to participate fees for athletics and music. If passed, this will generate \$1,189, 403 per year for the school district. The revenue for the tax, if passed, would become effective January 1 of the calendar year following the date of the election. The school district would receive the first quarterly payment in April of the same year and each quarter thereafter.

Mr. Gene Ebert, with Ebert Mowing and Landscaping reported that the mowing season as well as the spring cleanup of brush and debris has begun. Mr. Ebert has trimmed all of the trees in the cemeteries and also trimmed some big thorn bushes. He has also mowed and trimmed at the township hall.

The fiscal officer presented the minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting. Mr. Sayers made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. 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. The United Bank Statement was also distributed. Credit card purchases for March were reviewed and the attestation statement signed by Mr. Carwell. Mr. Bayles made the motion to approve the reports. Mr. Sayers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Communications included the Grassroots Clippings and other newsletters and flyers.

The trustees checked all the roads on April 2, 2019 and the new Road Sign Inventory and Management Form was used. There continues to be various potholes. Mr. Carwell check with the county engineer and they are willing to let the township borrow the Dura Patcher. The township will cover the cost of the stone, liquid and diesel fuel. Upon checking the roads, there are also various leaning signs that will need straightened. It was discussed that it is time to take inventory and restock some signs.

Mr. Sayers reported that First Consolidated recently had a meeting. Normal business was conducted and bills were paid.

There was no Regional Planning update.

The discussion to transfer operating funds from Chase Bank to United Bank was tabled until after the audit. Wilson, Phillips, & Agin is sending a courier on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to pick-up the requested items for the audit.

The township has received a complaint of junk vehicles on the corner of CR 70 and CR 59. The complaint went to the Commissioner's office and was passed along to the trustees from the Zoning Office. The caller claimed the owner is bringing in junk vehicles, stripping them down, and leaving them sit. They stated there were about 8-10 vehicles on the property at this time. The trustees received a nuisance packet last week from the Zoning Office. Included in the packet were steps to take to make sure correct procedures are followed to get properties considered a nuisance cleaned up. Moving forward, the trustees will reach out to Prosecutor Howland for legal counsel and advice.

Mr. Bayles has checked into the OPWC Grant for Round 33. The district the township is in is still being reviewed. The township should expect to receive a pre-award letter in the next month or two.

The \$500 MORE Grant from OTARMA is available again this year. It was discussed using the grant money to purchase road signs.

Mr. Sayers made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Mr. Bayles seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the board, Mr. Sayers made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Carwell seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Trustee: _____
Matthew Carwell, Chairman

Trustee: _____
Edward Sayers, Vice Chairman

Trustee: _____
John Bayles

Fiscal Officer: _____
Jill Retterer