

2600 Easton St. NE  
Canton, OH 44721

February 9, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. President Scott Haws led the pledge of allegiance.

Zone Change Hearing

#21-066

Motion by Mr. Haws,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to approve a zone change for approximately 7.64 acres located at the Northeast Quarter Section 06 (Parcel #55-03011). The address is 8100 Cleveland Ave Canton, Ohio 44720. The parcel is to be re-zoned from B-2 (General Business District) to I-1 (Light Industrial).

**WHEREAS**, ORC 504.04(A) authorizes the Township to exercise powers of local self-government and to adopt and enforce within the Township local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, in an ongoing effort to enact policies and recommendations beneficial to the Township, one of which is to ensure the remaining land in the Township is developed in a way which is sensitive to environmental constraints and the need to maintain a balanced tax base;

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2021, the Board of Zoning Commission reviewed the zone change and caused a recommendation for approval of the zone change to be forwarded to the Plain Township Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on February 9, 2021, by the Township Board of Trustees to consider Amendment #576-21 to the Plain Township Zoning Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has duly considered the nature of the amendment and the reasons therefore, the recommendation of the Plain Township Zoning Commission, the Stark County Regional Planning Commission, and the information provided by any and all other interested persons,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, pursuant to Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code, and within the authority of Limited-Self Government, to hereby adopt the recommendation of the Plain Township Zoning Commission for approval of Zoning Amendment 576-21;

(Amendment #576, effective 3-11-2021)

Seconded by Mrs. Harless,

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

ATTENDANCE:

John Sabo, Brook Harless, Scott Haws, Eric Williams, Lisa Campbell, Chief Shalenberger, Rob Steinberg, Joe Iacino (via Zoom), Thomas Ferrara and Thomas Wolf. Sheriff Maier, Deputy Sheriff John Oliver Media: None

AGENDA:

The agenda was presented. Scott Haws added Concerns of Trustees 1) Canton Township and 2) Hall of Fame Marathon. The agenda stands as amended.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

1. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Open a Blanket to Various Vendors

#21-067

Motion by Mr. Haws,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to approve and authorize payment to various vendors from this Blanket Purchase Order for the repairs and replacement of property, for the Zoning Department, from the water damage, from the sprinkler system, in an amount not to exceed \$12,169.72 from fund #01-B-02.

Seconded by Mr. Sabo

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

2. Jim Knight Crime Prevention Specialist

Invited by Trustee Brook Harless to share Home Security Tips

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

1. Pending Warrants

#21-068

Motion by Mr. Haws,

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark

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County, Ohio, to authorize the payment of pending warrants, in an amount of \$ 67,456.58 as attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

2. Regular Payroll

#21-069

Motion by Mr. Haws,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to authorize payment of the regular payroll, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00.

Seconded by Mr. Sabo

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

3. Medical Claims

#21-070

Motion by Mrs. Harless,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to authorize payment for the following medical claims as provided by Aultcare:

01/28/21	44585	\$ 33,567.14
02/05/21	44610	\$ 28,437.28

Seconded by Mr. Sabo

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes

4. Financial Report

5. Bank Reconciliation

6. **2020 Worker's Compensation True-Up**

#21-071

Motion by Mr. Haws,  
WHEREAS, Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio entered into **a contract for coverage with the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation** for the calendar year 2020 (Res #19-575).

**WHEREAS, the State of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation** prospective billing for the calendar year 2020 was based on an estimated annual payroll.

WHEREAS, Plain Township has reconciled the 2020 payroll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize a true-up payment to the State of **Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation** of \$ 17,071.00.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

7. Township Annual Appropriation Resolution

#21-072

Motion by Mr. Haws.  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Plain Township, Stark County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2021, the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows on the attached Township Annual Appropriations Resolution.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

8. Transfer of Funds

#21-073

Motion by Mr. Sabo,  
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the following transfers:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Admin</u>		
01-B-02 – Improvement of Sites	01-A-26W – Workplace Safety	\$ 1,700.00

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

9. Payment to Canton Municipal Court for Operating Cost

#21-074

Motion by Mr. Haws,  
WHEREAS, the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio proportional share of the operating cost for the use of the Canton Municipal Court under ORC Section 1901.026 is to be paid by the township

AND WHEREAS, the Canton Municipal **Court has paid the townships' share of** \$7,492.00 for the year 2020 to Plain Township;

AND WHEREAS, the proportional cost for the use of the Canton Municipal Court was \$7,492.00 for the year 2020;

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio to authorize the payment in an amount not to exceed \$7,492.00 to be taken from 01-A-26Q to reimburse the Canton Municipal Court for Plain **Townships' proportional share of the operating cost.**

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. To Discontinue FFCRA

#21-075

Motion by Mr. Haws,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to discontinue the extension of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) on February 28, 2021.

Seconded by Mr. Sabo

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes.

2 Reimbursement to RDBCo. through Covid Cares Business Grant

#21-076

Motion by Mr. Haws,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to reimburse, RDBCo. Fooder House & Kitchen, in the amount not to exceed, \$22,116.97, (see attached), for the Covid Cares Business Grants, from fund #14-A-08V, to be used on a reimbursement basis for the Township Businesses for Covid related expenses.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes.

3 Opening of Offices 2/16/21

4 February 23,2021 Trustee Meeting at Station 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Promotion from a part time status to Firefighter/Paramedic Class 1

#21-077

Motion by Mr. Sabo,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to promote Steven Joki from part time status to a full time Firefighter/Paramedic Class I, pending satisfactory completion of the Ohio Police and Fire medical physical. Wages and benefits are to be in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement.

Seconded by Mr. Haws

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes

2. Purchase a Truck Cap from R&S Truck Caps

#21-078

Motion by Mr. Haws,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to authorize the purchase, payment and installation of a DCU Series Truck Cap/Cargo Glide 1500XL from R & S Truck Caps for (1) one Ford F150 Pick-up Truck in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00 to be taken from Account #10-A-08

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes

ROAD DEPARTMENT:

1. Resignation Letter from Jon Begue

Resignation accepted effective on January 29, 2021, his last day worked.

2. 2020 Township Speed Zone Studies

ZONING DEPARTMENT:

1. None – Removed Zone Change Request

PARKS:

#21-079

Motion by Mr. Haws,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to authorize payment to Soccer One for steel soccer goals in an amount not to exceed \$3675.00 to be paid from Fund #14-A-08.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes

LAW DIRECTOR:

COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC SPEAKS:

CONCERNS OF TRUSTEES:

1. Canton Township

Concerns regarding road maintenance responsibility and cost recovery of section of 17<sup>th</sup> St NW that half is maintained by Plain Twp. and half maintained

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by Canton Twp. It has been on a handshake agreement for many years and concerns that we need to get the responsibilities defined and in writing.

2. Hall of Fame Marathon

They have met with and are working on plans to sign off from the Stark County Health Department;

- 50% Cut in Registrations
- Not encouraging people along the race route
- No expo or post race party

CONCERNS OF FISCAL OFFICER:

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

#21-080 Motion by Mr. Haws,  
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to waive the reading of the minutes held January 26, 2021 and make them part of the record as if read in their totality; and  
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to approve the minutes of the meeting held January 26, 2021 as presented.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Sabo, Yes; Mr. Haws, Yes; Mrs. Harless, yes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#21-081 Motion by Mr. Haws,  
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to adjourn to executive session at 7:05 p.m. from this regular meeting of February 9, 2021, as authorized under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G) for the purpose of the consideration of:

1. (f) compensation of a public employee or official
2. (a) the purchase of real, personal, tangible or intangible property

7. To consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, provided that both of the following conditions apply:

- (a) The information is directly related to a request for economic Development assistance that is to be provided or administered under any provision Chapter 715, 725 ,172, or 1728 or 5709.77 to 5709.81 of the Revised Code, or that involves public infrastructure improvements or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project.

Seconded by Mr. Sabo.

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes.

#21-082 Motion was made by Mr. Haws to return to public session at 8:26 p.m.  
 Seconded by Mr. Sabo.

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

#21-083 Motion by Mr. Haws,  
 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Plain Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Harless

Vote: Mr. Haws, Yes; Mr. Sabo, Yes; Mrs. Harless, Yes.

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 John A. Sabo  
 Trustee

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 Brook Harless  
 Trustee

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 Scott Haws  
 Trustee

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Thomas Wolf  
 Fiscal Officer