

**Canteen Township  
Meeting Minutes  
5500 Bunkum Rd.,  
Washington Park II., 62204  
September 13, 2023  
6:00 pm**

**1.Call to Order: 6:05**

**2.Pledge of Allegiance: 6:05**

**3. Prayer: Pastor Anthony Pettiford Sr.**

**4. Roll Call: 6:06**

A. Rickie Thomas: Present

D. Nicholas Allen: Present

B. Cynthia Gutierrez: Present

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Present

C. Angie Rodgers: Present

F. Clerk Kawaii Williams: Present

5: Present

Quorum: Yes

**5. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**A. Motion to Approve**

**August 9, 2023**

**September 7, 2023**

Motion by: Cynthia Guterrez

2nd: Nicholas Allen

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed:Yes ( August 9, 2023)

4: Yes

1: No

Passed:Yes ( September 9, 2023)

Notes: Supervisor Rodriguez stated the only thing that needs to be corrected is the date for August 9, 2023 minutes the header says September 13, 2023. Trustee Rodgers stated she would like for it to go on record that she Approves August 9, 202 minutes but not September 7, 2023 because she did not vote.

**6. Supervisor Report on General Assistance:** What can transpire here is that we do offer General Assistance checks to people that can qualify and that can bring in any paperwork that can prove to get assistance. Alicia, our Administrative clerk, is here Monday-Friday 9-2 daily. If there is someone that needs help getting here we will try to figure that out. We only have so much money monthly to assist. Right now we only have three(3) that have brought in paperwork that is needed and required that we can send into the State. That's why most of you all are here

this evening and as the General Assistance Supervisor I have looked into how we can help the communities more. We have a separate General Assistance Funding. First thing that came to my mind was toiletries, food, clothing or someone passing away. Anything I can help my community in Canteen Township that's what I'm here to do. We are going to have a new bill coming January 1, 2024 that will allow me to assist people with things out of General Assistance.

**7. Bills:**

**A. Motion to Approve:**

Motion by: Nicholas Allen

2nd: Angie Rodgers

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

**8. Old Business:**

**A. Approval to Buyout the Konica Copier 4052 Lease# 5000-50479158( \$3880.96)**

Motion by Angie Rodgers to Strike

2nd: Cynthia Guterrez

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: Supervisor Rodriguez stated she is not happy the company was trying to charge more to buy out the copier. We would like to continue to make monthly payments.

**9. New Business:**

**A. Motion to Approve Funds for FoodBanks located Canteen Township:**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers

2nd: Rickie Thomas

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: The amount donated to each Foodbank will be \$1,000. Supervisor Rodriguez said she might be able to do something in January once the bill passed.

**B. Movie Night at GoTuck Park ( October 6, 2023 at 6:00pm)**

**Motion to Approve Funds for Halloween Festival ( speakers, microphone, popcorn,drinks etc.):**

Motion by: Cynthia Guterrez

2nd: Rickie Thomas

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: Trustee Guterrez is requesting \$800.00 to purchase the items. Not to exceed \$800.00 No costumes will be worn.

**C. Approval of Architect contract for new Canteen Township Building:** Supervisor Rodriguez stated our building is not in good shape. She would like the building to stay in Washington Park. It will be built out closer to Bukum Road and the old building will be demolished. Road and Bridges will be connected with a couple of garages.

Motion by: Nicholas Allen to Approve the Architect contract for the new Canteen Township Building in the amount of \$38,800 with the additional \$7,600. Total Amount \$46,400. Also

Motion of Dispute of Resolution.

2nd: Cynthia Guterrez

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: Have to pay half down pay the rest when the job is completed. Finally moving forward. Board is Happy!!!

**D. Resolution 09-13-2023 Saint Clair County Parks Grant Funding Cycle 2029: \$50,000**

**Grant Award:**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers

2nd: Nicholas Allen

A Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: Supervisor Rodriguez just an update in St. Clair County Park Grants Commission turned out a grant this year for \$50,000. It is a park grant, it can only be used for parks. We only have one park and that's GoTuck Park. That does not limit me (Supervisor Rodriguez) to purchase some new trash cans, benches, a tractor, chainsaw and zero turn machine. To get it cleaned and fixed up over there. Rodger and Rodriguez collaborated over the weekend to work on that. They have to get Bids and get all information to Saint Clair County.

**E. Discussion: Potential Litigation:**

Motion by Rickie Thomas to table September 27, 2023

2nd: Cynthia Guterrez

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Gutierrez: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

Passed: Yes

Notes: Attorney Baricevic stated Mike Suarez was paid half of his salary during his tenure as Clerk. He doesn't know where the other half went due to Mr. Aleman being deceased. Having a conversation with Sally we need to inform the Law enforcement and Prosecutor Office about it and know what's going on so they won't think nobody here had anything to do with this. Mike Suarez would have a claim under the Federal Wage Act since he is an Elected Official he would file a claim under Contract Action. Under the Federal Wage Act there is a 2% pay period compound that would start from the first check. Under the Contract Action there is no percentage. From 2013 to August 2018 we would owe Mike Suarez \$55,354.48.

**10. Highway Commissioner Comments:**

Fall Hours will be 6:30-3:00

**11. Trustees Comments: N/A**

**12. Supervisor Comments: N/A**

**13. Public Comments:**

Notes: The Pastors wanted to Thank the Supervisor and the Board for the donation.

**14. Executive Session:**

**A. Motion to Approve Executive Session**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers

2nd: Nicholas Allen

A. Rickie Allen: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

**15. Adjourn:**

**A. Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers at 6:56

A. Rickie Thomas: Yes

B. Cynthia Guterrez: Yes

C. Angie Rodgers: Yes

5: Yes

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

Passed: Yes

2nd: Cynthia Guterrez

D. Nicholas Allen: Yes

E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes

**Adjourned at 6:57**

**Submitted By:**

  
Kawaii Williams/Clerk