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**May 30, 2019, MEETING**

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Transcript of Proceedings of the North Canton Board  
of Control, taken by me, the undersigned, Laurie Maryl  
Jonas, a Registered Merit Reporter and Notary Public in  
and for the State of Ohio, at North Canton City Hall,  
145 North Main Street, North Canton, Ohio, on Thursday,  
May 30, 2019, at 8:00 a.m.

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APPEARANCES:

Patrick A. DeOrio, Director of Administration

Timothy L. Fox, Director of Law

Laura E. Brown, Director of Finance

David J. Held, Mayor

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1 MR. DEORIO: All right. I'd like to call the  
2 meeting of the North Canton Board of Control to  
3 order. It is Thursday, May 30, 2019, at 8 a.m.  
4 I will call the roll.  
5 Member Held?  
6 MAYOR HELD: Here.  
7 MR. DEORIO: Member Fox?  
8 MR. FOX: Here.  
9 MR. DEORIO: Member Brown?  
10 MS. BROWN: Here.  
11 MR. DEORIO: Member DeOrio is here.  
12 First item on the agenda is a review from the  
13 minutes of the March 11, 2019, meeting.  
14 MAYOR HELD: I don't have any problem with  
15 it. So -- can I make a motion to approve?  
16 MR. FOX: Second.  
17 MR. DEORIO: Moved and seconded. All those  
18 in favor, signify by saying "aye."  
19 ("Aye" in unison.)  
20 MR. DEORIO: All those abstaining?  
21 Aye.  
22 Motion carries. I was not present at that  
23 meeting.  
24 All right. Next item on the agenda is a  
25 professional services agreement with Calfee Strategic

1 Solutions, LLC, doing business as Calfee Zoning.

2 I'll take the lead on this. This is the  
3 individual and his firm that had done the Fieldcrest  
4 zoning issue for us a year or so ago. We were very  
5 happy with his work. They're an expert in this field  
6 of zoning. They have been doing rezoning around Ohio  
7 with a bent towards economic development in the  
8 zoning code.

9 We've had a number of meetings with him going  
10 back almost a year to the point where we were able to  
11 put together a professional services agreement.  
12 Typically the project is run in three phases. We are  
13 engaging for the first two phases, and we may stop at  
14 that point. The first two phases will be to run a  
15 diagnostic of what is not working with our present  
16 zoning code, and then the second phase will be coming  
17 up with a -- with solutions based on what other  
18 communities around Ohio will be doing. There will be  
19 meetings with stakeholders, city council,  
20 administration, the mayor in the drafting of these  
21 items. And once the report is available, we present  
22 it to city council and we can decide where to go from  
23 there.

24 MR. FOX: I think what's important in  
25 designating this as a personal services contract,

1           what is unique about Calfee Strategic Solutions is,  
2           one, of course, we have utilized them in the past.  
3           They have an understanding of, you know, North  
4           Canton, the issues that we face regarding planning  
5           and zoning. What's unique about Calfee Strategic  
6           Solutions is it offers not only those services  
7           related to planning and zoning, its principal, Sean  
8           Suder, is an attorney. And should we need those  
9           types of services of legal opinions, those types of  
10          things, or to defend, if necessary, what we're doing  
11          in moving forward, Mr. Suder and his staff has that  
12          unique quality to look at it from a legal standpoint,  
13          and so I think that separates it from some others  
14          that don't have principals and partners involved that  
15          have a license to practice law in the state of Ohio.

16                 MAYOR HELD: I think I'm pleased with -- with  
17          having Mr. Suder and their company work with us.  
18          This is much needed and I feel it's worth it.

19                 MR. DEORIO: Excellent. Would there be a  
20          motion?

21                 MS. BROWN: I just wanted to confirm one  
22          thing. This will include Main Street Business  
23          District as well, the analysis?

24                 MR. DEORIO: This will include the zoning  
25          code as it applies to every square inch of the city,

1 including Main Street.

2 MS. BROWN: Thank you. Then I motion we  
3 approve the contract with Calfee Zoning.

4 MR. DEORIO: It's been moved.

5 MR. FOX: Second.

6 MR. DEORIO: And seconded.

7 We'll do a roll call.

8 Member Held?

9 MAYOR HELD: Yes.

10 MR. DEORIO: Member Fox?

11 MR. FOX: Yes.

12 MR. DEORIO: Member DeOrion is yes.

13 Member Brown?

14 MS. BROWN: Yes.

15 MR. DEORIO: Motion carries.

16 Being there is no other items on the agenda,  
17 I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

18 MR. FOX: Motion.

19 MR. DEORIO: Moved.

20 MS. BROWN: Second.

21 MR. DEORIO: Motion and seconded.

22 All those in favor, say "aye."

23 ("Aye" in unison.)

24 MR. DEORIO: All those opposed?

25 It's 8:06. We are adjourned.

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(Meeting adjourned at 8:06 a.m.)

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