

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 24, 2019 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Chairman Doug Stormont called this meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott, and Recreation Director James Gant were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:00 p.m. Presentation from Confluence Consulting

Frank Davis of Confluence Consulting spoke before the Board about water and sewer services. Mr. Davis outlined three delivery options to consider going forward. Mr. Davis then took questions from those in attendance. Longtime resident John Griffith spoke at length of his experience in his efforts to work with Franklin County Water and Sewer. Others in attendance asked multiple questions on this topic.

Approval of Minutes - April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the April 10, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved .

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Ronk spoke before the Board. He outlined the recent criminal activity within our Township over the past two weeks. Deputy Ronk was available for questions from those in attendance.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 92 vendors summing \$235,342.39. Approximately 53% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Commissioners the amount of \$101,021.57 for monthly insurance premiums and \$24,765.44 to Ferno Washington, Inc. for the purchase of a cot for Medic 241.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$235,342.39 along with 4/25/19 payroll of \$236,092.33 for a total cash disbursement of \$471,434.72.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont motioned "so moved". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr . Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

Fire Engine

Chief Scott asked the Board to authorize the purchase a 2019 Sutphen fire engine from Heritage Fire Equipment for a cost of no more than \$560,000.00. This cost includes the truck itself, a new set of battery operated rescue tools, and miscellaneous loose equipment (axes, pike poles, fire extinguishers, etc.) Once the truck is delivered, there will be costs associated with equipment mounting, graphics, and radio/computer equipment. Those costs will be included in next year's budget.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the purchase of a 2019 Sutphen fire engine from Heritage Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$560,000.00 . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Community Center

Personal Service Contract (Res. 19-19)

Mr. Gant asked the Board to approve Resolution 19-19, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into contract with the following:

Contractor	Effective Date	Rate
Brian Hood - Group Exercise Instructor	March 16, 2019 - December 31, 2019	\$22.00 per class not to exceed \$2,500
Melissa Hura/5 th Avenue Fresh, LLC	Sept 21 - Oct 12 and Nov 2 - Nov 23	70% of program registration fees not to exceed \$2,500
Richard L. Knapp - Santa Claus	Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2019	\$250.00 per appearance

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 19 -19, "A Resolution authorizing personal service contracts for contractors in the Recreation Department ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

No items.

Building and Zoning:

No items.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Ms. Sandy Dorch asked that the Board consider the photo image she had of the property located at 446 Pasadena Avenue. The Board subsequently agreed to remove that property from the consideration list.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-109 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 334 Danhurst." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-111 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8489 Dovercrest Court." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-113 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 373 Kellybrook Place. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-114 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 47 Fernhill Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-115 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 53 Fernhill Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-118 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6561 Hall Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

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First Reading Resolution HR 01-19

This resolution would allow the following amendments be made to the Township's Land Disturbance Regulations:

- Add MS4 to the name of the document -Franklin County and Townships are required by the OEPA's MS4's Stormwater permit to administer these regulations By adding MS4 to the name of our regulations it better clarifies what they are
- Section f) Surface Water Controls this section will prohibit anyone from flooding adjacent properties when under construction and require them to maintain acceptable diversion of storm water
- Appeals providing a right of appeal is required by law
- Name the BZA the Appeals Board for the Land Disturbance Regulations The Appeals Board will hear any appeals filed and render a decision

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont read the title of the Resolution into the record. No action required

Rebuilding Together Request for Payment

Rebuilding Together is making final preparations for its 2019 Rebuilding Healthy Neighborhoods project in the Little Farms addition that will be happening the weekend of May 4th with preparations beginning May 3rd. We have appropriated \$50,000 in our 2019 Budget for a contribution to the project.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve payment to Rebuilding Together for the Township's contributions to the 2019 Rebuilding Healthy Neighborhoods project in the amount of \$50,000 and authorize the Fiscal Office to issue a payment on April 25, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

175 Evergreen Nuisance Removal

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve removing a nuisance assessment from the property at 175 Evergreen Terrace. The COCIC has taken over this property. The amount to remove is \$595.15, which was for a grass/weed removal assessment.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve removing a grass/weed assessment of \$595.15 from the property located at 175 Evergreen Terrace. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Council Appointment

Mr. Peters asked the Board to appoint someone to the Citizens Conciliation Council on hearing of a grievance.

Trustee Stormont made a motion to appoint Neil Distlehurst as a Township Representative. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

John Griffith, a longtime Township resident, publically thanked the Trustees and Frank Davis for moving forward with the search for options to Franklin County water and sewer issues within our Township.

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Public Comment

None

Announcements

Mr. Peters announced that Franklin County's Economic Development will be hosting a neighborhood development planning meeting on April 29, 2019 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Haydocy Automotive dealership located on West Broad Street.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle