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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 14, 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 August 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott, Interim Recreation Director Michael Pollack and Franklin County Deputy Ronk were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - July 31, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 31, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the July 31, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and July 31, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr . Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for both the July 31, 2019 Regular Meeting and July 31, 2019 Special Meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Ronk summarized the criminal activity that occurred over the past two weeks within our Township.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

Approval of Warrants and Payroll: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 85 vendors summing \$224,907.73. Approximately 54% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$74,741.19 for the monthly contract and \$47,452.54 for the City of Grove City for IT services (a semi-annual payment).

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$224,907.73 along with 8/9/19 payroll of \$248,920.18 for a total cash disbursement of \$473,827.91.

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.

Approval to Process Payroll Related Warrants

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following payroll related to warrants on August 26, 2019, our next pay date:

Franklin County (FSA)	\$742.61
Deferred Comp	\$6,269.00
Frank M. Pees (Bankruptcy Garnishment)	\$592.50
Met Life	\$433.98
Dearborn National Insurance	\$891.56

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to issue the payroll related warrants on August 26, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Transfer of Funds

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve transferring \$50,000.00 from General Fund-Transfers Out (1000) to the Community Center Fund (2905) and \$100,000.00 from the JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Community Center Fund (2905). This is the second transfer of the year for Community Center operating expenses.

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Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve transferring \$50,000 from the General Fund (1000) to the Community Center Fund (2905) and \$100,000 from the JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Community Center Fund (2905). Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

LifePac Heart Monitor Trade-In

Chief Scott asked the Board to approve the trade-in of a LifePac 12 heart monitor for \$5,000.00 to be used towards the purchase of a new LifePac 15 heart monitor. The LP12 has reached end of life and will no longer be serviced after mid-2020. If we wait until after the first of the year, the trade-in value will be \$500.00 or less. The cost of the new monitor is \$24,396.83. This includes the \$5,000.00 trade-in value.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the trade-in of a LifePac heart monitor for \$5,000.00 and the purchase of a new LifePac 15 heart monitor at a cost of \$24,396.83 including the trade-in value. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Notes: During July, the Fire Department made 473 runs (EMS Runs summed 327 and the Fire runs summed 146)

Community Center

Summer Day Camp Costs for Facility Use and Transportation

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve payment of up to \$8,000 (as one invoice has not been received yet) for transportation costs and \$8,727.50 for facility use to South Western City Schools for this year's summer day camp program.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve payment to South Western City Schools for facility usage and transportation for this year's summer camp program in the amount not to exceed \$16,727.50 and authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare a warrant on August 15, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Notes: Mr. Pollack reported that the Community Center now has 7063 members (as of 8/13/19), 2,600 resident members and 4439 non-resident members. Upcoming fall events will be announced soon.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Hiring Part-time Employees

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve the hiring of Justin Bosch and Devin Albaugh to part time positions for the Road Department. This hiring would be contingent upon successful employee screening. Justin Bosch would start at \$15.00 per hour, step three of the three step part time pay scale the Board established at their March 2, 2016 regular Trustee meeting. Mr. Bosch is a former part-time employee who was at that step pay level when he left the job and Mr. McAninch recommends hiring him back at his former rate. Devin Albaugh would start at step one (at \$13.00 per hour) of the three step part time pay scale. Both hires would be limited to 1500 hours per year. The starting date would be August 19, 2019 for Devin Albaugh and Justin Bosch would start after giving notice to his current employer.

Note: (1) of the recently approved new hires declined the position, and (3) others have recently resigned.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont motioned "so moved". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr.

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Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Galloway Road Sports Complex - Turf

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve hiring TruGreen Commercial to do three applications to the GRSC turf. The total cost for these three applications is \$12,548.00.

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.

Galloway Road Sports Complex - Geese Control

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve hiring TruGreen Commercial to do two applications at the GRSC to control the geese at the complex. The cost for these two applications is \$2,700.00.

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.

Galloway Road Sports Complex - Irrigation Pay Requested #4 (Final)

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve Pay application # 4 for the GRSC irrigation to Ohio Irrigation Lawn Sprinkler Systems for \$34,326.32 and authorize the Service Director to sign the certificate of completion. This is the final payment. The irrigation system was approved at the Board’s regular scheduled meeting on May 10, 2017.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Pay Request #4 for the sports complex irrigation to Ohio Irrigation Lawn Sprinkler Systems at a cost of \$34,326.32 and authorize the Fiscal Office to prepare a check on Thursday, 8/15/19, and authorize the Service Director to sign related documentation . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Galloway Road Sports Complex - Infield Mix for Baseball Fields

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve hiring Proformance Fields & Landscape to install the infield mix at the two baseball fields at the GRSC. The cost for them to remove the current soil and put the infield mix on is \$20,750.00. This price is just for the installation of the ballfield mix. The Township will provide dump trucks to haul away the soil removed to install the ballfield mix.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the installation of infield mix on the two baseball fields at the sports complex by Proformance Fields & Landscape at a cost of \$20,750.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Purchase of Baseball Mix

Mr. Peters recommended the board purchase 240 tons of Marco Washington’s Baseball Mix from Green Velvet Sod Farms. The delivered cost for this material is \$17,400.00.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board the purchase of 240 tons of Marco Washington ’s Baseball mix from Green Velvet Sod Farm at a cost of \$17,400.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Building and Zoning:

No Board Action was requested on behalf of the Zoning Department for this meeting.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the properties up for consideration.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-334-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 446 Pasadena 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-336-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 214 Danhurst Road. **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-337-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 397 Darbyhurst Road. **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-343-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6780 West Broad Street ." **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-344-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 465 Amity Road." **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-345-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8419 Blue Lake Circle ." **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-354-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 460 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-355-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 159 Gladys Road ." **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-361-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 168 Postle Boulevard." **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-364-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6493 West Broad Street ." **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-365-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6316 Alkire Road." **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-368-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 1264 Wood Park Drive ." **Mr. Kennedy** seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: **Mr. Kennedy** , Aye; **Ms. Schmelzer** , Aye; **Mr. Stormont** , Aye. Motion passed.

GovDeals.com items

Mr. Peters asked that the Board to approve posting numerous Polycom phone systems and related equipment on GovDeals. All phones in the Township were recently updated by the City of Grove City IT. The update to the phone systems was approved at the January 30, 2019 Trustee meeting.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve posting various phones and related equipment on

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GovDeals . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Permission to Use Township Property for a Special Event, Beer Garden, and Insurance Coverage

Mr. Peters asked for the Board's permission for the Prairie Harvest Festival non-profit organization to use Township property and operate a beer garden for their special event on October 12, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. This event will be hosted at Fire Station 241 located at 123 Inah Avenue. The following conditions must be met by the Prairie Harvest Festival in order to operate a beer garden on Township property:

- 1) Prairie Harvest Festival provides proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- 2) Prairie Township is named in the policy as "additional insured".
- 3) Prairie Township is recognized as a "hold harmless" entity in the policy.
- 4) The beer operation is listed in the policy or has a specific rider to the policy.
- 5) Proof of a temporary liquor license is provided.

Comments/Issues: Trustees Kennedy and Schmelzer spoke of conversations each held with members of the community - each with different takeaways from those conversations. Mr. Stormont asked Assistant Fire Scott if there were any incidents at the fish fry, which Assistant Chief Scott could not recall of any.

Mr. Stormont made a motion that the Board approve the Prairie Harvest Festival non-profit organization to use Township property located at 123 Inah Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43228 for the Prairie Harvest Festival on October 12, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Also approving the operation of a beer garden upon meeting the conditions and insurance coverage as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Nay; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

Township resident Mrs. Nancy Daniels expressed appreciation for the recent inclusion of department statistics and projects reported during our meetings. She suggested that the trustees begin reporting a similar summary of the various issues they have worked upon over the previous two weeks.

New Business

Township resident Joe Myer asked why building projects are being brought to the BZA after the building project has been completed - without invoking any penalty fees. Trustees Stormont and Schmelzer indicated that they will follow-up on this with the Zoning Department. Trustee Kennedy spoke on the issue as well.

Township Resident Michelle Byers of 163 Lawrence Avenue spoke before the Board raising concerns about the traffic circles along Beacon Hill Road.

Ms. Judy Riffel of 185 Garfield Heights Avenue spoke before the Board requesting the speed trailer be set up to evaluate the speed activity along her street (north of Beacon Hill)

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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