

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Fire Chief Chris Snyder and Interim Recreation Director Michael Pollack were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In honor of those who died as a result of the 9-11 terrorist attacks 18 years ago, Trustee Stormont asked everyone in attendance to take a moment of silence.

2019 Sidewalk Replacement Program Assessments (Res. 31-19)

There was a public hearing regarding the 2019 sidewalk replacement program assessments, which will be forwarded to the Franklin County Auditor. This year there were 65 participants with a total assessment of \$90,767.57. The participants are a mix of residents who were required to participate because of the poor condition of their sidewalks and residents who chose to participate. This is the fourth year that the Township required certain residents with sidewalks in poor condition to participate. After the public hearing, Mr. Peters asked the Board to adopt Resolution 31-19 "A Resolution to Levy Special Assessments For The Repair Of Sidewalks In Prairie Township."

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 of Minutes - August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the August 28, 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 August 28, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

No one was in attendance to speak on the reports and activity in the Township from the past two weeks.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

Approval of Warrants and Payroll: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 84 vendors summing \$215,098.33. Approximately 47% of that total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$75,581.74 for their monthly fee and \$26,083.00 paid to Berkshire Boys, Inc. for sidewalk repairs associated with the Sidewalk Program.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's formal approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$215,098.33 along with the September 10 payroll that required \$219,024.21 for a total cash disbursement of \$434,122.54.

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.

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Reallocations

Mr. McCardle asked the Board approve the following reallocations:
\$11,000.00 from 4302-760-420-000 Operating Supplies to 4302-760-740-0000 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture
\$ 5,000.00 from 2031-760-720-0000 Buildings to 2031-760- 740-0000 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture.
(These allocations are for the purchase of a 2020 F-250 4x4 Super Duty Pick-up Truck for the Road Department.)
\$12, 946.20 from 2111-760-740 to 2111-760-360 (to cover the grant writer services invoice)

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

Clinical Education Agreement

Chief Snyder asked for the Boards approval to enter into an agreement with All Associated Emergency Medical Services and Mid-East Career and Technology Centers to provide clinical education while on duty to one of our part-time firefighters and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement.

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.

Purchase of Fire Prevention Material

Chief Snyder asked for the Boards approval for the expenditure of up \$4,000 to Alert All for the purchase of fire prevention material. This is an annual expense and the amount is already secured in a purchase order.

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.

Resignation of Part Time Firefighter

Chief Snyder asked the Board to accept the resignation of Erick Dubiel as part time firefighter effective 9/17/19.

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.

Hiring of Part Time Firefighter

Chief Snyder asked the Board to consider the hiring of Donald Goldhart as a part time firefighter effective September 12, 2019 with one-year probation.

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.

Community Center

Personal Service Contract (Res. 33-19)

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve Resolution 33-19, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into contract with Claudia Johnson as an arts and crafts Instructor at a rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed \$75.00.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 33-19, "A Resolution authorizing a personal service contract for contractors in the Recreation Department". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Road Cut Deposit Returns

On behalf of Dave McAninch, Mr. Peters recommended Board approve returning the road cut deposit from Robinson Davila for road cuts in the alley behind 156 and 162 Fernhill Avenue. The amount of the road cut deposits is \$1,634.00.

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.

Truck Purchase

Mr. Peters requested the Board's approval to purchase a 2020 F-250 4x4 Super Duty Pick-up Truck. This truck will be purchased from Byers Ford through the City of Columbus purchasing agreement. The cost for the truck is \$31,151.00. This would be the fourth pick-up truck in the Road, Parks and Cemeteries Department's fleet, giving the department a 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020. Dave's plan is in 2021 (when the 2022 model come out) to replace the 2014 and just continue that process. With the increase of responsibilities, he feels the need is justified.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2020 F-250 Super Duty pick-up truck from Byers Ford at a cost of \$31,151.00 and authorize the Service Director to execute any necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Building and Zoning:

Monthly Report

Mr. Peters summarized the monthly report for the Zoning Department. During the month of August, the Zoning Department tagged 57 nuisances and declared 36. They also received 33 Zoning permits and 10 yard sale permits.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

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No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the properties considered during the meeting.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-401-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 132 Buena Vista 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-404-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 75 Lawrence 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-407 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 371 Lennox 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-412 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 5090-5092 Beacon Hill 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-417 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8428 Fairbrook 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-420-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 130 Evergreen Terrace. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Nuisance Assessments

Mr. Peters asked that the Board to execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessments totaling \$6,220.59 for high grass and weed abatement at (12) properties from August 2019 to September 2019, as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting assessments totaling \$3,741.27 for removal of trash and debris at (5) properties from August 2019 to September 2019.

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.

Nuisance Tree

At the June 19, 2019 Trustee meeting, the Board declared a tree in front of 109 Fernhill a nuisance tree and ordered the homeowner to remove the tree. The tree and stump were properly removed at a cost of \$477.00 which the Township paid for. Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve the assessment of \$477.00 for nuisance tree removal at 109 Fernhill to be paid over a five-year period interest free.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 34-19, "A Resolution to levy a special assessment for the removal of a nuisance tree in Prairie Township. " Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Resolution Accepting Tax Levies for the 2020 Collection Year

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve Resolution 32-19, which accepts the Budget Commission's tax amounts and rates and authorizes the county to collect the taxes. The Franklin County Budget Commission requests such a resolution annually to set tax amounts and rates for the upcoming year.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 32-19 , "A resolution accepting the amount s and rates determined by the Budget C ommission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and cert ifying them to the county auditor. " Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

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FEMA Grant Budget Adjustment

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve a budget increase to the FEMA Grant. This amended budget increases the Township's cash distribution from \$30,453 to \$37,904, a \$7,451.00 increase. The budget had to be revised due to insufficient back up information for the appraisal and demolition line items and **the new budget reflects the Region 2 historical cost from similar grant project. The overall project budget** went from \$1,433,181 to \$1,381,864. However, the bulk of the reduction was on the funding that COCIC is providing for demolition. **The Township needs to make up the difference for the local match portion.** The project sharing is 75% Federal, 12.5% State and 12.5% Local.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a budget increase to the Township 's cash contribution of the FEMA grant at a total cost of \$37,904.00 and an overall revised budget of \$1,381,864.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

The Lincoln Village North area yard sale will take place this weekend, September 14 and September 15.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle