

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/APRIL 13, 2005

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Stormont, with Ms. Keller, Mr. Wharton and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Chief Feustel, Mr. Hatmaker, Ms. Swisher, Mr. McAninch and Ms. Deuschle. (See attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the minutes as submitted and corrected for the regular meetings of December 8, December 21, 2004, January 5, January 19, February 2, February 16, and March 2, 2005 and the December 21, 2004 special meeting. Vote; Aye

Mr. Mike Wiggins from the Franklin County Board of Health gave a presentation on the 2005 Mosquito Control Program. His goal is to provide weekly reports from the trappings from the program.

Ms. Deb Thorne asked about testing further away from residential areas. Mr. Wiggins replied it is testing through trapping to help prevent any disease.

Ms. Pitts stated the Village Park is looking into doing their own fogging because last year the Township did not fog enough. Mr. McAninch stated the Township fogged more last year then ever before.

Deputy Downing reported to the Board an increase in juvenile activity.

Mr. Mike Blank asked about the incident on North Murray Hill. Deputy Downing replied there were three juveniles from the Hilltop area throwing bricks at homes and at a child. They caught two of the three.

Ms. Jeri Stumbo stated the grey vehicle with one headlight is still driving around the Garden Heights area.

Deputy Timbrook also reported that juveniles shooting bb guns at peoples windows, so if you see juveniles out late to please call the Sheriff's Department and report them.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk presented to the Board a liquor transfer for Hot Shots Billiards and Deli at 4812 West Broad Street. No hearing was requested.
2. The Clerk requested the Board to approve Adam Reibel bond in the amount of \$50.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Adam Reibel bond in the amount of \$50.00. Vote; Aye.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$99,493.66 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Ms. Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, addressed the Board with the following Zoning Department matters:

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve \$12,964.00 for a new 2005 GMC Canyon Pick-up Truck.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$12,964.00 for a 2005 GMC Canyon Pick-up Truck. Vote; Aye.

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2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Spring Clean-up will be the week of May 16th with a dumpster at 23 Maple Drive and 6725 Alkire Road. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve up to \$3,000.00 for dumping charges for the Spring Clean-up.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve up to \$3,000.00 for dumping charges for the Spring Clean-up. Vote; Aye.

3. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to adopt Resolution Establishing A Zoning Fee and Modifying Zoning Fee Schedule.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt Resolution Establishing A Zoning Fee and Modifying Zoning Fee Schedule. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

4. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve a pay rate increase for Dana Scott to \$14.70 per hour effective April 20, 2005.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve a pay rate increase for Dana Scott to \$14.70 per hour effective April 20, 2005. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Marjorie Deuschle, Senior Center Director, addressed the Board with the following Senior Center matters:

1. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board to approve \$1,536.00 for a donation to the Prairie Senior Association.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve \$1,536.00 for a donation to the Prairie Senior Association. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the Senior Center revenues from June 1, 2004 to April 13, 2005 were \$12,232.64 and projecting from April 13, 2005 to December 31, 2005 \$36,000.00 thru memberships, donations, activities and rentals.
3. Ms. Deuschle announced the Senior Center is hosting a Ladies Day Luncheon on May 7, 2005 at 12:00, Open House in June, a Harley Run in August, a Craft Show in November and participating in the WABA July 4th parade.

Ms. Jan Pitts asked why the rental rates are so high at \$50.00 per hour when the Library charges only \$25.00 for four hours and free to non-profit organizations. Ms. Deuschle responded that the Advisory Committee surveyed surrounding area rental rates and based the pricing on that.

Chief Feustel addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Chief Feustel presented to the Board recitate Andrew and recitate Baby mannequins. On May 9th, 10th & 11th 2005 the fire department will be teaching CPR class to the sophomore health class at Westland High School. The Fire Association will be donating the class materials and cards. In addition a CPR class will be offered at the Senior Center on June 13, 2005 at no charge.
2. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the Fire Levy and passed around a sign up sheet for residents who would like a Support the Fire Levy sign in their yard.
3. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the Fire Department flushing fire hydrants in the Township. They will be starting May 9, 2005 thru May 28, 2005. If residents have concerns they may call the dispatchers at 878-7100.

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Mr. Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, addressed the Board with the following Road Department matters:

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the 2005 Road Maintenance Project he budgeted \$500,000.00 and Franklin County Engineers estimated \$466,192.25 for the project. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve Franklin County Engineers estimate of \$466,192.25 for the 2005 Road Maintenance Project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Franklin County Engineers estimate of \$466,192.25 for the 2005 Road Maintenance Project. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve the bid schedule to advertise April 20th and 27th 2005 and open bids on May 5th or 6th and recommendation to the Board on May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular trustees meeting.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the bid schedule to advertise April 20th and 27th 2005 and open bids on May 5th or 6th and recommendation to the Board on May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular trustees meeting.

Mr. Tracy Hatmaker, Administrator, addressed the Board with the following Administrative matters:

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the Amended 2005 Permanent Appropriations.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the Amended 2005 Permanent Appropriations. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the Chair to sign letter to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department offering office space at the Township Hall.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to authorize the Chair to sign letter to the Franklin County Sheriff's Department offering office space at the Township Hall. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the final engineering plan from GGC Engineering for the proposed public use on the 96 acres on O'Hara Road.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the final engineering plan from GGC Engineering for the proposed public use on the 96 acres on O'Hara Road. Vote; Aye.

Steve Kennedy is concerned that the Board is hiding information and not discussing it in the open. He also doesn't want the water company to run a line in front of his property and he has to tie into it. He said very few people want this and the Board is going forward with this.

Mr. Wharton introduced resolution 04-05 and the Clerk read Resolution 04-05 by title only. Resolution 04-05 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water and Wastewater Franchise Agreement Between Prairie Township and Ohio American Water Company for Water and Wastewater Services to Certain Unincorporated Areas of the Township and Dispensing with the Second Reading.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded to dispense with the second reading of the resolution and authorize the adoption of the resolution upon its first reading. A roll

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call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Nay.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked Peter Griggs if a new Board is elected in, could they overturn this contract. Peter responded that it is a contract and the Board would be bound by that contract.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board adopt Resolution 04-05 A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Water and Wastewater Franchise Agreement Between Prairie Township and Ohio American Water Company for Water and Wastewater Services to Certain Unincorporated Areas of the Township and Dispensing with the Second Reading. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Nay.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Sam Koon and Associates to do real estate appraisal of the 96 acres on O'Hara Road.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Sam Koon and Associates to do real estate appraisal of the 96 acres on O'Hara Road. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Nay.

Steve Kennedy asked when the contract will be ready for the single trash hauler. Mr. Hatmaker replied it will be ready the next regular trustee meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Mr. Jim Kennedy announced the Hellbranch Association is hosting a tree planting on the Phillips property on April 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk