

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/FEBRUARY 28, 2007

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

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of February 14, 2007. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board that several doctor's offices have been burglarized in the area. Deputy Weiner reported that catalytic converters are being stolen off vehicles in parking lots and being sold to scrap yards. It is occurring all over Franklin County. They are targeting suv's and trucks, vehicles that sit up high. They continue to work on the speeding in Lincoln Village North and South areas and they have seen a decrease in speeding.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$105,718.01 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

A liquor license transfer notice requesting a hearing for the business known as Los Galapagos. No recommendation for the hearing was given.

Ms. Judy Stalter who serves on the Zoning Commission Board, stated at yesterday's meeting they were requested to do their own minutes, which are currently being done by the zoning staff, very efficiently and very adequately. The majority of the Board members are opposed to them doing their own minutes because the minutes need to be very through and she is not qualified nor does she have the equipment to do the minutes. The Board was informed that one of the zoning employees spends two hours a day cross training in the administrative office. Ms. Stalter asked if there was that much work in the administrative office to take a zoning employee. Zoning is working on the Big Darby Accord and the West Broad Street Corridor and are very busy. She does not understand why they are taking an employee from zoning and putting them in the administrative offices. They were also informed that there is no overtime in zoning. As long as she has been around zoning most of the zoning violations occur in the evenings and on weekends.

Mr. Kennedy responded he went to the zoning department; they had \$35,000.00 penciled in for overtime. He wanted to look for ways to cut the overtime out. He made suggestions and did not tell them to quit doing the minutes. He ask them to cut the overtime.

Ms. Stalter stated as long as she has been on the Board, staff has done the minutes, reason being, all the equipment is here, and the discussions they have, it is difficult to take notes and be involved in the discussions. Mr. Kennedy stated he does not have a problem with staff doing the minutes. What he has a problem with is pulling staff off their regular duties to attend a meeting after hours that is strictly overtime and do the minutes which takes away from her regular duties. Ms. Stalter stated she is being taken away from her regular job duties to cross train in the administrative office. Mr. Kennedy stated he is not pro zoning and a high priority on his agenda. Ms. Stalter stated the residents voted zoning in and they would like it treated as though it is important.

Ms. Schlosser stated one of the things they don't want to portray is they targeted zoning. All the department heads can attest they asked for cost cutting measures. They challenge the department heads each year to cut expenses.

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Mr. Kennedy stated there are other ways to work weekends and evenings without working overtime and he asked them to look for that.

Ms. Jeri Stumbo stated the Road Department has done an excellent job clearing all the roads.

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

1. Chief Feustel announced on March 8, 2006 they will participate in Ohio Fire Alliance Drill held at Rickenbacker. The significance of the drill is to determine how fast equipment can be deployed in the event of a disaster.
2. Chief Feustel updated the Board weather permitting they will be burning the old house on Oxley Road on March 9, 10th and 11th and invited the Board to put some fire gear on and/or watch the fire department during training exercises.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING HEARING.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board adopt A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING HEARING. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve Chief Feustel and Assistant Chief Good be appointed point of contact and alternate point of contact for the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security contacts.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve Chief Feustel and Assistant Chief Good be appointed point of contact and alternate point of contact for the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security contacts.  
Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Bruce Whyte requested to be appointed to the Big Darby Accord Advisory Board, he has 33 years of public service, he is retired, so he can devote as much time as necessary and a willingness to serve the community. He appreciates the Boards fair consideration.

Ms. Betty Danish asked if the streets can be cleared of vehicles during snow removal. Mr. Kennedy stated a resolution would need to be passed

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. Hatmaker announced a special public meeting on March 14, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose to consider an appointment for the Big Darby Accord Advisory Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer