

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JULY 30, 2008

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

Ms. Schlosser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 16, 2008. Vote; Aye.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the pending warrant list of \$44,217.55 and payroll cash requirement amount of \$100, 322.03 for a combined sum of \$144,539.58. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Standing Business:

Ms. Schlosser stated that in an interest to reduce the amount of overtime paid, the Trustees are not requiring the department heads to attend meetings if they do not have items on the agenda. If there should be any questions or concerns for absent departments, the department head will be advised of those concerns.

There was no standing business for the Road and Cemetery Departments.

There was no standing business for the Fire Department.

There was no standing business for the Zoning Department.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the board's guidance on several nuisance cases in the Township.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 130 Lawrence Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker presented request #3 from George J. Igel & Company as well as an Ohio Public Works Commission Payment Distribution Form, for approval. George J. Igel is requesting a payment of \$467,005.95 for the Inah Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements. Approval of this payment will bring the total amount paid to George J. Igel & company to date to \$627,464.76. This request reflects project completion at an estimated 33%. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board Authorize the Chair to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Payment Distribution Form.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve pay request #3 for the Inah Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$467,005.95 and to authorize the chairperson to execute the Ohio Public Works Commission Disbursement Request #3. Vote; Aye.

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3. Mr. Hatmaker presented quotes from the OTARMA insurance plan and the Ohio Plan for property and liability insurance coverage beginning August 7, 2008 and ending August 7, 2009.

Ms. Schlosser explained that although the Ohio Plan is \$835.00 less, the OTARMA plan covers the full replacement value rather than just 150% of the replacement value. The cheaper plan could end up costing the Township more money in the end.

A resident questioned why we could not go back to the Ohio Plan for property insurance and request that they match what OTARMA is offering at the lower rate that they offered.

Ms. Schlosser explained that the difference is in how the insurance coverage is structured, and for Ohio Plan to match OTARMA they would need to change their model.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board enter into an agreement with OTARMA for property and liability insurance for the year August 7, 2008 – August 6, 2009 at a total premium of \$29,560.00 and authorize the Township Administrator to execute all necessary documents to complete this agreement. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

Mr. Mueller had questions regarding the Joint Economic Development District and how much of the City of Columbus is included.

Ms. Schlosser explained that the City of Columbus is who the Township is joining with to accomplish the goal of the JEDD.

New Business: None

Public Comments:

Ms. Debbie Sass and Mr. Gary Jones, 48 Lennox Avenue, has an ongoing situation with water/sewage flooding their basement. She has spoken with the Franklin County Commissioner's office who advised her to speak with the bank in an attempt to have them buy the house back. Ms. Sass stated that this is not an option. She also stated that she has spent in excess of \$20,000.00 to try to keep water/sewage out of her basement.

Mr. Jones recapped his steps in trying to clean the house on Lennox Avenue. Mr. Jones then asked if the Township granted permits for the plumbing and electrical work.

Mr. Stormont stated that plumbing is granted by Franklin County.

Mr. Jones asked which permits are provided by the Township.

Mr. Stormont explained that the Township currently provides structural, electrical, and HVAC permits.

Mr. Jones asked for time to hire representation to speak on his behalf to address this concern on his property on Lennox and Sturbridge before any permits are granted to Doctor's Hospital. Mr. Jones also requested that Mr. McAninch obtain the videos on Mr. Jones' behalf.

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Another resident requested what has been done regarding this sewage issue.

Ms. Schlosser stated that the Trustees have spoken with the county commissioners on the residents' behalf and they will continue to try to assist them as much as they can.

Announcements:

Ms. Schlosser announced the Prairie Township Trustees is holding an Open House to present the upcoming Ohio Public Works Commission funding request for street improvement projects at South Greener Avenue and Gladys Road. The Open House will be held at 23 Maple Drive on August 13, 2008, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Schlosser also announced Ohio American Water will hold a public hearing on their rate increase on August 18, 2008 at Harvest Assembly of God Church located at 8075 Dellinger Road at 6 p.m.

The Prairie Township Senior Center is having an ice cream social on August 16, 2008, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. All are invited

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer