

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 1, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M.

23 MAPLE DRIVE  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order on July 1, 2009 at 7:00 pm by the Chairman, Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser, and Mr. McCardle present. Also in attendance was Mr. Hatmaker, Township Administrator and see attached list.

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Sheriff's Report:**

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Goodrich provided an update on activities in the Township. Deputy Weiner discussed a shooting that took place Saturday night on Norton Road. The shooting is under investigation and more information will be brought to the Board at its next meeting. Also, Sheriff Deputies are still working a lot of traffic enforcement in the area. Lastly, Deputy Weiner briefed the Board on the several break-ins they have been responding to in the North and South Village. One break in on Fernhill was solved and one arrest was made.

### **Fiscal Officers Report:**

Mr. McCardle requested a motion from the Board to authorize a void of the transfer of \$3,500.98 from the General Fund expenditure line item no. 1000-910-910-0000 to the Road and Bridge fund revenue line item no. 2031-931-0000 which was approved by the Board on June 17, 2009.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the void of \$3,500.98 transferred from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge Fund revenue. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. McCardle requested a motion from the Board to approve payment of the items listed on this meeting's warrant list summing \$170,901.05, along with approval to pay this week's payroll summing \$120,764.01. The combined total cash distribution for this request sums \$291,665.06.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the warrants list as submitted and payroll summing \$291,665.06. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

### **Standing Business:**

#### **Road and Cemetery Department:**

The Road and Cemetery Department had no items to bring to tonight's agenda; therefore Mr. McAninch had been excused from attending tonight's meeting.

#### **Fire Department:**

The Fire Department had no items to bring to tonight's agenda; therefore Chief Fuestel had been excused from attending tonight's meeting.

#### **Zoning Department:**

The Zoning Department had no items to bring to tonight's agenda; therefore Ms. Swisher had been excused from attending tonight's meeting.

#### **Administrator:**

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Boards guidance on the current nuisance cases.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 175 Evergreen Terrace, 103 Evergreen Terrace, and 395 Woodlawn Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance(s) at the expense of property owner(s) as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code section 505.87. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

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Mr. Hatmaker recommended that the Board approve the Mosquito agreement, which last year was very effective and less expensive than if the Township had done it itself. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board approve the Mosquito Management Service Contract and authorize the Chairman to execute the document.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the 2009 Franklin County Board of Health integrated Mosquito Management Service Contract. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve the final payment for the Inah Avenue Issue II project in the amount of \$25,000.00. This would be the final payment in this project and bring our total for the Inah Avenue Issue II project to a grand total of \$1,242,427.15. In addition Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to authorize the Chairman to execute those documents, and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign the final change order.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the payment for Inah Avenue Issue II project and to authorize the chair and the administrator to sign appropriate documents. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve the first payment for the South Greener Issue II project in the amount of \$90,769.04. This is just over 10% into the project. Also he asked the Board to authorize the Chairman to execute the documents.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the payment for the first payment for the South Greener Issue II project and authorization from the board to authorize the chairman to execute these documents. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve Greener Avenue Phase One Change Order #1, Dated June 25, 2009 deleting sidewalks on the west side of South Greener Avenue. The Change Order is a credit of \$40,995.75 for deleting the sidewalks on the west side of the street. He also asked the Board to authorize the Township Administrator to execute these documents.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the Change Order #1 on South Greener and authorize the Township Administrator to execute these documents. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to schedule a public hearing for the 2010 budget; at 3:00 pm on July 17, 2009. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board approve this special meeting. This hearing is being rescheduled because the original date and time had not been forwarded to the newspaper in time for the required notice period.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the special meeting for the 2010 budget public hearing on July 17, 2009 at 3:00 pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye**

#### Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding items in the road right of way on Woodlawn Avenue.

Property owner John Griffith commented on his safety concerns regarding the rocks in the right of way next to his property at 274 Woodlawn Avenue.

A property owner of 284 Woodlawn Avenue expressed her concerns regarding the nuisances with the property located at 274 Woodlawn – 24/7 open doors, outdoor storage of TV's, tires and radiators. She stated that the property does not have electricity, water or trash service.

Ms. Schlosser addressed the nuisance and Board of the health issues, boulders, and expressed her concerns with items in the right of way on Woodlawn Avenue.

Mr. Griffith stated the board of health was out on the 15<sup>th</sup>, while the tenant was redoing the kitchen.

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Mr. Griffith stated the other property owner has called the Sheriff several times and deputies have taken reports.

Mr. Kennedy stated that this is a dispute between neighbors and if it cannot be resolved between neighbors it should be taken to Franklin County to be worked out with an arbitrator. Mr. Kennedy stated that the neighbors need to be neighbors and should respect one another. He stated that the current meeting is focusing on the issue of rocks in the right of way. Mr. Kennedy also stated fences and rocks are used to protect resident's property and are allowed if in the right of way. The Road Department cannot force one person to move their items in the right of way without making everyone else on Woodlawn move items in the right of way also.

The property owner of 284 Woodlawn stated that she constantly has to deal with problems at 274 Woodlawn Avenue is and going to file another nuisance claim. She added that she is tired of no one ever following up with her on the situation. The property was declared a nuisance in April but the resident cleaned up the property temporarily.

Mr. Griffith stated that he has sent a written letter to the Board stating the rocks are in the township easement. He has owned that property for sixty years and he will continue to park how he always has. He added that he will not let this issue die until something is resolved.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Public Comment:**

None

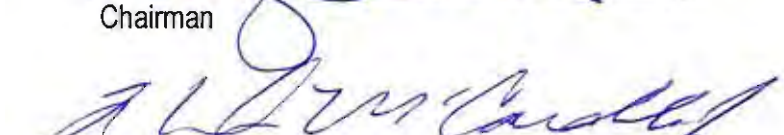
### **Announcement:**

There will be a special meeting at 6:00 on July 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of a work session on the review design ideas.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer