

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 29, 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 29, 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.

**Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 15<sup>th</sup>, the Special Meeting held on July 15<sup>th</sup> and the Special Budget Meeting held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

### Sheriff's Report:

A Franklin County Deputy Sheriff reported that a traffic stop was made two weeks ago that resulted in two arrests being made and the recovery of 130 grams of crack cocaine. Mr. Stormont advised the deputy that there has been heavy use of four wheelers both day and night on Hubbard Road north of the railroad tracks on Township property. Mr. Kennedy also advised the deputy that there has been several break-ins on Tamara Road, which has motivated that neighborhood to set up surveillance cameras. These Tamara Road residents have requested a sheriff patrol of the area during the early a.m. hours.

### Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. McCardle advised the Board that we received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding a license request made by Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, LLC for the Darby House facility. Mr. McCardle asked if the Board members would like to request a hearing on this issue. The consensus among the Board members was that a hearing would not be necessary.

Mr. McCardle then requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$67,093.56 along with this week's payroll summing \$117,765.27 for a total cash disbursement of \$184,858.83.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve this week's warrants and payroll totaling \$184,858.83. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye.**

### Standing Business:

#### Road and Cemetery Department:

The Road department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention so Mr. McAninch was excused from this meeting.

#### Fire Department:

The Fire Department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention so Chief Feustel was excused from this meeting.

#### Zoning Department:

The Zoning department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention so Ms. Swisher was excused from this meeting.

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### Administrator:

Mr. Hatmaker began by asking the Board for guidance on the nuisance cases for this meeting:

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 411 Buena Vista Avenue and 8449 Conbrook Court 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 the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Mr. Hatmaker then requested that the Board approve South Greener Phase 1 Pay Request #2 of \$91,612.22 and also authorize the Chairman, Fiscal Officer and Township Administrator to sign the agreement as appropriate.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board pay request #2 from Double Z Construction for the OPWC-funded South Greener Avenue road improvement project in the amount of \$91,612.22 and authorize the Chair, Fiscal Officer and Administrator to sign the agreement as appropriate. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye**

Mr. Hatmaker also requested that the Board approve Change Order #2 for the South Greener Improvement Project in replacing Pavement, Sewers, Sidewalks, and waters vales. The requested amount of \$18,618.51 is still within the budget.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve Change Order #2 for the South Greener Avenue, Phase 1 project as submitted by project contractor Double Z Construction for additional work to a total cost of \$18,618.51 and authorize the Chair to sign the order. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye**

Mr. Hatmaker submitted a proposal to renew the Prairie Township's property and liability insurance coverage, with an annual cost of \$26,829.00 for the year August 7, 2009 through August 6, 2010. Last year's 2008/2009 premium cost was \$29,560.00.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board enter into an agreement with OTARMA for property and liability insurance for the year August 7, 2009 though August 6, 2010 at a total premium of \$26,829.00 and authorize the township administrator to execute all necessary documents to complete this agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye**

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board schedule a date and advertise for the 2009 Sidewalk Program Public Hearing. Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to hold a meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and be advertised in the Daily Reporter on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board schedule a public hearing for the 2009 sidewalk improvement program to take place on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and advertise said public hearing in the Daily Reporter on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye**

Mr. Hatmaker then introduced Heather Bowden from Stantec Consultants. Ms. Bowden made a brief presentation to the Board and was willing to answer questions from the Board and Audience.

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**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize that the Township proceed with an OPWC application for Phase II of South Grener Avenue street improvement project, approve an agreement with Stantec Consultants to prepare and submit the application at a cost of \$2,000.00 and authorize the township administrator to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Ms. Bowden then requested that the Board approve a \$2,500 fee to proceed with an OPWC application for a complete reconstruction of Woodlawn Avenue from Broad Street to Sullivant Avenue.

**Mr. Stormont move that the Board authorize that the Township proceed with an OPWC application for the Woodlawn Avenue street improvement project, approve an agreement with Stantec consultants to prepare and submit the application at a cost of \$2,500.00 and authorize the township administrator to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Ms. Bowden also requested that a Public Hearing be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Exhibits, pictures, and information on all these projects will be available at this hearing.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board hold a meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. regarding Woodlawn Avenue and South Grener phase 3 improvement projects. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

Ms. Bowden then requested the Board to approve a grant application fee of \$1,000.00 for the Safe Routes to School plan for Stiles Elementary School.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve that the township proceed with a Safe Routes to School grant application for projects that are recommended in the Safe Routes to School plan for the Stiles Elementary School districts, approve an agreement with Stantec consultants to prepare and submit the application at a cost of \$1,000.00 and authorize the township administrator to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.**

### Old Business:

The property owner of 274 Woodlawn Avenue (John Griffith) and the property owner of an adjacent property came before the Board regarding issues with the property located at 274 Woodlawn Avenue.

### New Business:

Township Resident Virgil Hibbs advised the Board that there are no speed limit signs on Murray Hill and requested that there be some put in. Another resident brought to the Boards attention that bushes hide a stop sign when traveling north on Woodlawn Avenue.

### Public Comment:

Township Resident Pam Williams shared with those in attendance that she had attended the July 17 Special Budget Meeting and declared that in times like this, when our state and city governments cannot live within their means, our Board of Trustees should be commended as they have managed to not only operate within budget, they have also managed to increase the Township Rainy Day Fund by \$300,000 over the past 4 years. Ms. Williams stated that she would like to formally go on record to thank the

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Board members.

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer