

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 26, 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 August 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser, and Mr. McCardle present. Also in attendance were Mr. Hatmaker, Township Administrator and Fire Chief Feustel. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont opened the 2009 Sidewalk Replacement Program Public Hearing.

Mr. Hatmaker explained how the sidewalk replacement program worked. The township has eight participants in this year's program. Six participants have chosen the ten-year assessment as their payment option (for a total assessment of \$7,723.69) and two other participants choose to pay in advance (for a total of \$1,762.30).

Mr. Stormont asked if there was any public comment on this sidewalk replacement program. Hearing none, Mr. Stormont closed this public hearing.

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to adopt Resolution 14-09 "A Resolution to Levy Special Assessments for the Repair of Sidewalks in Prairie Township" and authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that our 2009 and 2010 revenues and appropriations be increased by \$7,723.69.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 14-09 "A Resolution to Levy Special Assessments for the Repair of Sidewalks in Prairie Township" and authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that our 2009 and 2010 revenues and appropriations be increased by \$7,723.69." Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Roll Call votes were: Ms. Schlosser- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Mr. Stormont- Aye Resolution passed.

Mr. Stormont moved, and Mr. Kennedy seconded, that the Board approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 12th. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye.

Sheriff's Report

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff Weiner reported that his staff has been busy over the past two weeks with several misdemeanor and felony arrests. Arrests included the impoundment of a 9 mm handgun and also a sizeable drug arrest was made today (8/26) with the aid of the DEA. A resident asked how long may a car sit without moving. Another resident advised Deputy Weiner that she and her neighbors have not seen the deputies patrol the Bolingbrook neighborhood. Deputy Weiner assured the resident that the deputies do patrol that area. Deputy Weiner also advised everyone in attendance that the deputies will be increasing their presence in the school zone areas.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. McCardle explained to the Board the rationale for moving \$358.44 out of the Contract Services line item in the Lake Darby Estates lighting district fund into three new line items in that same fund. The new line items will be: Salaries – Other (\$291.60); Medicare Costs (\$8.44); and Operating Supplies (\$58.40). He explained that the funds moved into these line items will be used to offset the cost of the Road Department restoring the Lake Darby Estates lawns after two streetlights were recently installed in this district.

Mr. McCardle then requested that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$291.60 from line item 2406-310-360-0000 (Contract Services, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District) to 2406-310-190-0000 (Salaries-Other, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District).

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Mr. Stormont motioned "So moved". Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont - Aye: Mr. Kennedy - Aye: Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. McCardle then requested that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$8.44 from line item 2406-310-360-0000 (Contract Services, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District) to 2406-310-213-0000 (Medicare Costs, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District).

Mr. Stormont motioned "So moved". Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont - Aye: Mr. Kennedy - Aye: Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$58.40 from line item 2406-310-360-0000 (Contract Services, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District) to 2406-310-420-0000 (Operating Supplies, Lake Darby Estates Lighting District).

Mr. Stormont motioned "So moved". Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont - Aye: Mr. Kennedy - Aye: Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. McCardle then requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants (see attached list) summing \$299,113.69 along with this week's payroll summing \$116,508.01 for a total cash disbursement of \$415,621.70 this week.

Mr. Stormont motioned "So moved". Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont - Aye: Mr. Kennedy - Aye: Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

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.

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.

Fire Department

Chief Feustel requested that the Board terminate the employment of Samuel Keller, a part-time dispatcher. Chief explained that the Board approved the hiring of Mr. Keller back on June 3, 2009. Mr. Keller was then notified and told to contact the Fire Department to make arrangements to begin work, but has not done so yet.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board terminate the employment of part-time dispatcher Samuel Keller effective immediately and authorize the Fire Chief to forward a letter to Mr. Keller informing him of this action. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont - Aye: Mr. Kennedy - Aye: Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

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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 8487 Blue Lake Avenue, 444 Lennox Avenue, 197 Fernhill Avenue, 408 Lawrence Avenue, 93 Buena Vista Avenue, 575 Murnan Road and 717 Cordelia Drive to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of property owners as per the requirements in the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker then requested that the Board authorize a request to the Franklin County Budget Commission to allow the Township to increase the remaining appropriations (\$75,000) in the Inah Avenue Street Improvement Fund by \$100,000 in order to allow us to document the final payments to Igel Construction (\$25,000) and the Franklin County Engineer (\$147,000). While these funds will be run through the Township's books, these monies will be paid directly by OPWC to both Igel Construction and the Franklin County Engineer.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize additional appropriations be made in the amount of \$100,000 in the Inah Avenue Street Improvement Fund and authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting approval of said action. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye Motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's approval for a No Parking resolution for South Greener Avenue to Stiles Avenue, on both sides of the street. After Phase I is complete, on-street parking will become a hazard to the flow of traffic on Greener Avenue as the new curbs will constrict the area that would be shared by the parked cars as well as moving traffic.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 15-09, a Resolution Establishing No Parking Zones on the east and west sides of South Greener Avenue from Sullivant Avenue to Stiles Avenue as per Section 505.17 of the Ohio Revised Code. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Roll Call votes were: Ms. Schlosser- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Mr. Stormont- Aye Resolution passed.

Mr. Hatmaker then requested approval to submit the 2009 high grass and weeds assessments along with the trash and debris assessments. Specifically Mr. Hatmaker asked that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$6,321.15 for removal of trash and debris at six properties from April 7, 2009 to July 21, 2009 and a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$12,547.50 for the removal of high grass and weeds at twenty-nine properties from August 9, 2008 to August 12, 2009.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$6,321.15 for removal of trash and debris at six properties from April 7, 2009 to July 21, 2009. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$12,547.50 for the removal of high grass and weeds at twenty-nine properties from August 9, 2008 to August 12, 2009. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye Motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board approve the third pay request from Double Z Construction for Phase I of the South Greener OPWC project in the amount of \$324,402.61. At this point, the project is approximately 60% complete.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve disbursement request number 3 for the South Greener Avenue Street improvement, Phase I project final design in the amount of \$324,402.61. Motion was

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seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye Motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker then recommended that the Board approve change order number 3 from Double Z Construction for Phase 1 of the South Greener OPWC project in the amount of \$7,014.00. The change order is for the following items: raise waterline over sanitary lateral service to 516/518 South Greener (\$950); move installed catch basin located at Taft Avenue (\$2000); add a storm sewer for Phase 2 Sta. 26+07 to Sta. 26+35 (\$1,564); and storm sewer adjustments and the addition of a manhole to provide clearance over sanitary laterals Frost Avenue to Sta. 26+07 Lt. (\$2,500).

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve Change Order #3 for the South Greener Avenue, Phase I project as submitted by project contractor Double Z Construction for additional work to cost a total of \$7,014.00 and authorize the Chair to sign the order. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye: Mr. Kennedy- Aye: Ms. Schlosser- Aye Motion passed.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Public Comment - None

Announcements

Mr. Hatmaker announced that the second street sweep of 2009 will occur during the week of September 8 through September 11. This sweep will be of all roads in the township that have curbs. The contract sweepers will begin on the eastern portion of the township and work to the west. The daily hours of the sweep will be from 7:00 AM until 2:30 PM.

Mrs. Schlosser announced that after much deliberation and with a heavy heart, she would not be running for re-election this year. She explained that when it came right down to it, this was absolutely a family decision. When Mrs. Schlosser ran for office 4 years ago her children were not very active, but now they are involved in many activities which she simply cannot miss. She wanted to publicly thank everyone who has supported her during the past 4 years. Mrs. Schlosser truly believes that the Township is in a different place now than it was 4 years ago, but there is a lot more to do. She believes that the board we have seated now will continue forward with that vision and mission. She thanked the department heads for making her tenure here very welcome. She wanted to personally thank Mr. Hatmaker for his never ending support. She also thanked the other Trustees stating that although we sometimes agreed to disagree, we always treated each other with the utmost respect. She also wanted to thank all of her supporters who helped her get elected four years ago. She truly appreciated their efforts and she hopes that this is not the end of her political career, just merely a delay until her children are at an age in which they no longer "want her around". Mrs. Schlosser concluded her announcement by stating that she would remain on the board until the end of this year, and she will also be supporting Trustee Kennedy in his re-election campaign this fall.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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