

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM

23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order on September 23, 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.

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Weiner reported that his staff has been busy over the past two weeks. The volume of calls has been up. A child predator was apprehended by an undercover detective. Deputy Weiner then took questions and comments from those in attendance.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Approval of revised August 26, 2009 Minutes

Mr. McCardle presented a copy of revised August 26, 2009 minutes for approval. Trustee Schlosser's announcement that she will not seek a second term as trustee was inadvertently omitted from the original.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the revised minutes for the August 26, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont - Aye; Mr. Kennedy - Aye; Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

Creation of Fund for South Greener Phase II Project

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board establish a fund (Fund 4044) for the South Greener Phase II road improvement project. The estimate for the project included in the grant award is \$3,064,953. Mr. McCardle requested that this amount be set as 2009 revenues and appropriations for the fund, as well as the amount of the 2010 budget revenues.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the creation of Fund 4404, South Greener Avenue Road Improvements, Phase II, set the 2009 revenues and appropriations and the 2010 revenues in this fund at \$3,064,953.00 and authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting their approval of these actions. Mr. Kennedy seconded this motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont - Aye; Mr. Kennedy - Aye; Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

Addition of a Light Fixture – Lake Darby North Light District

Mr. McCardle requested the Board to approve the installation of an additional light in the Lake Darby North lighting district. Section 515.09 of the Ohio Revised Code allows the Board to add lights to a district no more than once a year and at no more than the original contract price per light (<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/515.09>). Mr. McCardle has determined that this light can be added without increasing the district's current assessment.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the addition of one street light in the Lake Darby North Estates Lighting District as per Section 515.09 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont - Aye; Mr. Kennedy - Aye; and Ms. Schlosser - Aye. Motion passed.

West Point Lighting District Assessment

Mr. McCardle presented proposed resolution 22-09 requesting that the Board levy assessments for the West Point, Phase II, Sections 3, 4 and 5 newly created lighting district against district residents, according to the

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attached schedule, and certify the assessments to the Franklin County Auditor. The assessment amount will be a total of \$252.00 per parcel for a three year period.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 22-09, a Resolution to Levy Assessments Against Property Owners Within the Lighting District Located Within The West Point Phase II, Sections 3, 4 and 5 Subdivisions and directing the Fiscal Officer to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor so that he may collect said assessments. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The votes were by roll call: Ms. Schlosser – Aye; Mr. Kennedy- Aye; Mr. Stormont – Aye. Resolution passed.

Supplemental Appropriations

Mr. McCardle presented supplementary appropriations requests to move funds into the "Other Expenses" and "Operating Supplies" line items under Township Hall and the "Audit Expenses" line item under Administration. The Township Hall supplemental appropriations request entailed moving \$500 from Salaries (1000-120-190) to Other (1000-120-599) and also moving \$1,000 from Repairs and Maintenance (1000-120-323) to Operating Expenses (1000-120-420). The request for the Administration supplemental appropriation entailed moving \$100 from Liability Insurance Premiums (1000-110-382) to Auditing Services (1000-110-312).

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation to move \$500.00 from line item 1000-120-190-0000 (Township Hall, Salaries) to line item 1000-120-599-0000 (Township Hall, Other Expenses). Ms. Schlosser seconded this motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Mr. Stormont then moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation to move \$1,000.00 from line item 1000-120-323-0000 (Township Hall, Repairs and Maintenance) to line item 1000-120-420-0000 (Township Hall, Operating Expenses). Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; and Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Mr. Stormont then moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation to move \$100.00 from line item 1000-110-382-0000 (Administration, Liability Insurance Premiums) to line item 1000-110-312-0000 (Administration, Auditing Services). Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed.

Liquor Permit Notice

Mr. McCardle asked the Board if it wishes to pursue a hearing at the Ohio Division of Liquor Control in relation to Walgreens' application to sell alcohol at their 4775 West Broad Street location. As the board has traditionally not requested hearings for these matters, no hearing was requested for this permit as well.

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle then requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants (see attached list) summing \$87,156.24 along with this week's payroll summing \$120,072.98 for a total cash disbursement of \$207,229.22 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.

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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

Station 241 Blacktop Sealing

Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve hiring B & C Blacktop Sealing, Inc. to seal coat, crack seal and restripe the asphalt at Station 241 at a cost of \$2,800.00. Four bids to perform this work came in at \$1,350.00 (Dumar Huntson), \$2,800.00 (B&C Blacktop Sealing, Inc.), \$2,996.00 (Tolliver & Curl Paving Contractors, Inc.) and \$3,151.00 (McKee's Blacktop Sealing). Upon further investigation, the Fire Department found that B&C are the lowest quote that is also recommended by the Better Business Bureau and properly insured.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring B&C Blacktop Sealing, Inc. to seal coat, crack seal and restripe the asphalt (2,806 square yards) at Station 241 for a price of \$2,800.00. Ms. Schlosser seconded. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Fire Hose Purchase

Chief Feustel requested that the Board approve the purchase of replacement fire hose at a cost of \$2,900 from Finley Fire Equipment. This purchase will include a total of 17 sections of hose of various diameters (1 ¾", 2 ½" and 3"). The hose will be used at both Stations 241 and 243.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of fire hose from Finley Fire Equipment at a cost of \$2,900.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded this motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Turnout Gear Purchase

Chief Feustel then requested approval of the purchase of six sets of turnouts at a cost of \$11,094.00. The Chief is recommending that the township purchase gear manufactured by Jaynesville, a different brand than we have used in the past, because they are offering a free set of turnouts with the purchase of six sets. The purchase of the Jaynesville turnouts will be through Phoenix Safety Outfitters.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of six sets of Jaynesville turnouts from Phoenix Safety Outfitters at a total cost of \$11,094.00. Ms. Schlosser seconded this motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Administrator:

Nuisance Cases

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's guidance on this week's nuisance cases.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 4770 Sullivant Avenue, 6659 Elm Park Drive, 1185 Oak Park Drive, and 261 Hubbard Road, to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

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South Greener Street Lights

On behalf of Dave McAninch, Roads Superintendent, Mr. Hatmaker recommended to the Board that they approve the installation of 16 street lights along South Greener Avenue. These lights would be the cobra style lighting attached onto existing poles with 200 watt lights on 8 foot arms. The estimate cost from Greg Zorich of AEP is \$12.00 per month per light or \$192.00 per month (\$12 x 16 light fixtures = \$192). This estimate includes fuel costs.

Mr. Hatmaker explained that because the lights address a health and safety issue, the lights could be paid from the general fund.

A general discussion was conducted about the health and safety issue and funding for the lights. Ms. Schlosser pointed out the lights would benefit police and fire safety units in that area as well as the township residents. Neil Distlehurst, township resident, questioned whether or not it would be more appropriate to pay for this proposed lighting out of the Road Funds. Mr. Kennedy asked Mr. Hatmaker to look into the feasibility of using Road Funds to pay for these lights.

Mr. Stormont moved and Ms. Schlosser seconded that the Board direct township staff to proceed in working with AEP to install sixteen 200 watt cobra lights along South Greener Avenue at a cost of \$192.00 per month. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; and Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

South Greener Phase I Payment #4

Mr. Hatmaker recommended the Board's approval for the 4th pay request from Double Z Construction for Phase 1 of the South Greener Issue II project in the amount of \$231,320.50. The project is approximately 86% complete.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve pay request #4 for the South Greener Avenue Street Improvement Project, Phase I in the amount of \$231,320.50. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

South Greener Phase I Acquisition Agreement

Mr. Hatmaker presented a proposed agreement to hire Stantec Consultants to do title research, appraisal, negotiations, title updates, closings, document recordings and project management related to acquisition of right-of-way which is needed for a replacement culvert as part of the South Greener Phase II Street Improvement Project. The total cost is \$15,000.00.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the agreement with Stantec Consultants to provide services related to the acquisition of right-of-way as part of the South Greener Avenue Phase II Street Improvement Project for a cost of \$15,000.00 and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement. Mr. Kennedy seconded this motion. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

Workers Compensation Group Participation

Mr. Hatmaker explained that Prairie Township receives a group discount on workers' compensation premiums through our membership in the Ohio Township Association group. As part of this group membership, the township receives the services of the Frank Gates Service Company, which administers the group. We have received the re-enrollment form and group rating fee invoice in the amount of \$12,637.00 for the year 2010. (The 2009 fee was \$14,539.00) Frank Gates projects that the township will save \$25,391 on its premiums next year by participating in their group. Mr. Hatmaker then requested the Board's approval to re-enroll and pay this invoice.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the township's participation in the 2010 Ohio Township Association group rating program, authorize the township administrator to execute form BWC AC-26 re-enrolling the township in that program and authorize the payment of a Group Rating Fee of \$12,637.00 to Frank Gates Services Company. Ms. Schlosser seconded. The votes were: Mr. Stormont – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Ms. Schlosser – Aye. Motion passed

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Resolution Accepting Amounts & Rates with Authorization

Mr. Hatmaker presented Resolution 23-09 accepting amounts and rates and authorizing necessary tax levies. This resolution is requested each year by the Franklin County Budget Commission along with the township's Official Certificate of Estimated Resources. This resolution acknowledges the tax rates and dollar amounts included in the resolution and authorizes the County Auditor to collect these amounts.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt the Resolution 23-09, "A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor." Mr. Kennedy seconded this motion. The votes were by roll call as follows: Ms. Schlosser – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Mr. Stormont – Aye. Motion passed

Trick or Treat Hours

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board designate Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as the 2009 trick-or-treat hours in Prairie Township. This is consistent with the revised resolution adopted by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board designate Thursday, October 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm as the trick-or-treat hours in Prairie Township for 2009. Ms. Schlosser seconded. The votes were as follows: Ms. Schlosser – Aye; Mr. Kennedy – Aye; Mr. Stormont – Aye. Motion passed

Old Business

None

New Business-

John Walden, of 393 Deerfield Road, requested speed bumps. Ms. Schlosser explained that traffic studies are underway, but it has been determined that speed bumps were not effective due to the speed between the bumps. Traffic calming methods are being studied.

Mr. Walden also asked if Prairie Township has a muffler regulation.

Sonny Solis, the Lincoln Village Block Watch Coordinator was in the audience and advised Mr. Walden to get the license plate number and report it to the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Solis shared several other tips and suggestions but stressed that fines are both a deterrent and a "traffic calming" method.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

Mr. Kennedy announced that a meeting was going to be held on September 30 at the 451 Hubbard Road Firehouse. The meeting will include petition signing and a Fight the Hike Ohio movement update. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Chief Feustel reminded everyone that October is Fire Prevention Month. Our firefighters will be out in force in the classrooms and community educating the public on fire safety.

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer