

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 8, 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 April 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser and Mr. McCardle present. Also in attendance were Mr. Hatmaker, Township Administrator, Chief Feustel 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 scheduled meeting held on March 25, 2009. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. Motion passed

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Weiner appeared before and addressed an issue that was discussed at the previous meeting about the ability to produce a larger scaled map showing where certain crimes are occurring in the township. He stated they do have that ability and the map would be available on a quarterly basis and hopefully this next quarter, they should have one available. Deputy Weiner stated they should have the March statics at the next meeting and they have seen an increase in their runs probably due to the weather. There were several burglaries in businesses and residences in the past couple of weeks and he stressed that if anyone sees anything suspicious, please give them a call.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval for a \$51,665.00 supplemental appropriation moving funds from the General Fund - Administration Contract Services – into the General Fund – Principal Payments/Bonds. These funds are being moved to cover the payoff of the Road Department maintenance building.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$51,665.00 from line item 1000-110-360-0000 (General Fund-Admin. Contract Services) to 1000-810-810-0000 (General Fund Principal Payments – Bonds).

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to write a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission approving the appropriation of \$51,665.00 in additional funds in the General Fund – 1000-110-360-0000-Administration Contract Services. This will replace the funds moved to the Principal Payments/Bonds line item in order to cover the maintenance building payoff.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board direct the Fiscal Officer to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that \$51,665.00 in additional funds be appropriated in General Fund line item 1000-110-360-0000 (Administration Contract Services).

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. McCardle stated the township recently received a check for \$5,088.00 in FEMA grant funds for reimbursement for the Fire Department's cost incurred in last September's wind storm. Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval of a \$5,088.00.00 supplemental appropriation moving FEMA grant funds into a fund created for that purpose. The funds will then be transferred to the Fire Fund via a memo receipt.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$5,088.00 in FEMA grant funding into Fund 2902, line item 2902-760-599-0000.

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This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board to approve to pay this week's warrants summing \$121,460.05 along with this week's payroll summing \$132,522.14 for a total cash disbursement of \$253,982.19.

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

Standing Business:

Road and Cemetery Department:

The Road Department had no items on tonight's agenda therefore Mr. McAninch had been excused from attending tonight's meeting.

Fire Department:

Chief Feustel requested the Board consider approval to purchase a new medic for Station 241. The total price of the medic is \$196,558.76. This has to be broken into two purchase request and the first request is as follows: A 2009 Navistar medic from the Horton Ambulance Company for a total cost of the state approved purchase is \$194,754.76.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2009 Navistar 4300 LP medic with a 623 International Pass-Through body from Horton Ambulance at a cost of \$194,754.76 as per state bid pricing.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Ms. Schlosser asked Chief Feustel about how much he thought he would receive from the sale of the Freightliner and about the rotation of the vehicles. Chief Feustel stated he didn't know how much he would receive from the sale and one of the reasons he is purchasing a new medic is the Freightliner has been a reliable backup but it has reached the point where it is the oldest vehicle they have that is in front line service so now is the time to sell the vehicle.

Chief Feustel stated there are some items that were requested and approved by the committee which would bring the new medic to the same body style and standards like Medic 243. These items were not under the state bid pricing and this additional cost to the medic is OK as long as it is being purchased at the same time. The total cost of these items is \$1,804.00.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the addition of \$1,804.00 in non-state bid options to the purchase of the 2009 Navistar LP medic from Horton Ambulance.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Chief Feustel requested approval of a mobile command unit for the back of the Chief's car which stores technical manuals, maps and equipment needed to handle a command center which is sold by a company called Truck Vault. Chief Feustel requested the Board approve up to \$4,500.00.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a Truck Vault mobile command and storage unit for installation in the Chief 241 vehicle at a cost of up to \$4,500.00.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy seconded. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

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Zoning Department:

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

Lisa Guiette, who is the property owner and rents the house at 284 Woodlawn Avenue to tenants, appeared before the Board to discuss issues with the tenants at 274 Woodlawn, which are becoming volatile. There are some health issues, the home didn't have running water for a year and the Board of Health made them turn it back on. The people who live in the house do not own it, they rent it. Ms. Guiette stated she owns a 100 x 105 foot lot and the neighbor's lot is a 20 x 105 lot and the lot has become a "crack haven" for the people who park in her yard and they are tearing it up. The renter seems to think he has a twenty-five easement, so he placed railroad ties in Ms. Guiette's yard claiming this portion of the yard as his own. There is trash, rats, the doors are always open and the police have been called many times. Ms. Guiette wanted to know what her legal rights are. Mr. Kennedy stated she has multitude of issues. The Board explained that the township can help with the nuisance issues and the drug issues can be reported to the Sheriff. Ms. Guiette's tenant informed the Board of several different times he has seen drug activity in or around the house. Mrs. Guiette stated she feels this has become a health issue not just a nuisance case. Mr. Stormont asked if the Board of Health is still dealing with this. She stated they said they would come back out. Ms. Schlosser explained that for the township's processes, Ms. Guiette needs to keep calling in to tell us it is bad again and then we will post the property and the owner will be notified. Ms. Guiette wanted to know what her legal rights were for a trespassing issue and Ms. Schlosser said they could not give her legal advice. Mr. Kennedy stated the Road Superintendent could let her know where the road right-of-way is. Mr. Hatmaker will have the Road Superintendent call her, have the Sheriff increase patrols, and tell the Zoning Department to file a nuisance case.

Administration:

Mr. Hatmaker asked for the Board's direction on a trash and debris nuisance case at 89 Gladys Road.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 89 Gladys Road to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner(s) as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye; Mr. Kennedy-Aye; Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy stated there are three pending nuisance cases at 66 Amity Road, 499 Buena Vista Avenue and 21 Center Street. The certified cards have been returned for 21 Center Street and 66 Amity Road. The Road Department cleaned up over three tons of trash on these two properties and we are still waiting on the certified card to be returned for 499 Buena Vista Avenue.

Mr. Hatmaker presented an updated excavation permit to the Board. The current excavation permit was adopted under a resolution in February, 2002 and is based on the City of Columbus standards. Since that time, the City of Columbus as updated its standards. The Road Superintendent has found a few places where some minor items need to be updated and Mr. Hatmaker recommend the Board adopt Resolution 08-09 updating the excavation standards.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded that the Board adopt Resolution 08-09, A Resolution Revising the Township Permit Authorizing Excavation in a Township Road.

Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser, aye; Mr. Kennedy, aye; Mr. Stormont; aye.

Mr. Hatmaker presented a letter of engagement with the Benesch law firm. Mr. Hatmaker is proposing the Board consider signing a letter of engagement to retain as necessary the Benesch law firm because

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the township had been working with Stephen Grassbaugh, who has recently moved to this law firm. Mr. Grassbaugh has been assisting with some work on the Joint Economic Development District draft agreement. Mr. Hatmaker is requesting the Board approve the letter of engagement so we can continue to work with him as necessary.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to execute the letter of engagement with Benesch law firm dated March 30, 2009.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser seconded. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board consider and approve an agreement with Rumpke for solid waste services at the township facilities. Rumpke has been providing those services for the last three years. They had proposed some pricing after the township staff solicited competitive bids and received one from Rumpke and Republic Solid Waste Services. After soliciting these bids, Rumpke's bid went down from their current pricing and was lower than the Republic Waste bid. Mr. Hatmaker is requesting and recommending the Board approve the sales agreement with Rumpke for a three year period beginning April 11, 2009.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a three-year agreement with Rumpke for solid waste services at the Township Hall, Fire Station 241, Fire Station 243, the Road and Cemetery Department Garage and the Senior Center effective April 11, 2009 and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the subject agreement.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy seconded. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker presented the Board with an IT Support Services Agreement. Infolink has been working with the township since early 2006. The last agreement expired in November but at that time we had just finished interviewing them as well as other firms. At the time, Infolink asked for a three month extension at very reasonable pricing, in order to prove that they could correct some of the problems, such as communication problems, responsiveness problems, etc. Over that period of time, they were able to correct the problems to the satisfaction of the Trustees, Mr. Hatmaker and Chief Feustel. Mr. Hatmaker presented a one year agreement that would begin the day the Board approves it.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the proposed IT Assurance Agreement with Infolink Technologies, Inc. and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the agreement.

This motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser seconded. Votes were: Mr. Stormont-Aye: Mr. Kennedy-Aye: Ms. Schlosser-Aye. This motion passed.

Mr. Hatmaker a proposed resolution for creating "No Parking" restrictions along areas of Lakefield Drive. These areas are at or near the entrance to the Ohio American Water facility off of Lakefield Drive. The reason for the request is Ohio American Water has trucks that haul sludge away from the waste water plant and the area is too tight for them to safely maneuver. They are going to be widening the apron and entrance to their driveway to accommodate these trucks but when cars are parked near the drive and across from the drive, it creates a safety hazard. Mr. Hatmaker is requesting that areas across from the drive and immediately on each side of the drive be restricted as "No Parking".

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded that the Board adopt Resolution 09-09, "A Resolution to prohibit parking on the north side of Lakefield Drive beginning on the east edge of the drive at 788 Lakefield Drive and extending east approximately one hundred feet to the west edge of the drive at 776 Lakefield Drive, as well as on the south side of Lakefield Drive beginning ten feet west of the Ohio American approach and running east to the west edge of the drive at 767 Lakefield Drive, as per Section 505.17 of the Ohio Revised Code."

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Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser, aye; Mr. Kennedy, aye; Mr. Stormont; aye.

A resident asked about the enforcement of a "No Parking" zone. Mr. Kennedy stated that if is "No Parking" it is a tow away zone.

Pam Williams asked Mr. Hatmaker about an update on the JEDD and the Darby Accord Plan. Mr. Hatmaker stated as of today (4-8-09) a final draft has been forwarded to Columbus and then to Franklin County. Economic Development Consultants Mike Acari and John McCory recommend a merger of the CRA or the tax abatement process with the JEDD as an incentive to bring people into the JEDD. It provides incentives for people to invest in their property but at the same time, it allows people a way to help raise money to invest in some of the projects along Broad Street. Right now in the JEDD agreement, some changes have been made to satisfy some of the request from Columbus. In that agreement, half of the funding would go to the local governments and Columbus would get half, the other half would go to projects and it looks like a pretty good deal for the township. Mr. Hatmaker is working with Jim Schimer at the Franklin County Economic Development and they are hoping to have the CRA or tax abatement in place in May. The JEDD would probably be in place in September. The City of Hilliard was the last to adopt the Darby Accord Plan last year. The area six jurisdictions are proceeding in implementing the plan. Some of the highlights are that Prairie and Brown Townships are working along with Columbus and Franklin County to begin a process to do the Town Center master plan. The town center would be an approximate 5,000 residential unit area between Broad Street and I-70 west of Amity Road. The master plan should start soon and the Prairie Township Trustees have appropriated funds for the Prairie Township share for the first half. The area will receive water and sewer from Columbus via a contract with Franklin County and will be developed without the requirement of annexation. There are also discussions about zoning for conservation development that would be a development where half the land would be left in open space and the rest of the land would be developed in one to two acre lots. The open space would be designed to protect the water quality which is the Darby Accord's main goal and objective. Over time, the Prairie Township population, as a result of the Darby Accord, could more than double.

Old Business:

Mr. Bob Voss, 249 Emmet Avenue appeared before the Board inquiring as to the cost of removing the pedestrian bridge on South Greener. Mr. Voss was talking to someone from the construction company and he told Mr. Voss that the bridge clearances wouldn't hurt anything by leaving it in place. Mr. Voss took pictures and he couldn't find a thing wrong with the bridge. Mr. Voss wanted to know why they are taking it down. Mr. Stormont stated they are looking into it now to see if it has to come down. Mr. Voss stated the kid's safety is going to be in jeopardy. Mr. Kennedy stated at this point he believes Mr. Voss is way ahead and now with the information Mr. Kennedy has, he is intent to leave it up but he has to see more information. Mr. Kennedy said they would have a full year for the Board to get the information they need to make a decision on it and the clearance will be the main issues and if it meets them, Mr. Kennedy said he would be inclined to say "why tear something down if it is in good condition."

New Business:

Janice Boggs appeared before the Board to discuss an approach to her property off of South Greener Avenue. Ms. Boggs said she signed a letter to have it put in and she was given a map showing where they were going to put it. Mr. Stormont asked her who signed her letter and she said Prairie Township brought the letter to her to sign and that the Board had the letter. Mr. Kennedy stated that Ms. Boggs owns four lots, two are on Mix and two are on South Greener and they are separate. When the original plans were being made, anyone that wanted an approach was given one. After some debate between the Road Superintendent, the Township Administrator and the people drawing up the plans, it was decided that since South Greener was a major collector road, they wanted to keep the approaches down to a bare minimum because of the amount of traffic that was going to be generated in the future. Mr. Kennedy stated that any body that had a structure, are going to get approaches but you have no improvements on the two sites you want an approach. Ms. Boggs asked if she wants to build something there would she have to come back and pay for an opening there. Mr. Kennedy stated yes she would.

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Ms. Boggs stated “both she and her husband are disabled and if they have anything in the back yard they want hauled away, what they are going to have to do, what does she have to do, drive across a sidewalk to get it and if she breaks the sidewalk, the township will charge her to pay for the sidewalk.” Mr. Hatmaker stated in that situation you are using South Greener as an alley. He went on to say “that South Greener is a collector street with over 4,200 trips per day logged on it currently and it will more than double in the next fifteen years and to design it to function as an alley, for example, providing numerous rear access points to people who have front access points is contrary to any notion of making good and safe use of the public’s investment. However, the point has been made, if these lots are ever improved, an access point could be provided at that time.”

A discussion followed concerning sidewalks and street lights. Ms. Schlosser asked her if her issue was the approach. Ms. Schlosser stated she is struggling with approaches on an unimproved lot and she apologized she was told she would get one but given the amount of traffic that goes down South Greener, for safety concerns it is not feasible to do that. Mr. Kennedy stated if the Board grants an approach to the left hand side and in the future, you get a building permit, you build a house there and the only place to put the driveway is on the right hand side. If you put in an approach now, you might have to tear in out and put it in the right way once the improvements are done. Mr. Kennedy stated Ms. Boggs is doing what she is supposed to do, protect her property and the rights of her property as she sees fit and the Board’s job is to look out for the majority of the residences that are going to use the road. Ms. Boggs asked if anyone was going to get an approach. Mr. Kennedy stated that no one who has unimproved property that doesn’t have a major structure that is already there, will not get an approach. Ms. Schlosser stated that this was not a lie or malicious act, it was a mistake.

Mr. Walters, 556 South Murray Hill Road appeared before the Board and stated he is the only house on the left side of Greener that has a driveway out onto South Greener besides two or three garages that will get an approach. He is the only one that his driveway goes out onto Greener and there is no other way in or out of his backyard except through the gate in the back. His driveway has been established for twenty years and it is used all the time. Ms. Schlosser asked him where he was located on South Greener. Mr. Kennedy stated Mr. Walters is 150-200 feet from Sullivant. Ms. Schlosser stated this is a complete different situation than the previous one. Mr. Walters stated he has the building permit and if this was told to him before, he would never build the carport. Ms. Schlosser asked to see Mr. Walter’s building permit. Mr. Kennedy stated he did some checking and his property is addressed on Murray Hill Drive. He has a detached garage that faces Murray Hill and he has two carports in the backyard. Mr. Kennedy explained how this is different from the three on the other end. They have permanent buildings that sit on foundations; Mr. Walter’s is a carport. If this was meant to be the front entrance of your property, you would never have been issued a zoning permit because he would have to be 75’ back off of the right-of-way and the one carport is within 75’. This is unique and when Mr. Kennedy pulled paperwork on the permit, there is a line on the permit that it looks like you were told that there was no back access. Ms. Schlosser stated she would like to look at the property again but she is very strongly inclined to agree with staff they don’t want to turn Greener into an alley. Mr. Stormont stated the Board would take this under advisement and bring this up at the next meeting.

Public Comments: None

Announcements: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer