

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**February 10, 2010-- 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 February 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Trustee Steve Kennedy, with Trustee Doug Stormont, Trustee Ron Ball, and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Also in attendance were Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator and Fire Chief Stephen Feustel. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Kennedy asked the board to approve the meeting minutes for the January 27, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Sheriff's Report

Deputy Weiner presented the January 2010 Crime Statistics Reports. Deputies have been busy responding to traffic accidents and stranded vehicles due to the inclement weather we have been sustaining.

There have been a few attempted burglaries.

A Lincoln Village North resident shared many examples of excessive speeding along Annhurst during the past several months. (Over 70 clocked speed violations from October thru January)

### Fiscal Officer's Report

#### Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$116,014.43 along with this week's payroll summing \$119,697.77 for a total cash disbursement of \$235,712.20.

**Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". This was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Standing Business

#### Roads and Cemetery Department

Mr. McAninch was previously excused from attending this meeting.

#### Zoning Department

Ms. Swisher was previously excused from attending this meeting.

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### Fire Department

#### Injury Leave Approval

Fire Chief Feustel requested the Board's approval for up to twelve weeks of injury leave for firefighter Rich Critchfield as per the collective bargaining agreement.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve up to twelve weeks of injury leave for firefighter Rich Critchfield as per the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Administrator

#### Zoning Cases Recommended for Court

Mr. Hatmaker gave a summary report regarding five zoning cases that our zoning office has been attempting to resolve with little or no cooperation from the property owners.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Zoning Inspector to request that the Prosecuting Attorney file permanent injunctions in Franklin County Environmental Court on behalf of the Township against the properties at: 4756 Stiles Avenue; 4594 Annhusht Road; 378 Hiler Road; 224 Woodlawn Avenue; and 290 Inah Avenue. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### South Greener Avenue Phase II Bid Process Approval

Plans for the South Greener Avenue Phase II project have been approved. At the recommendation of David McAninch, Roads & Cemetery Superintendent, Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's approval to begin the distribution of the bid process for this project.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the distribution of bid packets for Phase II of the South Greener Avenue Reconstruction Project, set a bid opening date of March 10, 2010 and authorize advertisement for bids to run on February 17, 2010 and February 24, 2010. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### New Cemetery Hours

The regular posted hours has been 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. For practical purposes, David McAninch, Roads & Cemetery Superintendent, has requested the Board's approval to adjust the year round open hours to 8:00 AM until dusk.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board revise the hours at Galloway and Alton Cemeteries to 8:00 am till dusk year round. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### Internet Auction Authorization

Mr. Hatmaker presented a resolution (Resolution 03-10) of an annual renewal for the township's authorization to sell property via internet auction, as required by law. The initial resolution was adopted on March 25, 2009. As per Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10, a board of township trustees may sell property, which is not needed for public use, is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was required. In addition, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 0968-08 authorizing the Franklin County Purchasing Department to assist any city or township located within Franklin County in disposing of surplus property through the Franklin County GovDeals online internet auction site at no cost. This assistance allows the township to take advantage of Franklin County's GovDeals agreement, as well as use Franklin County to oversee the bidding and payment process. The proposed resolution continues the township's participation in the county program.

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**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 03-10, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO CONDUCT INTERNET AUCTIONS FOR THE SALE OF UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE OR UNFIT PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, OF PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010." Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

### Disposal of Items

Mr. Hatmaker presented another proposed resolution (Resolution 04-10) authorizing the disposal of a copier that no longer works; two broken chairs; a broken tape recorder; and a broken calculator. The Ohio revised code requires that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing disposal of items on the township inventory.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 04-10, "A Resolution Authorizing the Discarding of a Copier, Chairs, a Tape Recorder and a Calculator from Offices at the Prairie Township Hall." Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

### Community Improvement Corporation

Mr. Hatmaker presented a home rule resolution forming the Prairie Township Community Improvement Corporation. The formation of this organization has been anticipated since the beginning of the West Broad Improvement Project efforts in 2005. This organization can help facilitate the redevelopment of land, as well as incentivize growth and JEDD membership through tools such as grants. (Grants would actually be repaid as part of payment of JEDD-based income taxes.) This resolution requires that a three-person board be named. Mr. Hatmaker recommended that a township trustee, the administrator and a resident at-large make up this board. The resolution was written as an emergency measure to insure that the program is up and running in time to work with businesses, including the medical office building proposed next to township hall, in the initial JEDD formation.

This measure is considered an emergency by the Township Administrator as times are tough for local businesses and this effort will be another tool to spur both economic and jobs growth during this critical time of need.

**Mr. Kennedy introduced and read the resolution.**

**Mr. McCardle read the resolution by title only.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board dispense with the second reading of the Resolution HR-01-10. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution HR-01-10, "A Resolution Authorizing the Formation of the Prairie Township Community Improvement Corporation, the Adoption of a Code of Regulations for the Prairie Township Community Improvement Corporation, the Appointment of the Initial Board of Trustees of the Prairie Township Community Improvement Corporation, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

### 2009 Highway System Mileage Certification

Mr. Hatmaker stated that the township had received the ODOT highway mileage certification form from the Franklin County Engineer's office. The County Engineer has determined the Prairie Township was responsible for maintaining 55.865 miles of public roads in 2009. Mr. Hatmaker requested that this form be certified and signed by the Board in order for the township to receive tax payments and other benefits for its road maintenance.

**Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

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### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

None

### Executive Session

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board go into executive session at 7:45 pm in order to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee as per Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Stormont seconded this motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

No decisions were made during this executive session.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board return from executive session at 9:00 pm. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

  
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Chairman

  
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Fiscal Officer