

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 24, 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 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Trustee Steve Kennedy, with Trustee Doug Stormont, Trustee Ron Ball, and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator, was also in attendance. (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 February 10, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. Stormont seconded. **The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.**

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Weiner reported that the last two weeks have been very busy with weather related accidents. He also reported that suspects involved in a burglary ring encompassing 5 Central Ohio counties, including Franklin County and specifically Prairie Township property, have been apprehended.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Authorization Request to Restructure Bank Accounts for Operating Cash

Mr. McCardle asked the Board's approval to suspend the sweep service on the PNC Bank checking account, establish a higher yielding savings account through PNC Bank, and then also obtain the Board's approval to move cash between the checking account and savings account as needed. The catalyst for this change in banking structure is due to the fact that the Township has been earning little or no interest revenues via the PNC (former National City Bank) sweep checking account service. Mr. McCardle explained that the Township could earn up to \$4000 over the remainder of 2010 if we restructure the bank account structure as requested.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Officer to close the sweep checking account at PNC Bank and move these funds to a savings account at that institution, as well as to transfer money, as needed, between that savings account and a checking account set up for the purpose of paying township expenses. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Liquor Permit

Mr. McCardle asked the Board members if anyone wanted to request a hearing concerning a liquor permit application filed by Day's Drive Thru located at 4640 Sullivant Avenue. Board members replied that our local precedence has been to *not* request hearings for these matters. Accordingly, the Board does not want to request a hearing request for this liquor permit application.

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle asked for the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$63,750.19 along with this week's payroll summing \$142,358.45 for a total cash disbursement of \$206,108.64.

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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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.

Fire Department

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

Administrator

2010 Franklin County Sheriff's Contract:

Mr. Hatmaker presented the 2010 Police Services Agreement with the Franklin County Sheriff. The annual cost to the township will total \$303,484.80, or \$25,290.40 per month, plus any additional costs associated with the overtime provision included in section five of the contract. This agreement represents a 2.5% increase over the 2009 annual cost of \$296,145.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board enter into a contract with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for police services for the year 2010 in the amount of \$303,484.800 or \$25,290.40 per month plus any additional cost associated with the overtime provision included in section five of the contract. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Letter of Support for Camp Chase Trail Funding Request

Mr. Hatmaker presented a letter of support for a Metro Parks request for \$2,000,000 in federal funding needed for construction of the Camp Chase Railroad Trail (bicycle and walking path) located between I-270 and Galloway Road. Mr. Hatmaker also requested that the letter be signed by the Board Chairman, Trustee Kennedy.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board forward a letter to Senator Voinovich supporting the Metro Parks request for \$2,000,000 in federal funding for the Camp Chase Railroad Trail between I-270 and Galloway Road and authorize the Chair to execute the letter. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

Pam Williams, active township resident, complimented Trustee Ronald Ball for his initial efforts and community involvement as a newly elected Township Trustee.

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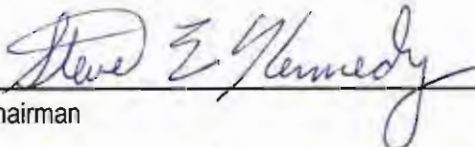
Another resident asked about the dirt trial. Mr. Hatmaker explained that the plaintiff has 30 days to return with a plan as to how he will remove the fill dirt and present plans to install a new septic system. (The septic system must be an engineered plan that is approved by the Board of Health)

Announcements

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer