

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 7, 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 April 7, 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 was Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator. (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 March 24, 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 addressed the Board stating that the Sheriff's office has been abnormally busy during the past couple of weeks. One factor could be the improvement in the weather, but our deputies have also been working with the Chillicothe police to arrest a common thief. Another recent arrest resulted in the recovery of many stolen items. The thief made a full confession of many crimes. Those two arrests will help cut some of the local crime that has been ongoing.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$212,992.46 along with this week's payroll summing \$126,540.25 for a total cash disbursement of \$339,532.71.

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

Standing Business

Fire

Purchase of Network Server

Captain Snyder was on hand to answer any remaining questions the Board members may have regarding the request proposed during the last meeting by Chief Feustel for various computer items. Chief Feustel had distributed an explanatory e-mail addressing the Board Members concerns regarding the tabled request from our March 24 meeting. Board members had no further questions.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the purchase of one Dell PowerEdge R710 Server, four SAS internal hard drives, one SAS 6/i Raid Controller, one copy of Windows for Small Business Servers 2008 Premium and two 5 CAL packs at total cost not to exceed \$7,500. 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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Administration

S. Greener Phase II Contract Execution

At its March 24th meeting, the Board approved awarding the South Greener Avenue Phase II construction contract to Decker Construction at a cost of \$956,526.31. Mr. Hatmaker presented three copies of the contract document for execution. Mr. Hatmaker also requested that the Chair execute the Notice to Proceed and the Notice of Commencement of Public Improvement. The law director will review and sign the document after the Board has approved it.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve and execute the contract with Decker Construction Company for construction of South Greener Avenue Reconstruction Phase II at a cost of \$956,526.31 and authorize the Chair to execute the Notice to Proceed and the Notice of Commencement of Public Improvement. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Sidewalk Program Public Hearing (Res. 09-10)

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to proceed with this year's sidewalk program, setting a public hearing for the program and approving advertisement of the hearing. The public hearing will be held as part of the Board's May 5th regular meeting.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 09-10 "A Resolution Declaring Intent to Repair Certain Sidewalks and Levy Special Assessments, to Set a Hearing at Which the Board Will Hear Public Comments About Said Repairs and Comments and To Authorize Advertisement of the Public Hearing." Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.

Building Removals at 324 and 330 Mix Avenue (Res. 10-10 and 11-10)

The Board held a public hearing concerning the removal of buildings at these addresses on December 30, 2009. At that hearing, the Board, at the property owners' request, extended the deadline by which time these properties were to be made safe to March 31, 2009. After Chief Feustel notified the Board, at their March 24th meeting, that neither property owner had addressed problems with the structures on their property, the Board directed staff to prepare resolutions ordering the removal of these buildings.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 10-10, "A Resolution to Proceed with the Removal of a Building at 324 Mix Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 11-10, "A Resolution to Proceed with the Removal of a Building at 330 Mix Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Summer Youth Program

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board approve advertising for, and hiring participants for the 2010 Summer Youth Program. The township appropriations include \$10,000 for this year's program, which would include 10 to 12 participants and 8 alternates, as well as an advisor. Don Berry has been the advisor during the last two years and Dave McAninch plans to ask him to return this year. The advisor's pay was \$11.00 per hour last year.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Road Superintendent to advertise for, and hire 10 to 12 employees, and 8 alternates, at the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour and to hire a summer youth advisor at \$11.00 per hour. 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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Appropriation Amendment

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to request the Franklin County Budget Commission to approve the amendment of Prairie Township's appropriations. One amendment is to change General Fund 'Advances Out' (1000-920-920-0000) from \$0 to \$15,000. This is necessary because staff recommended that \$0 be appropriated in this line item not remembering that \$15,000 had already been advanced out for the purchase of additional right-of-way for the South Greener project. These funds will be reimbursed by the grant. The second amendment would increase the South Greener Road Improvements Phase I Fund (4402) by \$198,832.82 to account for final payments made at the beginning of this year. These funds will be grant funds that just pass through the Township's books.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board amend the 2010 appropriations to increase General Fund line item 1000-920-920-0000 to \$15,000 and to increase South Greener Avenue Road Improvements Phase I Fund line item 4402-760-360-0000 by \$198,832.82 to \$215,470.36 and authorize the township administrator to forward a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting approval of these amendments. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Zoning Department

Our zoning staff has recently been shorthanded. Ms. Swisher has requested the Board's approval to hire a former participant from last summer's youth program to work 20 hours per week at minimum wage, starting immediately on a temporary basis only.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion that the zoning department hire a temporary part-time employee at a wage of \$7.25/hour for up to 20 hours per week. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

A resident made a request to install park benches intermittently throughout the township on its larger streets – Murray Hill and Frost, for example. Mr. Kennedy asked Mr. Hatmaker to look into any legal restrictions as to park bench installation.

Another resident voiced concern about parking along Brooksedge Drive. Mr. Kennedy suggested that the resident circulate a petition effort to restrict parking to one side of the street.

Another resident requested that the Township install a bicycle rack near the Township Senior Citizen's Center. Mr. Kennedy asked Mr. Hatmaker to look into any related legal constraints.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve E. Kennedy".

Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. L. McDonald, Jr.".

Fiscal Officer