

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**April 21, 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 21, 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 April 7, 2010 regular meeting and also the special meeting held on April 7, 2010. Mr. Stormont seconded. **The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Sheriff's Report

A Franklin County Deputy Sheriff addressed the board and was available for questions. The deputy spoke explaining that the warmer weather is leading to increases in traffic accidents, thefts, and domestic violence. He also added that the Annhurst speed issue is being addressed.

### Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$34,134.40 along with this week's payroll summing \$135,049.01 for a total cash disbursement of \$169,192.41.

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

### Standing Business

#### Zoning Department

Ms. Swisher was previously excused from attending this meeting.

Mr. Kennedy announced that the Township Clean-up will be held during the week of May 10-17. Dumpsters will be set up at the Twp. Road Department (6725 Alkire Road), the Twp. Firehouse located at 123 Inah Ave. and the Twp. Firehouse located at 451 Hubbard Road.

Mr. Kennedy gave an update on the "dirt pile". A letter has been prepared and forwarded to the defendant and his attorney addressing the Township's concerns regarding timelines and other things of that nature.

#### Roads and Cemetery Department

Mr. McAninch was previously excused from attending this meeting.

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### Fire

#### Firefighter Injury Leave

Chief Feustel requested an extension of injury leave for Lt. Richard Critchfield until August 1, 2010 for an injury sustained while on duty.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve an extension of injury leave for Lt. Richard Critchfield until August 1, 2010 as per the collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### Vehicle Purchase

Chief Feustel then requested the Board's approval to purchase a new station vehicle to replace the 1994 Crown Vic which has been taken out of service. The total cost of this replacement vehicle will not exceed \$32,500.00.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford Expedition and options from Statewide Ford at a state contract price of up to \$26,000 and a government lighting package from Parr Public Safety Equipment at a price of up to \$5000, for a total cost not to exceed \$32,500.00. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### Blacktop Resurfacing at Station 243

Chief Feustel then requested the Board's approval to have the blacktop resurfaced at Station 243 at a total cost not to exceed \$24,000.00.

A discussion followed that future requests of this nature should be submitted with other comparative bids.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the hiring of Purdum Paving to repave the blacktop surfaces at Fire Station 243 at a cost of \$24,000. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

Chief Feustel then announced that the township spring hydrant flushing will begin May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be completed by May 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Administration

#### Zoning Assistant Staffing Update

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's approval to pay the Zoning Department temporary employee the State minimum wage of \$7.30/hr (correction from last meeting in which \$7.25/hr was approved)

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board amend its April 7, 2010 motion authorizing paying the temporary zoning employee at a rate of \$7.25 per hour to state that the subject employee will be paid at a rate of \$7.30 per hour. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### Summer Youth Pay Revision

Mr. Hatmaker then requested the Board's approval to pay the summer youth program participants \$7.30 per hour (as opposed to the \$7.25 per hour that was approved during the April 7, 2010 meeting)

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board amend its April 7, 2010 motion authorizing paying the summer youth employees at a rate of \$7.25 per hour to state that the subject employees will be paid at a rate of \$7.30 per hour. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.**

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### SWACO Appointment Resolution

Mr. Hatmaker then asked the Board to consider the appointment of William Lotz, Sr. for another term on the SWACO Board.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 12-10, "A Resolution Approving the Nomination of William Lotz, Sr. as the Representative of Franklin County Townships on the SWACO Board of Trustees". Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.**

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Mr. Kennedy announced that The Department of Agriculture will be spraying for gypsy moth beginning on April 27, 2010.

### Executive Session

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board enter executive session at 7:35 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 the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

No decisions were made during the executive session.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board return from Executive Session at 9:43pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

Mr. Kennedy then brought the regular meeting back to order. The Board discussed the upcoming special meeting on Wednesday April 28, 2010 at 5:15 pm.

In preparation for that meeting, the Board has directed Chief Feustel to prepare an updated job description for the Assistant Fire Chief position.

The Board then directed Mr. Hatmaker to prepare potential salary levels for the Assistant Fire Chief position based on an average gap of 8% between that position and a Fire Captain position's salary with FLSA Compensation (aka guaranteed overtime), as well as salary levels for potential salary increases for the Fire Chief position based on the Assistant Chief proposals.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

*Steve E. Kennedy*

Chairman

*A. W. McCord*

Fiscal Officer