

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



### PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**May 5, 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 May 5, 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 minutes for the following meetings:

April 7, 2010 Special Meeting  
April 21, 2010 Regular Meeting  
April 28, 2010 Special Meeting

Mr. Stormont seconded the motion.

***The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.***

#### **Franklin County Treasurer Ed Leonard**

Treasurer Leonard attended tonight's meeting to discuss his offices' abatement efforts and cooperation with Prairie Township. Treasurer Leonard provided a \$30,000 grant for nuisance abatement to Prairie Township in December of 2009. This funding was intended to help offset township losses from un-recouped expenditures on trash and grass nuisance abatement, as well as demolition of unsafe structures.

#### **Sidewalk Program Public Hearing (R es. 13-10)**

Trustee Kennedy open the public hearing for the 2010 Sidewalk Program at 7:08 PM . The Board of Trustees is authorized by Ohio Revised Code 5543.10 to construct and repair sidewalks in the unincorporated area of the Township and assess the cost against abutting property owners. The Board set the date and time for this public hearing during the April 7 regular meeting in order to hear comments concerning the offering of such a program during 2010, which the Board has done annually since 2003. This program has allowed township residents to have sidewalks and driveway approaches in the right-of-way abutting their homes repaired at the township/county contract cost with repayment schedules to the township set-up over ten years interest free.

No one spoke for or against the sidewalk program.

Mr. Kennedy closed the public hearing for the Sidewalk Program at 7:10 pm.

***Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 13-10 'A Resolution Ordering the Repair of Certain Sidewalks and the Levy of Special Assessments.' Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.***

#### **Sheriff's Report**

Deputy Weiner stated that the Sherriff's Department has been very busy. He added that there have been multiple car break ins in the Lake Darby area, but the department was able to recover some of the stolen items. The department is also patrolling Annhurst more frequently due to recent complaints of speed and rolling stops.

Steve Fort, an Old Norton Ridge area resident spoke of his concern about the 25 mph speed in his neighborhood on streets that do not have sidewalks. With the activity in the neighborhood, he asked that the board consider

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lowering the speed limit to just 15 mph and a "Children at Play" sign was requested.

Brad Fort, long time Galloway resident, spoke about his concern with a vacant property located at 2411 Granada Ave. Trustee Kennedy advised Mr. Fort to utilize the nuisance program through the zoning office.

#### Fiscal Officer's Report

##### Walgreen's Liquor Permit

Mr. McCardle asked the Board if they would like to request a hearing concerning approval of a class 'B' liquor license for Walgreen's. The Board members agreed that as customary in our township, we will not opt to conduct a hearing for this liquor permit application.

##### Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle then requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$69,943.25 along with this week's payroll summing \$120,708.15 for a total cash disbursement of \$190,651.40.

Trustee Kennedy and Trustee Ball opted to defer approval for payment of the items listed on this week's warrant list until such time that a special meeting be held.

***Mr. Kennedy motioned to approve the release of \$120,708.15 to pay this week's payroll. Motion 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.

##### Fire Department

##### Turnout Gear Purchase

Chief Feustel requested the Board's approval to purchase six sets of turnouts for a cost not to exceed \$12,000. This is an ongoing program with the new gear assigned to full-time fighters/officers, whose old turnouts are then assigned to our part-time personnel. The cost for a single ensemble is approximately \$1,836, varying with size and personal adjustments. The total cost includes shipping charges.

***Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the purchase of six sets of turnout gear at a cost not to exceed \$12,000. 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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#### Assistant Chief Good Retirement Resolution

Chief Feustel presented a resolution thanking Assistant Chief Good for his services and congratulating him on his retirement.

***Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 14-10, "A Resolution Thanking Assistant Chief Mark Good for Thirty-Three Years of Service to Prairie Township; Congratulating Him on His Retirement; and Wishing Him Well in His Future Endeavors." Mr. Ball seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.***

A reception for Assistant Chief Good was held at the conclusion of the regular meeting agenda.

#### Administrator

#### Nuisances Cases

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board's guidance on the nuisance cases that were forwarded in advance of the meeting.

***Mr. Kennedy moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 165 Gladys Road, 324 Hubbard Road and 261 Lennox Avenue to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Mr. Kennedy 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

None

#### Public Comment

None

#### Announcements

Trustee Kennedy announced that American Water Company has been awarded an average increase of just \$7 per household for this year. If the water company had received its original request, the increase would have been approximately \$40 per household. Technically, they can restart the process again after 60 days. The language from the commission to OAW was if they start the process again shortly, the commission will restrict the increase to the current state wide rate of inflation experienced in Ohio.

#### Executive Session

***Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board go into executive session at 8:05 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.***

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No decisions were made during this executive session.

*Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board return from executive session at 9:15 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.*

*Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board direct the Township Administrator to prepare a draft employment resolution for the position of Assistant Fire Chief and submit it for review by the Board. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.*

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Cardy", written over a horizontal line.

Fiscal Officer