

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 2, 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 June 2, 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, Fire Chief Stephen Feustel and Connie Swisher, Director of the Zoning Department. (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 May 19, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. **The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.**

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Weiner addressed the Board and shared that the department has been very steady and busy with high volumes of calls over the past two weeks. He added that this is customary at this time of year. Deputy Weiner was then available for questions from those in attendance.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Amend Appropriation Motion

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board amend a motion approved at the May 19, 2010 meeting authorizing the Township Administrator to request that the Franklin County Budget Commission approve the appropriation of \$373,187.50 for a deposit at the upcoming Sheriff's sale of the Hometown Inn property. The line item number was incorrect. It should have been 1000-760-710-0000, not 1000-710-710-0000.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board amend its May 19, 2010 motion authorizing the Township Administrator to send a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that additional funds be appropriated in the General Fund to read as follows:

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to send a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission requesting that an additional \$373,187.50 be appropriated in General Fund line item 1000-760-710-0000.

Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Transfer of Funds

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund's Transfers Out line item to the South Greener Phase I, Inah Avenue and Palmetto Street improvement project funds. These funds will be used to make this year's payments to the Ohio Public Works Commission for the loan portion of these projects.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the transfer of \$16,637.54 from General Fund line item 1000-910-910-0000 (Transfers Out) to South Greener Road Improvements Fund line item 4402-931-0000 (Transfers In). 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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Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the transfer of \$25,317.92 from General Fund line item 1000-910-910-0000 (Transfers Out) to Inah Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements Fund line item 4401-931-0000 (Transfers In). Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the transfer of \$15,977.68 from General Fund line item 1000-910-910-0000 (Transfers Out) to Palmetto Road Improvement Project Fund line item 4405-931-0000 (Transfers In). Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay this week's warrants summing \$459,096.28 and this week's payroll of \$164,650.45 for a total cash disbursement of \$623,746.73.

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.

Standing Business

Roads and Cemetery Department

Mr. McAninch was previously excused from attending tonight's meeting.

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Appointment Resolution

Chief Feustel requested that the Board approve the promotion of Lt. Timothy Hannum to the rank of Station Captain.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board promote Lt. Timothy Hannum to the rank of Station Captain. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

In a ceremony lead by Chief Feustel, Timothy Hannum was formally promoted to Station Captain.

Zoning Department

Approval of Public Hearing for Zoning Case

Ms. Swisher presented an update to the Board on the rezoning application for the property located on Pasadena Avenue next to Township Hall and requested that the Board set a public hearing for the case, set a special meeting date (6:00 pm before the June 30th meeting) at which to hold the public hearing and authorize advertisement of that public hearing.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board set a public hearing for rezoning application 177-RZ-10 to take place at 6:00 pm on June 30, 2010 at Township Hall, set a special meeting date at that time and place and authorize advertisement of the public hearing. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Ms. Swisher notified the Board that the Zoning Department received an application for an Exceptional Use zoning modification for changes to the model home unit located at U.S. 40 and Amity Road. As this process will require the Board to hold a public meeting, and Ms. Swisher recommended June 30 at 5:30 PM for this hearing date.

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Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board set a public hearing for a modification of an Exceptional Use District at U.S. 40 and Amity Road to take place at 5:30 pm on June 30, 2010 at Township Hall, set a special meeting date at that time and place and authorize advertisement of the public hearing. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Westland Area Interim Development Framework Resolution

Ms. Swisher presented the Westland Area Interim Development Framework resolution (Res. 16-10). This resolution is an endorsement of the plan presented by Jim Schimmer of Franklin County during the May 19, 2010 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 16-10, "A Resolution Endorsing the Westland Area Interim Development Framework." Mr. Stormont seconded the resolution. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.

Ms. Swisher then provided an update on the legal process involving the Galloway dirt pile and also took questions from those in attendance.

Administration Department

Nuisance 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 107 Buena Vista; 306 Evergreen Terrace; 437 Woodlawn; 8661 Brookcrest Ct.; 200 N. Murray 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. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Woodlawn Safe Routes to School Project (Res. 17-10)

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to adopt Resolution 17-10 outlining its commitment to work with ODOT on the Woodlawn Safe Routes to School project. The project cost of \$380,000 is fully funded by the Safe Route to Schools grant. The project will provide sidewalks, curbs and gutters along the entire length of Woodlawn Avenue. The Township will apply to OPWC for additional funding in an effort to make this project part of a complete overhaul of Woodlawn Avenue.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 17-10, "A Resolution Authorizing the Board to Give Consent to the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio to Complete the Woodlawn Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project and Committing to Cooperate in the Implementation of this Project." Mr. Stormont seconded the resolution. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The resolution passed.

South Greener Phase II Storage Area Agreement

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve an agreement authorizing Decker Construction to use the Township property located at Mix and Stiles as an equipment storage area and field office during the project.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the proposed agreement allowing Decker Construction to use the township property at Mix and Stiles Avenues for equipment storage and as the site of a field office during the South Greener Avenue Phase II project and to authorize the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. 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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Custodial Services Agreement

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve an agreement with Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System for custodial and cleaning services for Township Hall and the Senior Center for the year beginning June 1, 2010. The cost of services for Township Hall will be \$256.00 per month and the cost for the Senior Center will be \$200.00 per month. This is a total cost savings of about \$175 per month for expanded services compared to our current arrangement.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the proposed service agreements with Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System for custodial services at Township Hall, at a monthly cost of \$256, and at the Senior Center, at a monthly cost of \$200, and that the Township Administrator be authorized to execute the agreements. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Old Business

Mr. Jones, township property owner, spoke of his concern regarding sanitary sewer and storm sewer draining problems along Lennox Avenue dating back to 2003. He asked the Board members to talk with the Franklin County Engineers.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

The Prairie Township Fire Department Association will conduct its annual Fish Fry on June 25 and June 26.

Executive Session

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board go into executive session at 8:00 PM to consider the purchase of property for public purposes as per Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22. Mr. Stormont seconded this motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board return from executive session at 8:27 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

During this executive session different scenarios were discussed. No decisions were made.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize Glen Alban of Alban and Alban, LLC and the Township Administrator to represent Prairie Township at the 9:00 AM June 4, 2010 Sheriff's sale for the purpose of bidding on the property located at 4601 West Broad Street and authorize a maximum bid amount of \$1,100,000.00 for the subject property. 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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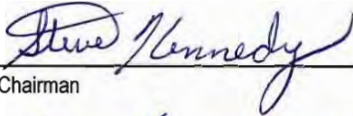


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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer