

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 30, 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 30, 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, 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 June 16, 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 summarized the May crime statistics report. Copies of this report are available for pick up at the Twp. Hall.

A special investigation recovered 40-50 four to five foot marijuana plants. This led to yet another arrest for a large heroin bust.

Parking and speed issues are being addressed.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board move \$2000.00 from General Fund/Admin./Other Expenses (1000-110-599-0000) to General Fund/Street Lights (1000-310-360-0000) to help cover additional costs resulting from installation of the South Greener Avenue street lights.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$2000.00 from line item 1000-110-599-0000 (General Fund/Admin./Other Expenses) to 1000-310-360-0000 (General Fund/Street Lights). Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Transfer of Funds

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to transfer \$373,187.50 back to the 5/3rd Securities Account from the PNC Checking Account since the township will not be using the \$373,187.50 recently transferred from the 5/3 Securities Account to purchase the Hometown Inn property located at 4601 West Broad Street.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve moving \$373,187.50 from the PNC Checking account to the Township's Fifth Third Security Investment account. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay this week's warrants summing \$88,941.63 and this week's payroll of \$158,479.64 for a total cash disbursement of \$247,421.27.

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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

Fire

Appointment of Fire Lieutenant

Chief Feustel requested that the Board promote Firefighter / Paramedic James H. Troesch to the rank of Fire Lieutenant.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board promote Firefighter / Paramedic James H. Troesch to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

A formal swearing in ceremony followed.

Chief Feustel thanked everyone for attending the Fish Fry and helping make it a very successful year.

Zoning Department

Nuisance Cases

Ms. Swisher spoke before the Board about House Bill 393 which will become law effective June 18, 2010. Ms Swisher explained how this measure will aid the Zoning Department in taking action on the high volume of nuisance cases that we are experiencing (32 cases were on the review agenda for the trustees for this meeting). This bill will affect 3 distinct areas within the zoning department:

1. It will alter the notification report
2. House Bill 393's impact will allow the township to mow the lawns more frequently- within 4 days for recurring nuisance properties.
3. Township will shorten the waiting period to get the properties lawns mowed etc.

Ms. Swisher requested the Board's guidance on the 32 nuisance cases that were forwarded in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 324 Hubbard Road; 6564 Birch Park Way; 5325 O'Hara Road, 6621 Birch Park Way; 464 Lombard Way; 4701 Stiles Avenue; 369 Mix Avenue; 6145 Bausch Road, 8613 Canyon Cove Road; 185 Sturbridge Road; 2737 Kunz Road; Parcel # 240-004928 (vacant lot behind Swifty); Parcel # 240-001266 (vacant lot between 352 and 270 S. Grener Avenue); 150 Fernhill Avenue; 4770 Sullivant Avenue; 4800 Sullivant Avenue; 274 Maple Drive; and 6621 Birch Park Drive to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance(s) at the expense of the property owner(s) 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.

Roads and Cemetery Department

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

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Administration

Set 2011 Budget Hearing

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board set the public hearing date for the 2011 proposed budget and approve advertisement of that hearing.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board set a hearing to hear public comment about the proposed 2011 budget for 7:00 pm on July 14, 2010 and authorize the Township Administrator to advertise the hearing as per requirements in the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

455 Mix Avenue Demolition Contract

The Board of Health has received bids for the demolition of the former auto shop located at 455 Mix Avenue and selected Chemtron Corporation to perform the work. The price to be agreed to is \$25,139. This is an "up to" price, so, depending upon how the project proceeds, the final cost could end up being lower. Mr. Hatmaker presented Resolution 20-10 approving the contract with Chemtron and committing the Township to funding half of the cost of this project up to \$25,139.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 20-10, "A Resolution Approving the Selection of Chemtron to Demolish the Former Auto Repair Shop at 455 Mix Avenue at a Cost of up to \$25,139 and "committing to provide one half of the funding for 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.

Street Closing Application

Collin Adams, the pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church has submitted a street closure application for a community block party that the church is hosting from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm on July 31st. The street closure will be on Schoolhouse Lane between Taunton Way and Amesbury Way. The Fire Chief, Road Superintendent, Zoning Inspector and Mr. Hatmaker have all reviewed and signed off on the proposal. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's final approval of the application.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the Temporary Road / Street Closing Request submitted by Collin Adams of Westminster Pedestrian [sic] (Presbyterian) Church to close Schoolhouse Lane between Taunton Way and Amesbury Way from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm on July 31, 2010. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

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Announcements

The 4th of July Parade will be held Saturday, July 3rd at 9:30 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer