

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 6, 2020 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Due to the current COVID-19 Health Emergency, this meeting was closed to the public and livestreamed via Facebook.

Chairwoman Schmelzer opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer, Vice Chair Steve Kennedy, Trustee Doug Stormont, Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning and Township Administrator Rob Peters were all in attendance via webex and/or telephone. All department heads and Deputy Ronk were all excused in advance from the meeting.

### Opening Remarks from Cathy Schmelzer, Chairwoman

Chairwoman Schmelzer Congratulated to the Class of 2020, who are finishing up an unprecedented school year. High school graduates are being recognized on Facebook and Nextdoor.com - if you have a senior, please submit a photo and a short write-up to [rgood@prairietownship.org](mailto:rgood@prairietownship.org).

### Approval of Minutes - April 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer : So Moved". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the April 22, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved.**

### Fiscal Officer 's Report

#### Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

Approval of Warrants: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 74 vendors summing \$262,025.51. 68% of this total is comprised of a single payment to Huntington Bank for our bond payment in the amount of \$180,362.50

Sherry requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$262,025.51 along with the April 24, 2020 payroll of \$209,753.47 for a total cash disbursement of \$471,778.98

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer motioned "so moved". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr . Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. Motion passed.**

### Standing Business:

#### Fire Department

#### Oxygen Supplier

Mr. Peters asked the Board to authorize Chief Scott to end an agreement with Delille Welding Supply and Equipment and to enter into an agreement with O. E. Meyer Company. These agreements are for our medical oxygen supply. We currently spend approximately \$1,200.00 for supply and delivery. Additionally, we are responsible for maintenance and testing. This year, nearly all of our bottles will require testing. Depending on the results of the testing, these additional costs could be as high as \$2,000.00. We, replace approximately 2 regulators each year at a cost of \$160.00 each. Our current agreement also requires us to fill our own bottles and keep detailed records. These bottles are often returned with a significant amount of oxygen left in them, which we are charged for. By changing the contract, we will no longer be responsible for the upkeep of the bottles, nor will we need to fill them or keep the records. The bottles will only be returned when they are virtually empty. The contract with O. E. Meyer will be all inclusive and cost no more than \$3,200.00 per year (we won't know the exact cost until we adjust the number of bottles we will actually need). The increased cost will more than pay for itself in safety and liability; not to mention maintenance, testing, and waste costs.

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Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to end their current agreement with Delille Welding Supply for medical oxygen supplies, and authorize entering into an agreement with O.E. Meyer Company for the oxygen supplies. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Community Center

No items.

Mr. Peters advised that Recreation Director Michael Pollack has been in touch with Service Director Dave McAninch regarding the possibility of placing "exercise boards" at the sports complex. Mr. Peters will provide additional information when available.

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

No items

### Commercial Building and Zoning

No items

### Administration

#### Nuisance Cases

Comments/Issues: None.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 50-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 115 Maple Drive ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 51-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8419 Blue Lake Circle ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 52-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4757 W. Broad Street ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 53-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 99 Darien Avenue ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 53-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4637 Hilton Avenue ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Galloway Road Sports Complex - Grant Extension

Mr. Peters presented a grant extension from ODRN extend the FRAN-032C Capital project agreement through 12/31/2020.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to execute a grant extension with ODNR for the Galloway Road Sports Complex Phase 2 grant. Mr. Kennedy seconded.

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The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Nuisance Assessments

Mr. Peters asked the Board to execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessments requesting assessments totaling \$4,675.89 for removal of trash and debris at (6) properties from August 2019 to March 2020.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$ 4,675.89 for abatement of removal of trash and debris at (6) properties from August 2019 to March 2020. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Announcements

2020 Sidewalk Program update: Mr. Peters provided an update on this year's sidewalk program. Final Determination of the sidewalk program will be presented at the next meeting as well as a plan for how implement the program.

Mr. Peters received an email requesting an update on the water system transition from the County to the City of Columbus. Mr. Peters spoke with officials from both organizations and there is no new information since the article was posted in the spring newsletter.

Special Shout out to the Prairie Township Fire Department, who were featured in the May 2020 Firehouse Magazine as a result of their handling of a recent house fire on Tamara Avenue. Particularly, I'd like to thank Chief Allen Scott, Capt. Rob Cloud, Lt. Matt Heinlein, and Firefighters Justin Gardner, Mike Habak, Bryan Lee, Louis Lobello, Matt Powers, Chad Story, Evan Strauss and Jeff Taynor, who were involved in the incident. Thank you for making us proud every day.

**New Business** - None

**Old Business** - None

**Public Comment** - None

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer

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Fiscal Officer Sherry

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### Department Monthly reports

#### Fire Department April 2020 Activity Report

Total Runs 399  
EMS Runs 267  
Fire Runs 132  
Sta. 241 340  
Sta. 243 59  
Automatic Aid Given 140

#### Community Center Monthly Report

Numbers as of **30-Apr-20** percentage

<b>Total Current Community Center Members</b>	6,779	
<b>Total Members that are Prairie Township Residents</b>	2,204	32.51%
<b>Total Members that are Non-Residents</b>	4,575	67.49%
<b>Total Members that are JEDD/JEDZ</b>	192	2.83%
<b>Total Members that are Senior Citizens</b>	4,169	61.50%

**Total Unique Senior Citizen Visits** 0

**Number of new members/renewals since last report** 4

**How many memberships that expired that were not renewed** 292

**Retention rate percentage** 95.00%

#### Events or significant programs

**Virtual Race** 21

**Virtual Fitness Demonstrations/Classes on Facebook**

**Chalk the Block Recreation Program on Facebook**

#### Current status of One Field Fundraising

**\$729,943.**

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State Capital Money

\$490,000.0

0

Giving Tree- Added \$1,000 from MJB Foundation

\$4,943.00

Columbus Foundation Grant Commitment

\$25,000.00

\$100,000.0

Galloway baseball Club - Doug White-Commitment over 4 years

0

Galloway Baseball Club - Grove City Bingo Hall - Commitment over 4 years

\$80,000.00

Trebell - Commitment over 3 years

\$25,000

anonymous donor commitment

\$5,000

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### Zoning Monthly Report - April 2020

Nuisance Inspections	89
Declared Nuisances	5
Zoning Inspections	90
Zoning Violations	37
Do Not Knock Registries	4
Contractor Registrations	3
Zoning Compliances (Permits)	37
Commercial Permits	4
Zoning Revenue	\$2,400.00
Commercial Building Revenue	\$3,141.66

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