

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 20, 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, Recreation Director Michael Pollack and Township Administrator Rob Peters were all in attendance via webex and/or telephone. All other department heads and Deputy Ronk were all excused in advance from the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** - May 6, 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 May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved.**

### Franklin County Sheriff 's Office Report

Deputy Ronk provided a report to Mr. Peters in advance of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Peters shared the report which covered May 6 through May 20. During this time there were 43 reports made, and 523 calls for service including 3 drug offences, 1 Breaking & Entering, 1 aggravated robbery, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 2 thefts and 1 abduction (individual was found).

### Fiscal Officer 's Report

#### Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 61 vendors summing \$149,965.07. Approximately 57% of that total is comprised of a payment to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$86,077.37 for the May contract payment, as well as the back pay for January through April, based on the new contract.

Ms. Henning requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$149,965.07 along with the May 11, 2020 payroll of \$200,088.89 for a total cash disbursement of \$350,053.96.

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

##### Resignation of Part-time Firefighter

Mr. Peters asked the Board to accept the resignation of art-time firefighter Christian McFarland, effective May 23, 2020. Christian has been with PTFD for 2 years, and has recently accepted employment with Columbus Fire.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board accept the resignation of Christian McFarland, effective May 23, 2020. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms.**

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Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Community Center

#### Re-Opening Plan

Mr. Pollack presented a plan for re-opening the Community Center:

Due to COVID-19, the Prairie Township Community Center will be implementing the following measures to ensure employee and patron safety as we safely and slowly reopen.

#### Activities, Rentals and Birthday Parties

All youth and adult activities will remain cancelled until further notice. All birthday parties and rentals will remain cancelled until further notice.

#### Members Only

No day passes will be sold during this time.

#### Billing and Payments

Only members that visit the Community Center will be billed or have their passes reactivated.

#### Opening Phases

##### Phase One

- o Train staff on new policies and procedures May 26-May 31

##### Phase Two

- o Open June 1
- o Reduced building hours to account for cleaning set in State Guidelines 7 am-8 pm M-F; No change for weekend hours
- o 30 people or less with social distancing
- o **Open: Track, Fitness Area (No Free Weights section) and limited use of Gymnasium for camps**
- o **Closed: Pool will remain closed until further evaluation of safety guidelines**
- o **Closed: Senior Room, Multipurpose Room, Prairiedise Room, Wetlands Room and Gymnasium would remain closed and only be used for camps**
- o **Summer Day Camp**
  - ◆ Begins June 8 at the Community Center
  - ◆ Camp will provide childcare Monday-Friday (8 am-6 pm) for parents returning to work
  - ◆ Camp format changes include no field trips, no pool, and drop-in format eliminated
  - ◆ Fee changed to \$150 per week and parents will have the option to pay up front or weekly
  - ◆ 72 children from 6-12 years of age divided into 8 groups with one counselor per group; 1 group in Prairie Room, Multipurpose Room, Prairiedise Room and Wetlands Room; 4 groups in the gymnasium

##### Phase Three

- o Stagger reopening closed areas of the Community Center contingent upon State Guidelines and safety measures that can be implemented to reduce transmission of COVID-19.

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve re-opening the Community Center per the presented plan, in compliance with the Responsible Restart Ohio guidelines. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed**

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

No items

### Commercial Building and Zoning

No items

### Administration

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### Nuisance Cases

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Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 56-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 92 Buena Vista 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- 57-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 33 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- 58-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 39 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- 59-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 80-160 Old Village Road ". 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- 60-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 445 Weymouth Lane. 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- 61-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8509 Fairbrook 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- 62-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 117 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- 63-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 130 Evergreen Terrace. 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- 64-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002118 (Vacant lot on Evergreen Terrace). 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- 65-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4701 Frost 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- 66-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 159 Gladys Road ". 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- 67-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4710 Hilton 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- 68-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4694-4702 Hilton 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- 69-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000811 (Vacant lot on Inah 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- 70-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000812 (Vacant lot on Inah 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- 71-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance

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and ordering abatement at 240-000813 (Vacant lot on Inah 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- 72-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000816 (Vacant lot on Inah 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- 73-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 80 S. Murray Hill Road ". 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- 74-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001990 (Vacant lot on Woodlawn 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- 76-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6316 Alkire Road". 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- 77-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 1219 Elm Park Circle ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### FEMA Grant - Acquisition

Mr. Peters presented resolutions for adoption to allow the township to proceed with acquiring (5) of the 7 properties included in the FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant. Each property being acquired is completely voluntary and each property was appraised by an independent appraiser, and each appraisal was reviewed by the state prior to offer letters being sent.

- Res. 16-20: 6532 Tamara Avenue, \$190,000.00
- Res. 17-20: 6520 Tamara Avenue, \$160,000.00
- Res. 18-20: 380 Elhora Drive, \$188,000.00
- Res. 19-20: 6499 Tamara Avenue, \$275,000.00
- Res. 20-20: 6504 Tamara Avenue, \$180,000.00

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution 16-20 "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ". 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 17-20 "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ". 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 18-20 "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ". 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 19-20 "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ". 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 20-20 "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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### Advance on Tax Monies

Mr. Peters asked the Board to adopt Resolution 21-20, for the township to request advances on 2<sup>nd</sup> half real estate taxes as they become available during Fiscal year 2020.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution 21-20 "A Resolution requesting Real Estate tax advances as they become available for Fiscal Year 2020". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Announcements

Mr. Peters announced that the Firefighters Fish Fry and WABA Parade have been canceled. In addition, Mr. Peters announced that some of the Emergency Notification Sirens were not working properly, but are now fixed. Please notify the township office if any residents notice a siren not working properly.

**New Business** - None

**Old Business** - None

**Public Comment** - None

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer

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Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning