

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 3, 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 20, 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 20, 2020 Regular Meeting were approved.

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.

Reallocation

Ms. Henning asked the Board to approve reallocating \$5,000.00 from 1000-120-190-0000 (Twp Hall - Salaries) to 1000-120-420-0000 (Twp Hall - Operating Supplies). The funds allocated would have been for salaries for the Summer Youth program, and will now be used for the additional supplies required due to COVID-19 (touchless hand sanitizer, soap dispenser and hand dryers, cleaning supplies, masks, etc.)

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve reallocating \$5,000.00 from 1000-120-190-0000 (Twp. Hall - Salaries) to 1000-120-420-0000 (Twp. Hall - Operating Supplies). Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Transfer

Ms. Henning asked the Board to authorize transferring \$50,000 from the JEDZ Fund to the Community Center fund for operating expenses.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize transferring \$50,000 from the JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Community Center Fund (2905). Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Standing Business:

Fire Department

Mr. Peters shared the Fire Department's May monthly report.

Community Center

Mr. Peters shared the Community Center's May monthly report.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Nuisance Tree

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve the removal of a nuisance tree at 278 Mix Avenue. Peterman Tree and Lawn Service will remove the tree for \$1,477.00. The township will haul the wood away and chip the brush to help lower the cost. The homeowner has signed an agreement to pay the township back over a five-year period interest free, via property tax assessment. Photographic documentation of the tree showing, was provided and if the tree fell in the public right of way, it could hurt someone or something.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution 22-20 "A Resolution Declaring an object bounding Mix Avenue and maintained on or bordering a property owned or occupied by Robert and Peggy Voss and located at 278 Mix Avenue in Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, A Nuisance. Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

GRSC - Revised bid dates

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve the revised advertising, bid opening and award date schedule for the Galloway Road Improvements Project, and authorize the service director to sign all necessary documents related to this project.

- o Advertise June 1, 2020
- o Advertise June 8, 2020
- o Accept bids until 12:00pm June 23, 2020
- o Open bids 12:00pm June 23, 2020 at 23 Maple Drive
- o Award bid July 1 2020 7:00pm at 23 Maple Drive at trustee meeting (no change)

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve the revised schedule for the Galloway Road Improvements Project. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Peters shared the monthly report for the Road, Parks and Cemetery Department.

Commercial Building and Zoning

BZA Appointment

John Cardwell has resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals, he purchased a home out in London and is no longer a resident of Prairie Township. Mr. Peters asked the Board to appoint one of our alternates to fulfill John Cardwell's unexpired term through December 31, 2023.

Alternates for the BZA are:

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Doug Falke 240 Sturbridge Rd. Columbus Ohio
Duane Dellinger 1841 Alton Rd. Galloway Ohio

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board appoint Duane Dellinger to fill an unexpired term on the BZA through December 31, 2023. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Clean-Up

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve rescheduling the Spring Clean-Up for the following dates:

- Thursday June 18 2020 10am to 8pm
- Friday June 19 2020 10am to 8pm
- Saturday June 20 2020 10am to 4pm
- Thursday June 25 2020 10am to 8pm
- Friday June 26 2020 10am to 8pm
- Saturday June 27 2020 10am to 4pm

A post card will be mailed to all township homes notifying them of the rescheduled dates.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve rescheduling the Spring Clean-up, as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Comments/Issues: None.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 78-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 29 Pasadena 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- 79-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 305 Danhurst". 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- 80-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 218 Darbyhurst". 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- 83-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000214(Vacant Lot on W. Broad St) ". 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- 84-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002554 (Vacant Lot on W. Broad St). 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- 85-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002555 (Vacant Lot on W. Broad St.) ". 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- 86-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 32 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- 87-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance

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and ordering abatement at 40 Inah Avneue. 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- 88-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000808 (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- 89-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000809 (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- 90-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002792 (Vacant Lot on Oxley 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- 91-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 44 Postle Boulevard". 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- 92-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002789 (Vacant lot on Postle Blvd.)". 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- 93-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002791 (Vacant lot on Postle Blvd.)". 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- 94-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002793 (Vacant lot on Postle Blvd.)". 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- 95-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-006752 (Vacant lot on Green 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- 96-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-006753 (Vacant lot on Green 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- 97-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 22 Alton 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- 98-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6539 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- 99-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 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- 100-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001619 (Vacant lot on 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- 101-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6355 Alkire Road". 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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COVID-19 Building and Workplace Policy

Mr. Peters presented an updated policy for opening the township hall for the Board's approval. This policy is modeled after a sample policy issued by the Ohio Township Association. The only department that isn't covered is the Fire Department as they have their own policy.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt the COVID-19 Building and Workplace Policy, as presented. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Homes on the Hill Funding: In the 2020 Budget, \$50,000 was included for a contribution to Homes on the Hill to assist with housing projects within Prairie Township. I will ask the Board to approve spending, up to \$50,000.00 for the projects.

There will be five projects total

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve expenditure up to \$50,000.00 to Homes on the Hill for housing projects. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Peters shared that signs are up at the Galloway Road Sports Complex and include no swimming, no fires, etc.

Mr. Peters stated that Phase 1 of the Little Farms Water Line Replacement Project is nearly complete, however, final water meter reads are still needed from some residents. We have shared this information on various social media outlets.

Finally, Mr. Peters advised that the "Fitness Stations" that were discussed previously at the Galloway Road Sports Complex trail will be installed every ¼ mile. They will be wood/plexiglass and the information will be able to be changed by inserting new information into the front plexiglass sleeve.

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Public Comment - None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer

Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning

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