

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 5, 2019 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Chairman Doug Stormont called this meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott and Recreation Director James Gant were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes - May 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 22, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the May 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 22, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the May 22, 2019 regular meeting and May 22, 2019 special meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Ronk summarized the recent criminal activity that has occurred as well as complaints received by his department over the past two weeks in our Township.

Recognizing Deputy Ronk 's Efforts in Helping a Township Resident

Township Administrator Rob Peters publically recognized and thanked Deputy Ronk for assisting a homeowner after receiving multiple complaints about a dog on the roof of the home. Deputy Ronk went to the local Home Depot that provided all of the materials and worked with a contractor and Deputy Ronk to build the proper access for the dog.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 59 vendors summing \$144,883.83. Approximately 52% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Sherriff's Office in the amount of \$75,621.45 for the monthly contract.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$144,883.83.

Comments/Issues: None

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

Approval to Process Payroll Related Warrants

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following processes related to warrants on June 10, 2019, the next pay date:

Franklin County (FSA)	\$575.94
Deferred Comp	\$6159.00
Frank M. Pees (Bankruptcy Garnishment)	\$592.50

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to issue the payroll related warrants on June 10, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Liquor Permit

Mr. McCardle asked the Board if they would like to request a hearing on a liquor permit application for a convenience store located at 4736 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Speedy Mart).

Comments/Issues: Prairie Township has not requested a hearing on liquor permits in more than 11 years.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to a convenience store located at 4736 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43228. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

No items.

Community Center

No items.

Joe Myers asked if there has been any fluctuation with the Summer Day Camp program. There are 146 campers that are enrolled in the camp this year - this is a record number of participants.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

OPWC Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Final Payment

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board approve pay application number 4 for the Issue 2 Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Improvement project for \$15,274.96. This is the final payment to Strawser Paving. This amount is paid 100% by OPWC but the board needs to approve the payment. This will be the eleventh disbursement.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve disbursement #11 for the Ohio Public Works Commission-funded Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Improvement project in the amount of \$15,274.96 and authorize the Chair, the Fiscal Officer and Service Director to sign the disbursement. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Agreement with Franklin Township for Paving on Westport

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board approve an agreement with Franklin Township for the Havenwood Improvement Project. A portion of this project is in Prairie Township. There is no financial obligation for the township. This is an OPWC project Franklin Township was awarded. Mr. Peters asked the Board to authorize the Service Director to sign the agreement.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an agreement with Franklin Township for the Havenwood Improvement Project and authorize the Service Director to sign the agreement. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Building and Zoning:

No items.

Administration

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Nuisance Cases

Jason Mora, property owner of 436 Woodlawn Avenue, spoke before the Board regarding the recent pick up of 1.7 tons of trash/ debris on his property. He was concerned that it has taken four months for the Township to remove the debris. Secondly, he reported that his car and garage door were damaged while Township employees removed the debris. He was encouraged to file a report with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office regarding his property damage claim.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-176 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 289 Garden heights Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-177-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 93 Pasadena Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-178 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4948-4950 Beacon Hill Road . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-179-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 215-219 Danhurst Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-183 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8472 Blue Lake Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-188 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000195 Hubbard Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-190 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 436 Celina Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-197 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 163 Fernhill Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-204 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 467 Mix Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-205 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6539 West Broad Street ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Set 2020 Budget Hearing

Mr. Peters asked the Board to set the Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget for July 17, 2019 and approve advertisement of that hearing. A copy of the draft budget will be available in the Fiscal Office by the end of the day on June 30, 2019, as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board set a hearing to hear public comment regarding the proposed 2020 Budget for 7:00 pm on July 17, 2019 and authorize the Township Administrator to advertise the hearing as per requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Pitney Bowes Agreement

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve an agreement with Pitney Bowes for our postage meter in the Township Hall building. This agreement is valid for 60 months and will cost \$54.20 dollars a month

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(\$162.60 when billed quarterly). Mr. Peters asked the Board to authorize the Township Administrator to sign the agreement.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an agreement with Pitney Bowes for the lease and postage equipment at the Township Hall land authorize the Township Administrator to sign the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

A resident on Deerfield Road asked what the cost of a single speed hump for a temporary speed control was. That resident then asked if the Township would permit local residents to purchase and install a temporary speed hump on Deerfield Road. Trustee Kennedy explained that the Township traffic calming policy is based on traffic studies and data. He spoke at length to explain if the data indicates a need for traffic calming, the Township will pursue the next steps.

Announcements

Chief Scott announced that the Annual Fish Fry will be held on June 28 and June 29. This is the 75th anniversary celebration for the Fire Department. This year's Fish Fry will include a Beer Garden for the first time.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle