

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 19, 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 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, and Fire Chief Chris Snyder were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Gas Aggregation Program

Lucas Fykes, the Director of Operations with Trebel, LLC, was present to discuss the upcoming Gas Aggregation Program renewal. He outlined bids and explained why they want to go with a longer-term contract driven by current low market rates.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board enter into a contract with Volunteer for the Prairie Township Natural Gas Aggregation program for a term of August 2019 through July 2021 at a fixed rate of \$.3880 per Ccf. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 26-19, "A Resolution authorizing all actions necessary to enter into a Master Service Agreement with Volunteer for 24 months to supply natural gas for the Prairie Township Natural Gas Governmental Aggregation Program and declaring an emergency". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Approval of Minutes - June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved to approve the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. The meeting minutes for the June 5, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved.**

### Report from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Ronk summarized the 61 reports taken over the past two weeks and was available for questions.

### Fiscal Officer's Report

#### Approval of Warrants and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 85 vendors summing \$251,356.15. Approximately 68% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Commissioners in the amount of \$93,821.57 for monthly insurance premiums and \$76,841.00 to Henderson Products, Inc. for the purchase of a dump truck body hydraulic system and installation for the Road Department.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$251,356.15 along with 6/10/19 payroll of \$236,474.66 for a total cash disbursement of \$487,830.81.

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 25, 2019, the next pay date:

Franklin County (FSA)	\$742.61
Deferred Comp	\$6,159.00

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Frank M. Pees (Bankruptcy Garnishment)	\$592.50
Met Life	\$433.98
Dearborn National Insurance	\$891.56

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to issue the pay roll related warrants on June 25, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Letter to Budget Commission

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to authorize the Administration Office to send a letter to the Budget Commission to increase appropriations in the following funds:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund	\$6.75
OPWC Lincoln Village Curb Ramp	38,334.09
Parks Capital Fund	\$444,515.03
West Broad Streetscape	\$143.32

We are requesting the increase of appropriations due to variable cash balance that was more than estimated in the Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund and the West Broad Streetscape Fund and the grant revenue for the Sports Complex in the Parks Capital Fund.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Administration Office to send a letter to the budget commission to increase appropriations as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Standing Business:

#### Fire Department

#### Item Disposal

Chief Snyder asked the Board to approve disposing of the following items:

1. GE laundry washer from 241's
2. Frigidaire refrigerator from 243's
3. Box of old training videos
4. Wet Suit
5. Rescue Harness
6. 2 desks and entertainment cabinet that did not sell on GovDeals
7. Ferno Cot
8. Old unused nozzles and fire appliances ( May donate to Central Ohio Fire Museum)

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 23-19, "A resolution authorizing the discarding of various items in the Fire Department ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Community Center

#### Personal Service Contract

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve Resolution 24-19, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into contract Anna Sabolova as a Group Exercise Instructor at a rate of \$22.00 per class not to exceed \$2,500.00.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 24-19, "A Resolution authorizing personal service contracts for contractors in the Recreation Department ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call**

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votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

### PTCC Copier Services

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve an agreement with MT Business Technologies, Inc. This contract is for copier services at the PTCC. The contract base is \$434.46 a month with 4,000 black and white copies and 5,000 color copies every month with an overage of \$.012 black and white copies and \$.046 per color copy. This will be a reduction of our base fee of nearly \$200 a month and if we sign the contract in June, we will receive our first three months free.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a copier services agreement with MT Business Technologies, Inc. and authorize the Recreation Director to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

#### Nuisance Tree

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board declare a tree in front of 109 Fernhill as a nuisance tree and order the homeowner to remove the tree. The tree is ¾ of the way dead and if it fell it could harm someone in the public right of way. Dave has spoken with the homeowner and they agree with the removal of the tree. As in the past, we will assist with the removal by chipping the brush and hauling away the wood. Peterman Tree Service will remove the tree and grind the stump at a cost of \$477.00. The Township will pay for the removal and the homeowner will reimburse the Township over a five-year period interest free through an assessment from the Franklin County Auditor. We have a signed copy of the agreement from the homeowner.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution 25-19, "A Resolution declaring an object bounding Fernhill Avenue and maintained on or bordering upon property owned or occupied by Darin and Tamyra White and located at 109 Fernhill Avenue in Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio, a nuisance". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the removal of one (1) nuisance tree and stump by Peterman Tree and Lawn Service at a cost of \$477.00 to be paid back to Prairie Township by the homeowners over five (5) years. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Certificate of Final Completion

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board authorize the Service Director to sign the Certificate of Final Completion for the Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Issue II project.

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Service Director to sign the Certificate of Final Completion for the Lincoln Village Curb Ramp Issue II project. 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

### Nuisance Cases

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Mr. Kramer, property owner at 33 Maple Drive, spoke before the Board to report his grass has been cut and explained that the trash is nothing but his neighbors. Board members reviewed today's photographs of his property. No extension for his property was granted.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-208-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 379 Lennox 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-209-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 33 Maple Drive 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-211 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 260 Darbyhurst 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-212 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 386 Sturbridge 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-216 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 140 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-217 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 273 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-218 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002118 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-219 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 90 Gladys 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-220 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 255 Oxley 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-221 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 372 Postle Boulevard ." 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-222-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 380 Postle Boulevard ." 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-223-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 415 Postle Boulevard ." 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-227-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 1279 Maple Park Drive ." 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-228-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6624 Maple Park Way ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.**

Old Business

None

New Business

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A resident asked about a May 22, 2019 special meeting in which a formal hearing was held regarding an employment disagreement and asked for a recap of that event to which Chief Snyder addressed.

A curb painting complaint at 185 Green Lake Street was made.

**Mr. Stormont made a motion to move the next Board meeting from Wednesday, July 3 to Tuesday, July 2, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Chief Snyder reminded everyone of the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Firemen's Association Fish Fry and Car Show next weekend, June 28 and June 29. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Peters announced that Prairie Township was recognized at the Statehouse today. On behalf of the Township, Mr. Peters received Proclamations of our Township's 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial that will be matted, framed and hung in the Township Hall.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle