

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 17, 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 July 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott, Recreation Director James Gant and Franklin County Deputy Ronk were also in attendance. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2020 Budget Hearing

The Board held a public hearing on the 2020 Budget.

The final draft of the 2020 budget has been available for public review and available for public comment and the Board was asked to approve the budget at the end of the hearing. On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Board received proposed budget spreadsheets and a memo outlining the proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget has been available for public review at the Fiscal Officer's office since before June 30.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the proposed annual budget for the year commencing January 1, 2020 and submit said budget to the Franklin County Budget Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

**The Budget Hearing was closed by Trustee Stormont.**

### Approval of Minutes - July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved to approve the July 2, 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 July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved.**

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

Deputy Ronk summarized the criminal activity that occurred over the past two weeks within our Township.

### Fiscal Officer 's Report

#### Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 91 vendors summing \$246,100.78. Approximately 63% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Commissioners in the amount of \$101,021.57 for monthly insurance premiums and \$52,998.80 to the City of Grove City for IT services.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$246,100.78 along with 7/10/19 payroll of \$234,549.89 for a total cash disbursement of \$480,650.67.

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.**

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### Approval to Process Payroll Related Warrants

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following payroll related items be paid on Thursday, July 25, 2019 (our next pay date):

Franklin County (FSA)	\$742.61
Deferred Comp	\$6,269.00
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 payroll related warrants on July 25, 2019 as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Liquor Permit

Mr. McCardle asked the Board if they would like to request a hearing on a liquor permit application from a restaurant located at 71 South Murray Hill Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Real Honduras Restaurant LLC).

Comments/Issues: Prairie township has not held hearings for liquor permits in the past.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board will not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to a restaurant located at 71 South Murray Hill Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228. 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 approve sending a letter to the Budget Commission to increase revenue and appropriations in the Fire Capital Fund (2111) by \$297,873.14. This is due to the loan the Township gave the Fire Department to purchase a fire truck.

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.**

### Standing Business:

#### Fire Department

#### TV Disposal

Chief Scott asked for the Boards approval to dispose of a 55" LG TV that was damaged during the Fish Fry. Serial # 903RMVB2N527.

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 27-19, "A Resolution authorizing the discarding of a damaged television". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Part time Firefighter Resignations

Chief Scott asked the Board to accept the resignation of Chris Warren and Kaitlyn Barnaba as part time firefighter effective 7/11/19 and 7/14/19 respectively and thank them for their service.

Comments/Issues: None

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**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the resignation of Chris Warren as a part time firefighter effective July 11, 2019 and the resignation of Kaitlyn Barnaba as a part time firefighter effective July 14, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Hiring of Part Time Firefighters

Chief Scott asked the Board to consider the hiring of Jack Ferguson and Louis Lobello as part time firefighters effective July 18, 2019 with one-year probation.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring Jack Ferguson and Louis Lobello as a part time firefighter effective July 18, 2019 with a one-year probation. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Affiliation Agreement with Tolles Career and Technical Center

Chief Scott asked the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to execute an Affiliation Agreement with Tolles Career and Technical Center that allow students to obtain their clinical hours for their fire and EMS training. The term of this agreement commences on November 1, 2019 for a three-year period.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an Affiliation Agreement with Tolles Career and Technical Center commencing November 1, 2019 for a three-year period and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

Chief Scott gave a summary of runs by our Fire Department during the period of July 1 to July 16.

### Community Center

#### Fitness Supervisor Resignation

Mr. Gant asked the Board to accept the resignation of Aaliyah Earvin as the Fitness Supervisor effective August 2, 2019.

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 Advertise Fitness Supervisor Position

Mr. Gant asked the Board to authorize the Recreation Director to advertise the Fitness Supervisor position at the Community Center.

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.**

Mr. Gant provided Community Center statistical information as well as a schedule of upcoming events to the Board and those in attendance.

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### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

#### Post Puller

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve the purchase of a Concord Heavy Duty post puller with 31,000 pounds of pulling force. We would have this installed on the front of the bucket truck, which we also use as our sign truck. The vendor for this purchase is Concord Road Equipment, MFG. The cost for this purchase is \$7,702.42.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a post puller at a cost of \$7,702.42 from Concord Road Equipment, MFG. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Permission to Hire Part Time Employee

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve the creation of a fifth part-time position for the Road Department. The Road, Parks and Cemeteries budgets have the cost of this position included in the 2020 budget. After looking at salary numbers from financial reports the additional position can be funded in the 2019 appropriations without reallocating money to the salaries line items. The workload with the Sports Complex and West Broad has made this necessary in Mr. McAninch's opinion. This position would start at step one, \$13.00 per hour of the three step part time pay scale the board established at their March 2, 2016 regular trustee meeting. They would be limited to 1500 hours per year.

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve creating (1) additional part-time road laborer position with a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Building and Zoning:

No items.

Township resident Joe Myer asked for some statistical information from the Zoning Department associated with Resolution 10-02. Mr. Peters replied that we will have that info available at the next Township Meeting.

#### Administration

##### Nuisance Cases

No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the properties up for consideration.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-272-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 295 Deerfield 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-274-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 308 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-279 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 763 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-280 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-005852 Hubbard Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

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Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-282 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 847 Lakefield 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-283 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002300 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-284 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002301 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-285 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002302 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-286 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002303 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-288 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4637 Hilton 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-289 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 365 Lombard 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-291 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 199 South Murray 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-293 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 307 Woodlawn 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-294 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001806 Woodlawn 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-297 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 227 Norton 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-298 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6531 West Broad Street ." 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-299-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 West Broad Street ." 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-300-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001613 West Broad Street ." 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-301-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6280 Bausch Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.



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### Road Closure Request

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve a street closure request on North Murray Hill Road on August 6, 2019 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The closure will occur between Beacon Hill and Medfield Way for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out. This same event was held on North Murray Hill Road in previous years. As with last year, Mr. Peters recommended that provisions be made for access to the offices at 104 - 110 North Murray Hill Road.

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a street closure request on North Murray Hill Road between Beacon Hill Road and Medfield Way on August 6, 2019 from 5:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Night Out with the condition that access be maintained for 104 - 110 North Murray Hill Road. Mr. Kennedy seconded. 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 totaling \$9,758.52 for high grass and weed abatement at (21) properties from April 2019 to July 2019, as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting assessments totaling \$10,581.65 for removal of trash and debris at (9) properties from April 2019 to July 2019.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$ 9,758.52 for abatement of high grass and weeds at ( 21) properties from April 2019 to July 2019, as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$ 10,581.65 for removal of trash and debris at ( 9) properties from April 2019 to July 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Old Business

Township resident Joe Myer asked about the outcome of the recent Firefighters Union grievance hearing. Mr. Peters explained that the hearing was held in private per the Bargaining Unit Agreement and the outcome was found in favor of the Township.

Mr. Peters spoke about his follow-ups on the yield signs issue that was raised during the last Board meeting.

### New Business

Dennis Phipps of 463 Evergreen Terrace spoke before the Board with a complaint about the local Pizza Hut delivery drivers playing their music very loudly as they drive by. Mr. Phipps reported that this occurs from noon to 10p.m. everyday, seven days a week. Deputy Ronk will stop by that pizza shop and discuss this complaint with the store managers.

Mary Kerins of 629 Oakhurst spoke before the Board and raised concerns about the loud music that played on after the recent rodeo. Specifically, the music continued to play loudly past 11:15 p.m. on a Sunday night. The actual rodeo event was finished at 10p.m., but the music continued on. A discussion amongst the Board members and Deputy Ronk regarding how this can be more proactively managed at future events.

Harold Ramey of 8388 Silverbell Avenue reported that cars are racing along Hubbard Road during the evening on weekends. He also reported that someone is regularly shooting off an AK47 rifle on full automatic. He also reported a vehicle that rarely moves that should be considered for removal under the Township's nuisance policy.

### Public Comment

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None

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle