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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 26, 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.

Ms. 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, and Township Administrator Rob Peters were all in attendance at the township hall. All other department heads and Deputy Ronk were all excused in advance from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - August 12, 2020 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer : So Moved". Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the August 26 , 2020 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting were approved.

Franklin County Sheriff 's Office No report given

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 60 vendors totaling \$251,131.93

Ms. Henning requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$251,131.93 along with the August 25, 2020 payroll of 236,118.11 for a total cash disbursement of \$487,250.04.

Comments/Issues: None

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

Standing Business:

Fire Department

Engine 241 Repairs

Engine 241 repairs: I will ask the Board to approve an additional \$220.33 for pump repairs on E241. On March 11th the Board approved a major repair project at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00. After repairs and testing the final cost was \$17,220.33. In addition, I will also ask the Board to approve \$12,106.32 for additional repairs that came up during annual testing that took place.

And last, I will ask the Board to authorize the Fiscal Office to send a check on Thursday, August 27 to Fire Apparatus multiple invoices for the engine repair (along with 2 other unrelated invoices for repairs to other vehicles). The total amount of the check will be \$34,963.93 (\$29,326.65 for E241, \$5,109.53 for M241 and \$527.75 for E243)

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve an additional amount of \$12,326.65 for repairs to Engine 241 and authorize the Fiscal Office to issue a warrant on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Mr. Stormont seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Community Center

Operations Change

Mr. Peters proposed the following changes and guidelines for the Community Center:

Prairiedise Childcare Room Reopening Plan

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Reopen on September 8th
Morning hours change 9 am-12 pm Monday-Friday
Evening hours change to 4:30 pm-7:30 pm Monday-Thursday
Saturday- 9 am - 12 pm
One hour limit per child
Facemasks required for children in kindergarten and up and staff
8 child limit
No infants
Ages 3-9
Children will wash their hands at arrival and departure
Staff will undergo COVID symptom assessment and temperature checks

Community Center Fall Hours

The Community Center is recommending adjusting hours on Fridays and Saturdays in the Fall to align with usage. The proposed change in hours will begin September 8 and will have the Community Center close at 5 pm on Fridays and 6 pm on Saturdays. All other hours will remain the same.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve the reopening of the Prairiedise Childcare Room and the new Community Center operating hours as presented. Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

COVID Related Building Upgrades

Steve Hager with Hager Construction has provided a quote for COVID related building upgrades for the Community Center which include removal and installation of touchless plumbing fixtures to include faucets and soap dispensers. Replace five existing hand dryers with touchless Xlerator brand hand dryers and add one new touchless Xlerator brand hand dryer in the office kitchen. This project would be paid for out of CARES Act Funds at a cost of \$48,472.95. Due to COVID-19, these items are in high demand and there is an 8 to 10 week lead-time for materials.

Comments/Issues: Mr. Kennedy asked if the project needed put out to bid. It doesn't pass the threshold to do the bid. Mr. Peters couldn't recall the threshold.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve COVID related building upgrades to the Community Center by Hager Construction at a cost of \$48,472.95 and authorize the Township Administrator to sign all necessary paperwork. Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Truck Purchase

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve the purchase of three trucks from Byers Auto under the City of Columbus Universal Term Contract. These vehicles would be purchased with CARES ACT Funds. One vehicle would be for the Zoning Department and the other two would be for the Road Department. In an effort to try to have only one person in each vehicle this purchase will help that cause. Currently the Road Department is borrowing an old Fire Department pickup that is intended to be for the Community Center use and with the fact that the board has approved another part time person for this department that will allow for on most times there be only one employee per vehicle. The three vehicles are as follows:

- o 2020 Colorado 4WD WT Ext Cab \$29,234.00
- o 2020 F150 4x4 Supercrew \$34,146.00
- o 2020 F150 4x4 Supercrew \$39,786.00

These vehicles will need township emblems and lighting added later but all of that will be within staff's spending authority. The total cost for these vehicles without emblems and lighting is \$103,166.00.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve the purchase of (3) trucks from Byers Auto at a cost of \$103,166.00 and authorize the Fiscal Office to prepare a warrant on August 27, 2020 and authorize

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the Service Director to execute any necessary paperwork . Mr. Stormont seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Commercial Building and Zoning

No items

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 174-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 132 Buena Vista Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 175-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 506-508 Buena Vista Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 176-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 381 Pasadena Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 177-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8419 Blue Lake Circle ". Mr. Stormont 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- 178-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 763 Hubbard Road ". Mr. Stormont 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- 179-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 356 Celina Road". Mr. Stormont 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- 180-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 273 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Stormont 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- 181-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4637 Hilton Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 182-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4566 Hilton Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 183-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4678-4688 Hilton Avenue ". Mr. Stormont 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- 184-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 174 Postle Boulevard". Mr. Stormont 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- 186-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 West Broad Street ". Mr. Stormont 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- 187-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 Birch Park Way ". Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Reallocation in CARES Fund

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve reallocating \$145,000.00 in the CARES Fund line 2272-110-599-0000 Other Expenses to 2272-110-740-0000 Machinery, Equipment and Furniture.

Comments/Issues: The transfer of these funds are to cover the previous approval for the truck purchases that total \$103,166.00 and leaves a little remaining for other equipment purchases specific to the CARES fund.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve reallocating \$145,000.00 from 2272-110-599-0000 to 2272-110-740-0000. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Announcements

Prairie Township will be sweeping all streets in the township that have curb and gutter. This sweep will start on September 8, 2020 weather permitting from 7:30am until 2:30pm. We will start on the eastern edge of the township and work toward the west. The Prairie Township trustees ask that you please remove your vehicles from the street to allow us to get all of the streets swept.

Mr. Peters stated that spraying of the mosquitos started last week. On the website and township Facebook page have the mosquito schedule for the township locations that are being treated.

Executive Session

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board go into executive session per ORC section 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 per ORC 121.22 (G) (2). Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

At 8:55 p.m., Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board come out of executive session. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer

Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning