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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 28, 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 August 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Fire Chief Chris Snyder, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott, Interim Recreation Director Michael Pollack 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.

Approval of Minutes - August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the August 14, 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 August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Ronk summarized the August 14 through August 28 crime statistics report of our Township. Deputy Ronk noted that, in general, our local crimes have decreased somewhat during this reporting period.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

Approval of Warrants and Payroll: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 84 vendors summing \$190,738.50. Approximately 64% of that total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Commissioners in the amount of \$87,428.63 for monthly insurance premiums and a payment of \$34,000.00 to SNA, LLC for pool lights at the Community Center.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$190,738.50 along with the cash expenditure required for the 8/26/19 payroll of \$259,475.00 (higher than normal due to \$7,588.59 in vacation time pay outs and another \$9,500 paid for incentives of the Wellness Program) for a total cash disbursement of \$450,213.50.

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

Approval of Awarded Grants and Fees

Chief asked the Board's permission to accept a FEMA grant in the amount of \$258,924.00. This grant money is for two projects; new hose, nozzles, appliances, and new self-contained breathing apparatus. The total projected cost of the project is \$271,570. This is a 5% matching grant. So the Fire Department will pay \$13,578.50.

Chief also asked the board's permission to pay Ohio First Responder Grants \$12,946.20. This is the agreed upon 5% fee for a successful grant project. This application writing services were approved during our August 1, 2018 Trustee Meeting.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept a FEMA grant in the amount of \$258,924.00 with a 5% matching grant cost to the Fire Department in the amount of \$13, 578.50. 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 paying Ohio First Responder Grants for the 5% agreed

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upon fee at a cost of \$12,946.20. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Community Center

Pool Lights on GovDeals

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve placing 24 light fixtures from the Community Center pool on GovDeals. These lights have been replaced with new LED fixtures that were approved for purchase during the May 8, 2019 Trustee Meeting.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve posting and selling 24 pool light fixtures on GovDeals. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Personal Service Contract (Res. 30-19)

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve Resolution 30-19, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into contract with Mallory Brown as a Soccer Clinic Instructor at a rate of \$15.00 per hour not to exceed \$90.00.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 30-19, "A Resolution authorizing a personal service contract for contractors in the Recreation Department". The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Approval to Hire Part Time Employee

On behalf of Dave McAninch, Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve hiring Calvin Swyers to a part-time position for the road department. This hiring would be dependent on passing of a successful employment screening and 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. This position will be limited to 1500 hours per year. Their starting date would be September 9, 2019.

Comments/Issues: Mr. Peters noted that with this hire, our Roads & Cemetery Department staff will consist 11 employees (6 full-time and 5 part-time).

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring Calvin Swyers at Step One of \$13.00 per hour effective September 9, 2019 pending successful employment screening. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Snow/Ice Contract with the City of Columbus

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve a snow and ice removal contract with the City of Columbus for the 2019/2020 winter season. In exchange for the township maintaining, during snow and ice events, 11.58 lane miles of roads the City of Columbus will compensate the township \$953.00 per lane mile for a total of \$11,035.74. The township maintained these exact same roads last year. As in the past, township roads will take priority over these roads.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the 2019-2020 Snow and Ice Agreement with the City of Columbus and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the agreement. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Building and Zoning:

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Approval to Schedule Public Hearing

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve scheduling a public hearing for 183-RZ-19 on September 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for zoning code changes.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve scheduling a public hearing for proposed zoning code changes on September 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Mr. Paul Fleming of 130 Postle Boulevard spoke before the Board asking for an explanation for the nuisance notice he received.

Trustee Kennedy shared his concerns about a wooded lot on this list of properties and expressed that we need to be clear on exactly what needs to be done on the property if it is declared a nuisance, adding an effective precedent of expectations will be established. Trustee Schmelzer shared her concerns about the used drug needles that are prevalent on that property as well as the vagrants that frequent that property.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-369-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 177 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-370-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 39 Maple 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-3 72-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 5074-5076 Beacon Hill Road . 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-3 74-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 331 North 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-3 76-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 345 Weymouth Lane ." 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-3 77-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8509 Fairbrook 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-3 78-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8751 Hubbard Drive South ." 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- 379-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 423 Wynbrook Court ." 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-3 80-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 432 Wynbrook Court ." 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-3 81-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000214 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-3 82-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002554 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.

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Mr. Stormont move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-383-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002555 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-386-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 53 Fernhill 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-387-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 163 Fernhill 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-389-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4739 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-390-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4756 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-391-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002792 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-392-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 44 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-393-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 130 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-394-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002789 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-395-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002791 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-396-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002793 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-397-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 80 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-400-19 "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.

Set Hearing for 2019 Sidewalk Assessments

Mr. Peters asked that the Board to set a public hearing to take place on September 11th at the Township Hall to receive public comments concerning the proposed assessments for the 2019 sidewalk program and authorize the publication of this hearing. This is the 16th year for the program.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board set a public hearing regarding assessments for the 2019 Sidewalk Program at 7:00 pm on September 11, 2019 at the Prairie Township Hall and authorize the publication of notice of this hearing. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

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None

New Business

Mr. Daniels, township resident, spoke before the Board and raised his concern about high grass and weeds growing in various street curbs and gutters throughout our township. Mr. Peters talked at length to explain why this task has not been taken care of yet, and assured Mr. Daniels the curb and gutter weeds will be taken care of.

Public Comment

None

Announcements

In response to last meeting's request from township resident Ms. Daniels, Trustee Kennedy announced that he had a list of the various tasks he has worked on during the past two weeks for those who would like to review it. Trustee Stormont added that he too has a list of tasks he worked on also. Trustees Kennedy and Stormont both went on to share the items from their respective lists with those in attendance. Trustee Schmelzer read her list of the various tasks she had completed and a summary of the calls she had made. Mr. McCardle also summarized the various tasks he has worked on or completed over the past two weeks.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle