

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 26, 2017 - 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 April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Trustee Steve Kennedy present. Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator, Fire Chief Chris Snyder and James Gant, Recreation Director were also in attendance (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for Sidewalk Repairs (Res. 09-17)

The Board was open for comments regarding the 2017 sidewalk program. This year the program will include sidewalks where the abutting homeowner is being told by the Township that the sidewalk must be repaired as per criteria adopted by the Board of Trustees, as well as volunteer participants.

Comments/Issues: No one in attendance spoke for or against this sidewalk repair program.

Mr. Stormont moved to adopt Resolution 09-17, "A Resolution ordering repair of certain sidewalks and levy of special assessments." Mr. Kennedy Seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes - April 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the April 12, 2017 regular meeting minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The meeting minutes for the April 12, 2017 regular meeting were approved.

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Russell spoke before the Board about traffic accident trends as well as the upcoming prescription take back program sponsored by Kroger.

Fiscal Officers Report

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 85 vendors summing 274,708.07. 67% of this total is comprised of payment to Huntington National Bank in the amount of \$182,869.44 for interest due on the Community Center bonds.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$274,708.07 along with this week's payroll of \$215,394.50 for a total cash disbursement of \$490,102.57.

Comments/Issues: None

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

Liquor Permit

Mr. McCardle asked the Board if they would like to request a hearing on a liquor permit application for Moran Foods, LLC, dba Save A Lot, 4932 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43228.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to Moran Foods, LLC, dba Save A Lot, 4932 W. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43228. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye . Motion passed.

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Standing Business

Fire Department

AllSeal Ohio Agreement

Chief Snyder asked the Board to approve an agreement with AllSeal Ohio to prepare, seal and stripe all of the asphalt at Station 241 and Station 243 in the amount of \$5,500.00. This was the lowest of multiple quotes and is a planned expense in the Capital Budget.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an agreement with AllSeal Ohio to prepare, seal and strip the asphalt at Station 241 and 243 in the amount of \$5,500.00 and authorize the Fire Chief to sign the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Community Center

Optum Fitness Program Agreement

Mr. Gant asked the Board to enter into an agreement with Optum Fitness Advantage Program. This program is almost identical to the Silver Sneakers and Silver N Fit programs that we currently offer. The major difference is that Optum will pay more per person per visit and the two programs work with different insurance carriers. (Optum works with carriers including United Healthcare and Silver Sneakers works with carriers including Medical Mutual.) They will pay \$4.00 per person per visit with a max of \$32.00 a month. The program will go into effect in January 2018.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board enter into an agreement with Optum Fitness Program effective January 2018 and authorize the Recreation Director to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

Mower Purchase

James asked the Board to purchase a Ferris 52 in zero turn mower, a Stihl trimmer, and a Cub Cadet push mower from Hilliard Lawn and Garden for the Community Center at a total cost of \$5,963.00. We are in the process of purchasing a small shed to store the equipment at the community center. This will eliminate the need for the Service Department maintain the Community Center grounds by providing Community Center maintenance staff with the means to do so. This was included in the 2017 budget.

Comments/Issues: Trustee Kennedy asked where the proposed shed will be located and also asked if an alarm will be installed. John Mackey asked why the road department is not going to continue cutting the grass.

Mr. Stormont made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

Roads, Cemeteries & Parks Department

Mr. McAninch was previously excused from attending the meeting.

ODOT Winter Road Salt Contract (Res. 10-17)

On behalf of Mr. McAninch, Mr. Hatmaker recommended that the Board approve Resolution 10-17 authorizing winter 2017/18 salt purchases from ODOT. Mr. McAninch recommends the purchase of 100 tons of salt under this agreement. We will be required to buy at least 90% of that amount, which is 90 tons, and will be able to purchase up to 110% of that amount or 110 tons.

Comments/Issues: None

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Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 10-17 "A Resolution authorizing participation in ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Stormont Aye. Motion passed.

Part Time Employee Pay Increase

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve moving Justin Bosch to step 2 of the part-time pay scale that was approved by the Board on March 2, 2016, effective May 4, 2017. This will increase Justin's pay to \$14.00 per hour.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approved the step 2 pay increase for Justin Bosch to \$14.00 per hour, effective May 4, 2017. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

Galloway Sports Complex

Mr. Hatmaker recommended the Board authorize the Service Director to sign all necessary documents in order to execute the contract with Boss Excavating and Grading, Inc. for construction of the parking lot and multi-use path at the Prairie Township Sports Complex. Before Boss proceeds, we will have a coordination meeting with them and Stickel Grading and Excavating LLC. That meeting will not occur until early next week. Mr. McAninch will be attending that meeting and will sign the documents then. Mr. McAninch does not want to finalize the authorization to proceed until the coordination meeting has taken place because of the importance of coordination between the contractors.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Service Director to sign all necessary documents in the contract book for the parking lot and multi-use path at the Galloway Sports Complex. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

Building and Zoning Department

Ms. Swisher was previously excused from attending the meeting.

No items.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Residents in Attendance: No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the properties under consideration.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-36 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 656 Platoon Drive . Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-45 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 117 Darien Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-50 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 103 Postle Boulevard." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-52 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 340 South Grener Avenue." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

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Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-55 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 437 Woodlawn Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-56 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 343 Mix Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-57 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6651 Elm Park Court ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-58 -17 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6280 Bausch Road ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Nuisance Assessments

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$3,085.76 for high grass and weeds at three (3) properties during December of 2016 and January of 2017, as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessment of \$2,443.86 for removal of trash and debris at three (3) properties during December of 2016 and January of 2017.

Comments/Issues: None

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Precision 7 Heating and Cooling Agreement

This company, formerly Energy Group, has been providing quarterly inspections and occasion servicing of the Township Hall HVAC systems for several years. The base agreement for the upcoming year (beginning on the day of the agreement is approved), covering the quarterly inspections, is \$450.00. This is a continuation of the price that the Township has been paying.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the 2017/2018 Basic Coverage agreement with Precision 7 Heating and Cooling for HVAC services and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the necessary paperwork. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

Road Closure Request

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve a street closure permit for one lane of Hall Road on Friday, May 4, 2017 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for Alton Hall Elementary Schools "Fun Run". All department heads have reviewed and signed off on the request. The school district is also making arrangements with the Franklin County Sheriff's office.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a road closure for one land of Hall from on Friday, May 4, 2017 from 5:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Kennedy Aye. Motion passed.

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Old Business

None

New Business

None

Public Comment

Complaints were raised about abandoned furniture on properties located along Lennox Avenue as well as basketball hoops sitting within the traffic lanes on that same street.

Mary Myers, a longtime active resident in the Township, thanked the Board for donating the new American Flag that is located at the corner of Murray Hill and West Broad Street.

Announcements

The 2017 Spring Clean-Up program begins this weekend. See the Township website for location and hours.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle