

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 1, 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, via webex and/or telephone. All other department heads and Deputy Ronk were all excused in advance from the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes** - June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 24, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer : So Moved". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting and June 4, 2020 Special Meeting were approved.**

### Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Mr. Peters reported for Deputy Ronk. Deputy Ronk made contact with people riding dirt bikes on the vacant lots on Postle Blvd. and advised them to stop.

### Fiscal Officer 's Report

#### Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments totaling \$326,402.89.

Ms. Henning requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$326,402.89 along with the June 25, 2020 payroll of \$293,881.95 for a total cash disbursement of \$620,284.84.

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.**

#### Approval of Payment:

Ms. Henning asked the Board to approve issuing payment to Finley Fire \$217,016.00. This transaction will be on the July 15, 2020 warrant list.

**Ms. Schmelzer made a motion to approve issuing payment to Finley Fire in the amount of \$217,016.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Approval to Process 7/10/20 Payroll Related Warrants

Ms. Henning asked the Board for approval to process the 7/10/20 payroll related warrants including: Deferred Comp, Garnishments and Flexible Spending

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to process payroll related warrants. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

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### Standing Business:

#### Fire Department

##### Bid Award (Hoses, Nozzles and Appliances):

Mr. Peters asked the Board to award the fire hose and appliance grant project to **Finley** Fire Equipment. This is part of the FEMA Grant we received in 2019. The **Finley** bid was the lowest of 4 total bids and meets all of the bid requirements. The project cost will be no more than \$55,396.53. The Federal amount cannot not exceed \$52,758.60 and the Township obligation will be 5% of that amount, or \$2,637.93. This project will replace nearly all of our existing fire hose and the appliances that are used to get water into an out of the hoses and trucks.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize the award of the Hoses, Nozzles and Appliances Bid to Finley Fire Equipment and authorize the Fire Chief to sign all related documents. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

##### Approval to Hire (3) Part-time Firefighters

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve hiring Sam Edwards, Jared Joliat and Dalton Canter as part-time firefighters, effective July 2, 2020.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve hiring Sam Edwards, Jared Joliat and Dalton Canter as part-time firefighters, effective July 2, 2020. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

##### Concrete repairs at Station 241

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve contracting with Berkshire Boys for concrete repairs at Station 241. The cost for the repairs is \$43,000.00.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve concrete repairs at Station 241 by Berkshire Boys at a cost of \$43,000.00. Mr. Stormont seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Community Center

##### Programs

Mr. Peters proposed that the Board authorize Recreation Director Michael Pollack to offer programs that have 10 people or less, while maintaining compliance with current health orders.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve programming with 10 or less people. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

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### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

#### Road Closure Require

Mr. Peters received a road closure request for the cul-de-sac from 8606 to 8607 Army Place. Mr. Peters recommended not approving the request due to the current health orders.

#### No action taken

### Commercial Building and Zoning

BZA Alternate: Four letters of Interest were submitted for the BZA from last year's request for volunteers. Mr. Peters asked the Board to appoint one of the applicants to fill the vacant, unexpired term left by Duane Dellinger's recent appointment to the Board (Duane was previously an alternate). The letters of interest are from Chrissie Grossholz, Lori Moore, Jennifer Flower and Becky Frim.

There was a discussion regarding the candidates to represent all areas of the township. Ms. Schmelzer recommended Lori Moore being a business owner and resident in the Clover Meadows area that is not currently represented. Mr. Kennedy recommended Chrissie Grossholz as a resident to represent the Lincoln Village area.

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board appoint Chrissie Grossholz as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill a vacant, unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Administration

#### Nuisance Cases

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 122-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4998 W. Broad Street ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, No; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 123-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4852-4904 W. Broad Street ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 124-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4930-4936 W. Broad Street ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 125-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 132 Buena Vista Avenue ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 126-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4986 Taunton Way ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 127-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8678 Canyon Cove ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as**

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follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 128-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 124 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 130-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4750 Henley Road ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 131-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 104 Oxley Road ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 132-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 318 S. Murray Hill Road ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 133-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 112-118 Norton Road ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 134-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6616 Birch Park Way ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 135-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002066 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 136-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002067 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 137-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002068 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 138-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002069 Evergreen Terrace ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 139-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002065 West Broad Street ". Mr. Kennedy 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- 140-20 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002062 Woodlawn Avenue ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### AEP Easement (Res. 25-20)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to adopt Resolution 25-20 authorizing the approval of an AEP easement on parcel number 010-291855-00 located at Broad Street and Rockbrook Crossing Ave.

Comments/Issues: None

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board adopt Resolution 25-20 "A Resolution approving an easement with AEP on parcel number 010-291855-00 ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. Roll Call Vote s were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Letter to Budget Commission

Mr. Peters asked the Board for authorization to send a letter to the Budget Commission to establish revenue and appropriations in new fund 2907 (CARES Funds) in the amount of \$647,490.56.

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(Note: Fund 2907 was changed to 2272 per Auditor recommendations)

Comments/Issues: None

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize the Administration Office to send a letter to the Budget Commission in increase revenue and appropriations in the CARES Fund (Fund 2907) . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### **369 Mix Avenue**

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve submitting a letter to the COCIC to transfer 369 Mix Avenue to the Prairie Township Land Bank.

Comments/Issues: Additional properties will be coming for approval to transfer from the COCI to the Prairie Township Land Bank.

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to submit a letter to the COCIC to transfer ownership of 369 Mix Avenue to the Prairie Township Land Bank. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

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Chairwoman Cathy Schmelzer

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Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning