

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 2, 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 2, 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, and Recreation Director James Gant 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** - June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 19, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved to approve the June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 19, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr . Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the June 19, 2019 Regular Meeting and June 19, 2019 Special Meeting were approved.**

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

On behalf of Deputy Ronk, Mr. Peters asked that if anyone encounters a door-to-door salesman asking irregular questions (and that salesman does not have a Township permit), please attempt to get the license plate of his/her vehicle and report the incident to the Franklin County Sherriff's Office.

### **Fiscal Officer 's Report**

#### **Approval of Warrant s and Payroll**

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 78 vendors summing \$304,293.47. Approximately 50% of this total is comprised of payments to the FYDA Freightliner of Columbus in the amount of \$77,960.00 for the purchase of equipment for the Road Department (this item was approved for purchase during the Oct. 24, 2018 board meeting) and \$75,621.85 paid to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for their monthly services.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$304,293.47 along with the 6/25/19 payroll of \$270,233.92 (higher than normal due to increased staffing at the Community Center for summer, Zoning board pay, summer youth, and Fire Department comp time cash outs) for a total cash disbursement of \$574,527.39.

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 Process Payroll Related Warrants**

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the payments listed below that are related to our next payroll run that will be processed on July 10:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Franklin County (FSA)                  | \$575.94   |
| Ohio Deferred Compensation             | \$6,269.00 |
| Frank M. Pees (Bankruptcy Garnishment) | \$592.50   |

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to issue the payroll related warrants on July 10, 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 business located at 925 Darby Creek RR1 Galloway, Ohio, 43119. (Darby Dan for the Darby House's

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patio and freestanding cooler).

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board will not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to a restaurant located at 925 Darby Creek RR1, Galloway, Ohio 43119 . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Reallocation

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following reallocation for the Fire Department:

\$1,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 Other to 2019-220-490-0013 Fire Gear.

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

#### Extended Warranty for M241

Chief Snyder asked the Board to approve an extended warranty for M241 from Olathe Ford and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the documents. This warranty will last for the life of its 8 years of front line service. This warranty is for 8 years, 200,000 miles or 8,000 hours very similar to the bumper-to-bumper factory warranty. The cost of this is \$7,825.00 to be paid from the EMS Capital Fund plus \$100.00 co-pay per visit. We currently have this on the 2015 Ford (Medic 243).

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an extended warranty for M241 from Olathe Ford at a cost of \$7,825.00 plus a \$100.00 co-pay per visit and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Purchase of Fire Gear

Chief Snyder asked Board to approve the purchase of six sets of fire gear from Fire Safety Services at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. This is part of our annual gear replacement program that has been in effect for several years.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of six sets of fire gear from Fire Safety Services at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Breathing Air Compressor Maintenance Agreement

Chief Snyder asked the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a maintenance agreement with Breathing Air Systems. This agreement will allow Breathing Air Systems to service and maintain our breathing air compressor and the associated components. The cost of this agreement is \$1,381.50 and includes semiannual preventative maintenance as well as NFPA compliant air quality testing.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a maintenance agreement with Breathing Air Systems for maintaining the breathing air compressor and components at a cost of \$1,381.50 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows:**

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**Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Hiring Part Time Firefighter

Chief Snyder asked the Board to consider the hiring of Faolan "Finn" Hallissey as a part time firefighter effective July 5, 2019 with one-year probation.

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.**

### CSCC Clinical Affiliation Agreement

Chief Snyder asked the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to execute a renewal Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Columbus State Community College. The term of this agreement is September 1, 2019 to September 15, 2021. This will be for their students to receive required clinical time for their studies.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to execute the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Columbus State Community College for September 1, 2019 to September 15, 2021. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Community Center

No items.

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

#### Beacon Hill Paving and Traffic Control Discussion

The Trustees unanimously approved the suggestion made by Mr. Peters that our Township requests for quotes also include speed and traffic controls for this summer's upcoming road projects.

#### Pay Request #7

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board approve pay request # 7 for the GRSC Concession Stand to LeVeck Commercial Construction & Development for \$26,341.52. This pay request is for retainage still due to the contractor. Mr. Peters also asked the Board to authorize the Service Director to sign both the Certificate of Substantial and Final Completion of the project.

Comments/issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve pay request #7 for the concession stand to LeVeck Commercial Construction & Development in the amount of \$26,341.52 and authorize the Service Director to sign the Certificate of Substantial and Final Completion. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Task Order

Mr. Peters recommended that the Board approve a task order under our Master Service Agreement with Stantec Consulting. The task order is for staking and fencing areas of the multi-purpose field and ball fields completed in phase one of construction. The cost for this task order is \$5,100.00. I would also like the Board to authorize the Township Administrator and the Township Fiscal Officer to sign the task order.

Comments/Issues: None

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Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a task order for staking and fencing work on the sports complex fields at a cost of \$5,100.00 and authorize the Township Administrator and Fiscal Officer to sign the task order. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Building and Zoning:

No items.

### Administration

### Nuisance Cases

Kristin Nagel spoke before the Board regarding a nuisance complaint for her property located at 6561 Hall Road. She attested that she was not aware of the complaint and notice for a public hearing that was held during an April meeting. After listening to Ms. Nagel's concern, both Trustee Kennedy and Trustee Schmelzer asked follow-up questions and explained the nuisance process. Trustee Stormont abstained from this conversation due to his relationship with the Nagel family. After a lengthy conversation, Trustee Kennedy and Trustee Schmelzer advised Ms. Nagel that they stand behind the process and the charges for the clean-up will still stand.

Mr. Peters asked for the Board's guidance on the nuisance case that was forwarded in advance of the meeting. No representatives of the property owners were in attendance for the following properties under consideration:

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-229-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002877 North Greener 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-230-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 238 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-235 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4970-4972 Beacon 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-236 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 305 Danhurst 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-240 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 435 Darby 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-247 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002066 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-248 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002067 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-249 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002068 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-250 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002069 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-256 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002062 Woodlawn Avenue ." 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-257 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002065 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-258 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 356 Celina 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-260 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 490 Daytona 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-267 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 185 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-269 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 232 Redmond 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-270 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6444 Tamara Avenue ." Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

### Old Business

Township Resident Denise Smith of 489 Buena Vista Avenue spoke before the Board and expressed her concerns of trees blocking the view of the nearby yield signs at the traffic circles located along Beacon Hill and Buena Vista Avenue. She suggested that the yield signs be moved and placed within the traffic circles themselves. Township Administrator Rob Peters assured her that the Franklin County Deputies are focused on traffic control along that area. The Board members thanked Ms. Smith for her suggestion and the township will look into the feasibility of her suggestions.

### New Business

Chris Moore of 4701 Annhurst Road asked if there was a completion date set for Phase 1 of the Sports Complex. Trustee Stormont explained that we plan to have the soccer fields in use for fall season for younger aged programs.

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Chief Snyder publically thanked everyone who attended the Annual Firemen's Association Fish Fry last weekend as well as those who donated items for their raffle prizes. He also reported that no problems arose from the new Beer Garden attraction. Final numbers had not been tallied yet, but it was very evident that there was a tremendous amount of support for the Fish Fry and our firefighters demonstrated by our community.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle