

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**AUGUST 15, 2018 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228**

Chairman Steve Kennedy called this meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Trustee Doug Stormont and Trustee Cathy Schmelzer 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. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes** - August 1, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved to approve August 1, 2018 regular meeting minutes . Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the August 1, 2018 regular meeting were approved .**

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

Deputy Forsythe spoke before the Board summarizing local criminal activity over the past two weeks.

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

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

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 87 vendors summing \$312,939.34. Approximately 55% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$74,039.33 for the monthly contract and \$96,687.92 to the Franklin County Commissioners for monthly insurance premiums.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$312,939.34 along with this week's payroll of \$221,472.23 for a total cash disbursement of \$534,411.57.

Comments/Issues: None

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

### **Additional Appropriations**

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to appropriate additional funds in the General Fund/Administration/Contracted Services-Special Projects lines, as well as the General Fund/Transfers Out lines totaling \$528,400.00.

#### **Special Projects Line Item:**

The additional money going into the Special Projects line item will be to accommodate the remainder of the I-270/West Broad interchange project and to pay for the Prairie Community Fund fundraising plan. While Prairie Township will only be responsible for just over 15% of the remaining costs of the interchange project, all of the money will pass through our books since we will be letting the contracts. The total amount needed for the balance of the interchange project is \$547,400. Of this, \$448,000 will be for construction/installation, \$49,400 will be for final planning, bidding, etc. and \$50,000 will be for lighting design/overall contingency. Our project partners will repay \$452,856.59 of this amount and \$94,543.41 will be the responsibility of Prairie Township. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the new appropriation will be for the Prairie Fund study, all of which will be reimbursed by the PTCIC through the Columbus Foundation/Prairie Fund (\$0 Prairie contribution). Mr. McCardle recommended rounding up \$15,000 to accommodate any changes or additional small projects that arise in the last third of the year, bringing the total appropriation needed to \$587,400. Minus the \$89,000 balance in that line item (either unencumbered or encumbered for the interchange project), the requested new appropriation will be \$498,400.

#### **Transfers Out Line Item:**

The \$30,000 new appropriation in Transfers Out is for the Township contribution to the curb ramp project (approved 8.1.18) and will be moved to the appropriate OPWC Fund.

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Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize sending a letter to the Franklin County Budget Commission to increase appropriations by \$498,400.00 for the Special Projects line and \$30,000.00 to the Transfers Out line in the General Fund for the I-270/West Broad Interchange project, the Prairie Community Fund fundraising plan, and the Township's contribution to the curb ramp project. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Corrections to Community Fund Expenses

On July 18, 2018, James asked the Board to approve a contract with Mollard Consulting on behalf of the Prairie Community Fund at a cost of \$25,000.00 and authorized payments to be made from the Community Fund. James also asked the Board to approve \$7,000.00 to Old American Cabinet Company for the giving tree, also authorized to be paid from the Community Fund. A PO was opened for Mollard in the amount of \$25,000.00 in the General Fund-Special Projects (which also includes \$500.00 for Admin costs/expenses). A Then + Now PO was opened in the Community Center Fund-Contracted Services to cover the costs for the \$7,000.00 tree. According to the Columbus Foundation procedures, these payments are to be made by the Township, not the Community Fund as was approved at the last meeting. Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve this change as well as issuing the \$7,000.00 payment for the Giving Tree to St. Joseph Wood Craft who is the correct vendor who built the tree. Given the Columbus Foundation procedures, James and administration have discussed how to ensure a better understanding of how these expenditures are to be processed.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the agreement to Mollard at a cost of \$25,500.00 from the Township's General Fund/Administration-Special Projects line item and a payment of \$7,000.00 to St. Joseph Wood Craft from the Community Center Fund-Contracted Services line item for the construction of the giving tree at the Community Center. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Jim Cooper of 641 Tamara Avenue spoke of concerns about flooding along Tamara Avenue.

### Standing Business:

#### Fire Department

#### Part-Time Firefighter Resignation

Chief Snyder asked the Board to accept the resignation of Charles Fultz as part time firefighter effective 7/31/18.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board accept the resignation of Charles Fultz as a part time firefighter effective July 31, 2018. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

#### Hiring of Part-Time Firefighter

Chief Snyder asked the Board to consider the hiring of Ty Reynolds as a part time firefighter effective August 16, 2018 with one-year probation.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve hiring Ty Reynolds as a part-time firefighter effective August 16, 2018 with a one-year probation. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

### Resolution 27-18 - Grant Application Writing Services

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Chief Snyder asked the Board to approve Resolution 27-18. At the last Trustee meeting, the Board approved, by motion, entering into an agreement for grant writing services with the Ohio First Responders Grants, LLC. The vendor has asked that the Township approve this agreement by resolution. As you recall, this grant application seeks funding to purchase hose, nozzles and appliances, personal protective equipment, and a grass fire-fighting vehicle. Ohio First Responders Grants, LLC has proposed to prepare and submit an Assistant to Firefighters Grant application for these items at a total cost of \$5,500.00 plus (5%) of any funds awarded as a result of these applications.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt resolution 27-18, "A resolution authorizing the township to enter into an agreement for grant application writing services and authorizing the fire chief to execute the agreement." Mr. Stormont seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Ladder 240 Repairs

Ladder 240 was sent to Taliaferro's for all new brakes after a brake failure while responding on a run. Total cost of the repair was \$4,084.32. As an emergency, Mr. Hatmaker and Chief Snyder approved the repair. Chief Snyder sought the Board's approval of the full amount of the repair in accordance of the Townships Policy Manual.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve repairs to Ladder 240 at a cost of \$4,084.32 in accordance with the Township 's Policy Manual. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### EMS Rotation Agreement

Chief Snyder asked the Board to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an Agreement between the Doctors Hospital-OhioHealth Emergency Medicine Residency Program and Prairie Township Fire Department for the Emergency Medical Services Rotation effective July 1, 2019 for a ten-year period. This agreement will supersede the agreement signed May 11, 2017.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve an agreement with Doctors Hospital-Ohio Health and the Prairie Township Fire Department for Emergency Medical Services rotation effective July 1, 2019 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Community Center

#### Road Closure for Dash N Dine Event

Mr. Gant asked the Board for permission to close North Murray Hill Road for the Dash and Dine event on Friday, September 21 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., north of the main entrance to the Lincoln Village shopping center and the KFC and South of the entrance to the Sherwin Williams. This will give access to both shopping centers throughout the event. This is a smaller area than we closed last year because we ended up not needing as much space. A map was distributed that shows the 5K route and the actual closures on Murray Hill. Like in the past, we will not be shutting any roads down for the actual run. As always, we will have a Sheriff car in the lead and trailing the runners to ensure their safety while not actually closing the roads.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a road closure on North Murray Hill Road for the Dash and Dine event on Friday, September 21 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. from north of the main entrance to the Lincoln Village Shopping Center and South of the entrance to the Sherwin Williams. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. Gant reminded everyone in attendance that the Community Center be shut down during last week of

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August for cleaning.

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

#### Galloway Sports Complex Parking Lot Apron

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve the installation of a new concrete apron for the parking lot at the Galloway Road Sports Complex. Mr. McAninch has received a proposal from Berkshire Boys, Inc. to do the work at a cost of \$3,800.00.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve hiring Berkshire Boys, Inc. to install a concrete apron around the Galloway Sports Complex parking lot at a cost of \$3,800. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

#### Galloway Sports Complex Gates and Bollards Installation

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve the installation of two barrier gates and three bollard posts at the Galloway Road Sports Complex. One of the proposed gates would be a 28' gate for the parking lot entrance off Galloway Road. The other proposed gate would be 12' long and would be installed where the trail meets Ash Park Drive, as would the three proposed bollards. The bollards would be spaced so that bicycles could enter at Ash Park, but not vehicles. Dave has received a proposal from Webb's Fencing to do the work at a cost of \$3,465.00.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board the purchase and installation of a 28 ' gate, a 12 ' gate and three bollards for the Galloway Sports Complex. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Building and Zoning:

No items.

### Administration

#### Nuisance Cases

No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of the properties.

**Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-252 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 130 Lawrence Avenue ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy move that t he Board adopt Resolution NU-253 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 228 Lawrence Avenue ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy move that t he Board adopt Resolution NU-256 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 225-229 Danhurst Road." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy move that t he Board adopt Resolution NU-257 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 437 Revere Court ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-258-18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8645 Brookville Road ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-260-18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 460 Fernhill Avenue ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

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Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-261 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000816 Inah and Palmetto ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-262 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 32 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-263 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 40 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-264 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000808 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-265 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000809 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-266 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000811 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-267 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000812 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-268 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000813 Inah Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-269 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 470 Redmond Road ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-270 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4909 Palmetto Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-271 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Kennedy move that the Board adopt Resolution NU-272 -18 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001619 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

### Junk Vehicle Resolution (Res 28-18)

This resolution declares an apparently inoperable Dodge Tradesman 200 van with extensive rust and long-expired registration to be a junk vehicle under Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code. This van is located on a parcel at the southeast corner of West Broad Street and Alton Road.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 28-18, "A Resolution Declaring a Certain Motor Vehicle Located on Tax Parcel 240-001619, Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio to Constitute a Junk Motor Vehicle and Providing for its Removal Pursuant to O.R.C. 505.871. " Mr. Stormont seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Set Hearing for 2018 Sidewalk Assessments



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Mr. Hatmaker asked that the Board to set a public hearing to take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall to receive public comments concerning the proposed assessments for the 2018 sidewalk program and authorize the publication of this hearing. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year for the program.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board set a public hearing regarding assessments for the 2018 Sidewalk Program at 7:00 pm on August 29, 2018 at the Prairie Township Hall and authorize the publication of notice of this hearing. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading - Open Loop Geothermal System Moratorium LHR Resolution**

Mr. Hatmaker presented a proposed limited home rule resolution for a first reading, by title only. The resolution imposes a one-year moratorium on open loop geothermal heating and cooling systems. Open loop geothermal systems use well water to heat and cool homes and discharge it to a ditch or pond. The OEPA has issued a general permit that allows these systems to discharge water at a rate of eight gallons per minute, for up to 5,000 gallons per day. This allows them to operate for about ten hours per day. (The staff at OEPA commonly refers to these systems as “pump and dump” systems.) During peak (hot/cold) seasons, these systems need to operate for more than ten hours per day, generating more discharge than permitted, and there is no way of regulating the amount. Regulations require that systems discharging over 5,000 gallons per day obtain a NOI Permit from the OEPA. However, apparently the EPA has expressed concerns about regulating these discharges, so they are considering prohibiting them altogether. Given the amount of water that these systems extract and then dump, along with the uncertainty as to how the state will proceed, we are proposing a moratorium until more review is completed.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Kennedy read the title of Resolution HR 04-18 into the record.**

### **Old Business**

Township resident Bob Voss shared concern regarding street sidewalks are not in place near Stiles Elementary and his concern for elderly and disabled residents’ ability to go to the voting polls in the future. Trustee Kennedy acknowledged his concern and outlined what the township has done and its limitations as well.

### **New Business**

There was a follow up question on another vehicle that could be considered to constitute a junk motor vehicle.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Announcements**

None

**At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board go into executive session. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**At 9:04 p.m., Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board come out of executive session. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll call votes were as follows: Mrs. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

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No decisions were made in the executive session.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Chairman Steve Kennedy

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Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle