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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 9, 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 October 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Steve Kennedy and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Township Administrator Rob Peters, Assistant Fire Chief Allen Scott, Interim Recreation Director Michael Pollack and Franklin County Sheriff's Office 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 - September 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 25, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the September 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and September 25, 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 September 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and September 25, 2019 Special Meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Ronk summarized the past two weeks' calls for service. A resident raised a complaint for a residence along Kunz Road where parties are being conducted on Fridays until the early hours of Saturday morning. Deputy Ronk also reported auto break-ins in the West Point and Lake Darby areas and outlined what the Sheriff's Department's is doing to apprehend these criminals.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Approval of Warrants and Payroll: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 84 vendors summing \$160,599.87. Approximately 47% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$75,621.84 for the monthly contract.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$160,599.87 along with 10/10/19 payroll of \$224,048.49 for a total cash disbursement of \$384,648.36.

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.

Reallocations

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following reallocations for the Community Center:

- \$18,000 from 2905-610-351-0000 (Electricity) to 2905-610-319-0000 (Professional & Technical Services)
- \$2,000 from 2905-610-353-0000 (Natural Gas) to 2905-610-319-0000 (Professional & Technical Services)
- \$2,000 from 2905-610-318-0000 (Training) to 2905-610-360-0000 (Contracted Services)
- \$5,000 from 2905-610-323-0000 (Repairs & Maintenance) to 2905-610-360-0000 (Contracted Services)
- \$3,000 from 2905-610-359-0000 (Other-Utilities) to 2905-610-360-0000 (Contracted Services)
- \$2,500 from 2905-610-410-0000 (Office Supplies) to 2905-610-599-0000 (Other Expenses)
- \$990 from 2905-610-382-0000 Liability Insurance Premiums) to 2905-610-599-0000(Other Expenses)

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the reallocations as submitted. 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

Government Service Agreement

Assistant Fire Chief Scott asked the Trustees to allow the Fire Chief to sign the annual Government Service Agreement with Verizon for our wireless service.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to sign the Government Service Agreement with Verizon . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter

Assistant Fire Chief Scott asked the Board to accept the resignation of part-time firefighter Justin Borghese effective September 27, 2019.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the resignation of part time firefighter Justin Borghese effective September 27, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Oxygen Cylinder Loan Agreement

Assistant Fire Chief Scott asked the Board's permission to renew the 5-year oxygen cylinder loan agreement with DeLille Oxygen Company. This is an agreement we have had in place for several years. The cost this agreement is \$240.00. This number represents a 60% savings over a new 5-year agreement.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a renewal of the 5-year oxygen cylinder loan agreement with DeLille Oxygen Company at a cost of \$240.00 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Community Center

Personal Service Contract (Res. 38-19)

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve Resolution 40-19, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into contract with Susan Sheller for Youth Basketball Instructor services at a rate of \$10.00 per hour from a period beginning November 5 and ending December 12.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 38-19, "A Resolution authorizing a personal service contract for contractors in the Recreation Department ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Pollack summarized September information for the Community Center. He shared Farmer's Market attendance, Summer Camp information, and various membership sign-ups and class registration numbers.

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Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

GRSC Operation Discussion

Mr. Peters had a brief discussion on the work that he, Mr. McAninch and Mr. Pollack are planning to talk about including the use of the park and securing the gates and restrooms at night when the complex is closed. He explained that the Road Department is currently working on maintaining the infields. There was no action needed on this topic at this time.

Road Laborer Step Increase

On behalf of Dave McAninch, Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve moving Lance Walters to step five of the current Prairie Township Road Department five-step pay scale. That would increase Lance's pay rate from \$23.80 per hour, the current step four amount, to the current step five amount of \$27.80 per hour effective October 13, 2019. This five-step system has been in place since at least 1990 and was approved again by the Board at their October 12, 2016 trustee meeting.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve step five for the five-step pay scale for Lance Walters at a rate of \$27.80 per hour effective October 13, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Carl Frye Park Split Fence Replacement

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve the replacement of the split rail fencing and gates at Carl Frye Park. The cost for the removal of the current fence and replacement with a new fence is \$5,250.00. The vendor for this project is Webb's Fencing.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the replacement of the split rail fencing and gate at Carl Frye Park by Webb's fencing at a cost of \$5,250.00. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Stormont made a motion to approve the request of a road closure from the Prairie Harvest Festival for the Prairie Migration 5k on October 12, 2019 from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Road Use Request

Mr. Peters asked the Board to consider allowing the Prairie Harvest Fest to use township roads for a 5k run on October 12. This request will not require a closure of any township roads and traffic will be controlled by event volunteers.

Requested Action:

Mr. Stormont made a motion to allow the use of township streets for the Harvest Festival 5k. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Building and Zoning:

Second Reading and Adoption of Res. HR 03-19

Mr. Peters asked the Board to read a resolution into the record, by title only. This resolution will permanently prohibit the geothermal open loop systems in Prairie Township. Closed loop systems will still be permitted to be installed as discussed at the previous meeting.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board Resolution HR-03-19, "A Resolution prohibiting the installation of open-loop geothermal systems within Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio". Mrs. Schmelzer

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seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of these properties considered during the meeting.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-445-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 410 North Grener Avenue ." 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-446-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 5272 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-450 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 350 Pasadena 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-451 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 50 Rome Hilliard 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-454 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 832 Lakefield 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-455 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 810 Prairie 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-457 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 174 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-459 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 320 South Grener 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-461-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 307 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-462-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001990 Woodlawn Avenue. 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-463-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 22 Alton 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-465-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 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-466-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001619 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.

Fire Chief Notice of Retirement Acceptance

Mr. Peters asked the Board to accept the notice of retirement for Fire Chief Chris Snyder from the Prairie Township Fire Department.

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Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the notice of retirement from Chief Snyder effective October 14, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Appointment of New Fire Chief (Res. 40-19)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve Resolution 40-19 which appoints Allen Scott to the Fire Chief position effective October 16, 2019.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 40-19, "A Resolution hiring and establishing the terms and conditions of employment for the Prairie Township Fire Chief ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Name Prairie Township Replacement on 911 Planning Board (Res. 41-19)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to appoint a Township representative to the Franklin County 911 Planning Board. Trustee Stormont served as the last representative, but authorized the previous Township Administrator to attend and vote on his behalf. The 911 Planning Board will be meeting this fall to discuss 911 funds and will need a new Township representative for the meeting.

Comments/issues: After a brief discussion amongst the Trustees, they agreed that Assistant Chief Scott will be appointed as our representative to the Franklin County 911 Planning Board.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 41-19, "A resolution appointing a new representative to the Franklin County 911 Planning Board ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

SWACO Board of Directors Nomination (Res. 42-19)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve a Resolution, which nominates Jim Rauck, Jackson Township Trustee, to the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio Board of Directors. The two previous representatives that served on this Board were also Jackson Township Trustees and Jackson provided a letter and resolution supporting this candidate.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approving Resolution 42-19, "A Resolution approve the nomination of Jim Rauck as the representative of the Franklin County Townships on the SWACO Board of Trustees ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Intragovernmental Agreement for Phone System

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve an intragovernmental agreement with Jefferson Township for the transfer of our Township's old phone system. A bidder purchased the phone system on GovDeals but did not follow through on the purchase. Chief Snyder would like to transfer the phones to Jefferson Township at a cost of \$150.00 which was the original sale price on GovDeals.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an intragovernmental agreement with Jefferson Township for the use of an old phone system at a price of \$150.00 and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

FEMA Grant Award Agreement

Mr. Peters provided an update on the FEMA grant status. There was no required action at this time.

Old Business

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New Business

Mr. Stormont made a motion to approve the use of Fire Station 243 as a location to conduct a candidate meet and greet event on October 22, 2019 at 7 pm.. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Township Resident John Galbreath asked for an update on the negotiations with Franklin County water and Columbus water utility transfer. Mr. Peters spoke at length with an update.

Public Comment

Michelle Byers, a Township resident located at 163 Lawrence Avenue, spoke before the Board raising the issue of a restriction of just one recreational vehicle per property. She also asked about the feasibility of placing speed bumps near the Beacon Hill traffic circles.

Another resident reported two break-ins into his automobile located in the West Point subdivision. He asked if the Sherriff's Department would step up its police presence. Deputy Ronk spoke at length on this topic.

Announcements

Assistant Chief Scott announced October 12th from 11:00 - 7:00 is the Fire Prevention Open House and Food Truck Festival

Assistant Chief Scott announced October 23rd Noon to 4:00 at Station 241 is the Open House for Chief Snyder

Mr. Peters announced that the 2019 Leaf Pick-up will begin on Tuesday morning October 15, 2019.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle