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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 23, 2019 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 123 INAH AVENUE , COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Chairman Doug Stormont called this meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on October 23, 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 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 - October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved to approve the October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr . Stormont , Aye; Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye. The meeting minutes for the October 9, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved.

Report from the Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Ronk spoke before the Board. He provided an update on the suspect arrested for the West Point neighborhood area auto break-ins. On October 22, 2019 the Sheriff's Department dedicated a seven-hour saturation effort for speed enforcement throughout Prairie Township with a focus in the Lincoln Village North neighborhood.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 85 vendors summing \$246,962.13. Approximately 59% of this total is comprised of payments to the Franklin County Commissioners in the amount of \$92,403.63 for monthly insurance premiums and \$52,998.80 to the City of Grove City for 3rd quarter dispatching costs.

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list summing \$246,962.13 along with 10/25/19 payroll of \$263,157.57 for a total cash disbursement of \$510,119.70.

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.

Reallocation

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve the following reallocation for the Road Department to cover future utility expenses along the West Broad Street Corridor:

\$5,548.61 from 4302-760-420-0000 (Operating) to 4302-760-359-0000 (Utilities)

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the reallocation as submitted. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. McCardle announced that Chief Snyder had decided to return the Fire Department's full \$251, 336.00 Advance back to the General Fund on October 23, 2019. That Advance was approved back in May and was scheduled to be returned to the General Fund over three annual installments beginning in May of 2020.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

Resolution Honoring Fire Chief

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Chairman Stormont read Resolution 39-19 thanking Chief Snyder for his service to Prairie Township.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 39-19 "A Resolution thanking Fire Chief Chris Snyder for thirty-four years of service to Prairie Township, congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Swearing In

Chairman Stormont swore in Allen Scott as the Prairie Township Fire Chief.

Injury Leave Request

Chief Scott had forwarded a request from Captain Rob Cloud to convert 72 hours of Sick Leave to 72 hours of Injury Leave to the trustees in advance of the meeting. Captain Cloud had been off duty for 3 duty days due to complications of a pre-existing, job related illness.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the conversion of 72 hours of sick leave to 72 hours of injury leave for Captain Rob Cloud. 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. 43-19)

Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve an additional contract with contractor Christopher Quickert. Christopher provides activity instruction at a rate of 75% of the resident rate of activity enrollment fees and shall not exceed \$2,500. This service contract is valid from September 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 43-19, "A Resolution authorizing a personal service contract for a contractor 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.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department

Part Time Employee Step Increases

On behalf of Dave McAninch, Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve moving Gabe Ryan to step two of part time pay scale that the Board approved on March 2, 2016, effective November 13, 2019. This will increase Gabe's pay to 14.00 per hour. Gabe's start date was November 12, 2018.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve step two of the part time pay scale for Gabe Ryan at \$14.00 per hour effective November 13, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve moving Jeff Farra to step two of part time pay scale that the Board approved on March 2, 2016, effective December 11, 2019. This will increase Jeff's pay to 14.00 per hour. Jeff's start date was December 10, 2018.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve step two of the part time pay scale for Jeff Farra at \$14.00 per hour effective December 11, 2019. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Building and Zoning:

No items.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

No one was in attendance to speak on behalf of these properties under consideration for Nuisance.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution N U-467-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 8495 Blue Lake 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-468-19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 99 Darien 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-470 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 352 Fernhill 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-471 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4750 Henley 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-472 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4637 Hilton 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-474 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4669 Hilton 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-476 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4773 Hilton 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-477 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4678-4688 Hilton 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-478 -19 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 74 Postle Boulevard . Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

ModCon Living Letter

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve an introductory letter with ModCon Living regarding the Rebuilding a Healthy Neighborhood program from the Board to the Community. This program provides significant repairs to several homes during a "weekend blitz" which is scheduled for May 8 and 9, 2020. This is the third year for the program. It will be targeting Inah Avenue, Gladys Road, Postle Boulevard and Oxley Road.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an introductory letter with Modcon Living for the Rebuilding a Healthy Neighborhood program which will be distributed to the targeted area for the 2020 program. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

FEMA Grant Award Agreement (Res. 44-19)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve a grant agreement and supporting documents with the Ohio

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Department of Public Safety awarded by FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The mitigation project includes seven residential properties and one vacant lot, which were already notified that they were selected for the project.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a State-Local Grant Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Public Safety and supporting documents of the FEMA grant agreement and authorize the Township Administrator to submit the required. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed. documents.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 44-19, "A Resolution designating Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio as implementer of the mitigation project ". Mr. Kennedy seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: M r. Kennedy , Aye; Ms. Schmelzer , Aye; Mr. Stormont , Aye. Motion passed.

Road Closure Request

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve a road closure request for Inah Avenue on October 31, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the "Trick or Treat on Inah" event from 6-8 p.m. The Columbus West Church of God submitted this request, which will close Inah from the south driveway of Station 241 to just north of Stratford Place senior living facility on the south end. This event will not block Station 241, Stratford Place, or St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Accommodations will be made for local traffic. This is the third year for this event.

Comments/issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a request from Columbus West Church of God to close Inah Avenue from just south of 123 Inah Avenue on the north to just north of Stratford Place on the south on October 31, 2019 from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed. documents.

Old Business

A resident asked for follow up information on speeding data for the traffic along Beacon Hill Road after the speed bumps have been installed. Mr. Peters explained that the data being captured from the speed trailer is not complete yet.

New Business

None.

Public Comment

Ms. Sherry Henning - township resident and candidate for Fiscal Officer - asked Mr. McCardle questions pertaining to the 2016 Audit Report, the 2012 OPERS reimbursement to the Township made by McCardle, and questioned the content of Mr. McCardle's 2013 Form W-2. Mr. McCardle spoke at length to answer her questions and committed to follow through and provide her more information pertaining to his 2013 Form W-2.

Mr. Joe Finn - township resident and candidate for Fiscal Officer - asked Mr. McCardle questions about the footnote disclosures included within the 2018 Audit Report regarding investments and cash reporting. Mr. McCardle spoke at length to answer his questions.

Announcements

Mr. Pollack announced that the Trick or Treat Trail at the Community Center will be held on Friday, October 25 from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Pollack also announced that the Health Fair at the Community Center will be on Saturday, November 2 from 10a.m.-noon

Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman Doug Stormont

Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle