

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/OCTOBER 16, 2002

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Nourse, with Ms. Keller, Mr. Wharton and Ms. Easter present. Also attending were: Chief Lavelly, Dave McAninch and Elizabeth Anderson. (See attached list).

Mr. Nourse led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk presented the following items:

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of the October 2, 2002 special meeting and the October 2, 2002 regular meeting and approve the minutes as submitted. Vote; Aye.

1. The Clerk presented an authorization agreement from the Franklin County Auditor for automatic deposits at National City Bank and requested the Chairman to sign.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the Chairman sign an authorization agreement from the Franklin County auditor for automatic deposits at National City Bank. Vote; Aye.

2. The Clerk reported that the meeting date for the Expedited 2 annexation of 15+/- acres on West Broad Street at Galloway Road is set for October 29, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Franklin County Commissioners hearing room.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the supplemental appropriations as follows:

\$150,000.00 from 2191-760-720-0000 to 2191-760-740-0000
\$ 5,000.00 from 1000-930-930-0000 to 1000-110-410-0000

3. Miller Pavement Maintenance has submitted the Final Pay Request on the 2001 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$5,000.00. This request has been approved and reviewed by the Franklin County Engineer. The project total is \$869,874.42.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Final Pay Request from Miller Pavement Maintenance on the 2001 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$5,000.00. Dave McAninch is to hold the check until he is satisfied with the final action by Miller Pavement Maintenance. Vote; Aye.

4. Shelly and Sands has submitted Pay Request #3 on the 2002 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$203,578.93. This request has been reviewed by the Franklin County Engineer.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Pay Request #3 on the 2002 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$203,578.93. Vote; Aye.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$63,279.12 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Elie Sabbagh presented to the Board an Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, Jeffrey Nourse, to Seek Financial Assistance from the Franklin County CDBG Program for Funding for the "2003 Street Improvements at Lincoln Village North" Project.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board of Trustees approve the Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, Jeffrey Nourse, to Seek Financial Assistance from the Franklin County

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CDBG Program for Funding for the "2003 Street Improvements at Lincoln Village North" Project. (Resolution 18-02) Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh presented to the Board an Emergency Resolution Declaring the Intent of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to Commit Maintenance and Operating Funds for Storm Drainage and Infrastructure in the Public Right-of-Way at Carilla Lane, Weymouth Lane, Yarmouth Lane, Musket Way and Revere Court in the Lincoln Village North area, "2003 Street Improvements at Lincoln Village North" project .

Mr. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the Emergency Resolution Declaring the Intent of Prairie Township Board of Trustees to Commit Maintenance and Operating Funds for Storm Drainage and Infrastructure in the Public Right-of-Way at Carilla Lane, Weymouth Lane, Yarmouth Lane, Musket Way and Revere Court in the Lincoln Village North area, "2003 Street Improvements at Lincoln Village North" project. (Resolution 19-02) Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye.

Mr. Nourse stated that he had a discussion with Wilma Yoder with MORPC who oversees the OPWC funding awards to the Townships. A bill has been sent to Prairie Township for .08% of the award for their assistance in acquiring funding for the Hilton Avenue project. This charge is directly related to administrative fees incurred in reviewing and scoring the applications. A contract has been signed in 1991 that obligates Prairie Township to pay this bill. A letter will be sent from MORPC detailing their involvement in the Hilton Avenue project. MORPC has designated this year as a Township year for awards.

Chief Lavelly appeared before the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Chief Lavelly recommended the replacement of an EMS cot that was purchased in 1977 and has been rebuilt several times. The cost is estimated at \$2,909.62 from Bound Tree Parr.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the purchase of (2) two cots from Bound Tree Parr at an approximate cost of \$2,909.62 each, a total cost not to exceed \$5819.24. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Lavelly recommended accepting the resignation of part-time fireman Gus Maschmann effective 10/16/02.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board accept the resignation, based on Chief Lavelly's recommendation, of part-time fireman Gus Maschmann effective 10/16/02. Vote; Aye.

Elizabeth Anderson, Zoning Inspector, addressed the Board with the following Zoning Department matters:

1. Ms. Anderson advised the Board of the status of two court cases. Judge Pfeifer ruled on the merit of one case and the Township won on every single issue including the counter claim. On the second case, an agreement was made whereby there will be permanent injunctions against parking of commercial vehicles in residential neighborhoods.
2. The Zoning Commission met to review the changes to the zoning resolution and a meeting was held today with the technical review committee of the Franklin County Development Department and there were no negative comments with regard to the changes. On October 22nd, the Zoning Commission will meet to finalize the changes and the changes will be heard by the Franklin County Planning Commission on November 13, 2002.

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Dave McAninch addressed the Board with the following Road Department matters:

1. The Road Superintendent informed the Board of the Nextel phone prices for the Township. Nextel has a 1 year contract and then from month to month. The current Trustee and Zoning phones have a \$150.00 buyout on each phone to terminate the existing contract. Several Nextel calling plans were presented to the Trustees. The telephone cost is \$0.99 each. Prairie Township is eligible for a 10% discount and a plan with free incoming minutes and 500 anytime minutes at \$67.94/month including insurance. On each plan the first month is free. There is a \$150.00 cancellation fee on the trustee phone and zoning phone.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the purchase of (7) seven phones for the Township as follows: (2) Zoning, (1) Trustee, (1) Chief Lavelly, (1) Fire Department, (1) Dispatchers Radio Room, (1) Township Hall. The plan for the Trustee phone will be for free incoming minutes with 500 anytime minutes at a cost of \$67.94/month including insurance and the remaining six telephones will have a plan at \$50.89/month including insurance, local connect UPC 200 minutes. The total cost per month for the seven (7) phones with the 10% discount is \$346.58. Vote; Aye.

2. The Road Superintendent presented pictures of the playground equipment that is installed at Lake Darby. Jeff Nourse asked Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, to backfill the barrier around the playground equipment and seed to eliminate residents falling over it. Mr. Nourse asked Dave McAninch to look into pricing of miracle timbers and fibar material for the park areas in Lincoln Village. Dave McAninch requested trash receptacles in the Lake Darby parks and he will look into pricing for the next meeting.
3. The drainage project is completed on Annhurst Road for the Franklin County Board of Health and the seeding will be done in the spring. The project was completed under the cost set by the Board of Trustees. A "thank you" note was sent to the Road Superintendent and the Board of Trustees from the Franklin County Board of Health on the mosquito surveillance program.
4. The Franklin County Rodeo was held today and the Road Department placed as follows: Bill Stickel, placed 3rd in the truck competition, 37th in the loader, 16th in the skid loader and 2nd in the backhoe competition. Adam Riebel placed 14th in the truck competition and 15th in the loader. This was a good showing for Prairie Township and Dave McAninch is proud of them.

Mr. Nourse stated that the House of Representative authorized \$100 million in grants for communities to develop mosquito-control programs. This is directly targeted to the West Nile Virus problem. The projects on Carilla Lane, Weymouth Lane and Annhurst Road are in conjunction with the Franklin County Board of Health as correcting problematic areas or breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

A resident asked when the parking situation on Deerfield Road will be enforced. The resolution passed at the last meeting, is not effective until November 1st and the advertising and posting process will begin at that time. The notices that will be posted will be larger than in the past.

A resident expressed concern about the parking situation behind the Waffle House on the road to Home Depot as the large trucks seen to be infringing on the roadway. The Budget rental trucks are in the thoroughfare, this thoroughfare was an arrangement made by Home Depot to access the business. Ms. Anderson stated that the zoning department is aware of a verbal agreement between Budget Rent-A-Car and the Waffle House for the parking of these trucks.

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Mr. Nourse stated that the law requiring the parking and striping in Lake Darby came into effect in 1963. ORC section 4511 applies and the Township is obligated to comply.

The Fourth of July parade was mentioned and the problem with the bumper to bumper traffic backup on I-270 during the parade. Mr. Nourse has asked ODOT to conduct a traffic count at the exit ramp from I-270 to Old Village. Mr. Nourse has a meeting with the Franklin County Sheriff on October 22 to discuss why the deputy was not directing traffic per the plan that was in place during the parade hours.

Mr. Wharton stated that he noticed in the garage, off of the meeting room, there are several items that may have no value. Ms. Anderson stated that with her experience from the State Auditor's office, if the Trustees deem that the item has no value, it can be disposed of. If the item is of value, it can be donated to another governmental agency or auctioned. Ms. Anderson asked Captain Sanders and Dave McAninch to assist herself, the Township Administrator, and go through the contents of the garage and identify items that can be included in an auction. Dave McAninch stated that he has several items at the Road Department building to be included in the public auction. There will be costs incurred for advertising and the auctioneer. Mr. Nourse would like to address this issue at the meeting on November 26th.

Ms. Anderson, in discussion with Jeff Nourse, has investigated the possibility of having an intern in the Township Hall to assist with various duties. This individual would be from the Southwestern City School district with transportation and will need a minimum of 12 ½ hours per week. The intern will be paid at an hourly rate, between \$6.50 - \$10.00, this would be a long-term assignment. The student will be graded on the work performed. Ms. Anderson would like to interview the individual and gather more information to present to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Ms. Anderson explore the intern program with Southwestern City Schools, conduct the interview and report back to the Board of Trustees at the next meeting. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Wharton addressed the issue of a dumpster at the Township Hall and Dave McAninch expressed concern with the heavy vehicles on the asphalt. Maybe a roll-out variety would be suitable for the needs of the Township Hall. Mr. Nourse stated that with the annual "cleanup" residents may feel that it is for public use. Ms. Anderson will investigate further options and report back to the Trustees next meeting.

Ms. Anderson stated that the Zoning Department has been receiving several calls about the recycling bins that have been removed from the old Kroger parking lot. The property owner had the recycling bins removed. The Home Depot has recycling bins but they are overflowing, if this causes a problem they may have these bins removed also. Mr. Wharton will look into facilitating recycling in the Township, without getting directly involved. Ms. Anderson will discuss options with the Westland Area Business Association.

Mr. Nourse stated that the "Meet the Candidate Night" was held at Westland High School and went well. This may be an annual event in early October where the Township operates under the opuses of the Franklin County Consortium of Good Government providing a forum for residents to ask questions and gather information about the candidates.

A Village Park resident asked the Board of Trustees if Prairie Township has a curfew. Mr. Nourse stated that there is not a curfew in place in the Township. Ms. Anderson stated that this was discussed with the Franklin County Sheriff and Franklin County has a curfew and for Prairie Township to enforce this, there would have to be a local zoning resolution passed.

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Mr. Dennis Grossman, president of the Lincoln Village Residents Association, addressed the Board stating concern with the lack of services from the Franklin County Sheriff's office. Deputy Maggie Brown will attend the next meeting on October 30, 2002. Mr. Nourse stated that several complaints are received weekly about the lack of service in Prairie Township from the Sheriff. Mr. Nourse stated that if it is the consensus of the residents of Prairie Township, that we have our own police department, public hearings will be held in areas of the Township to discuss costs and other options available. Mr. Nourse stated that as a home rule township, we have the authority to contract with any law enforcement agency for police coverage in the Township.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk