

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MARCH 20, 2002

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order, at the Hubbard Road firehouse, by the Chairman, Mr. Nourse, with Mr. Wharton, Ms. Keller and Mrs. Easter present. Also attending were: Chief Lavelly, Dave McAninch, John Holderby and Donetta Brock. (see attached list).

Mr. Nourse lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 6, 2002 meeting and the special meetings on March 11, 2002 and March 12, 2002 and special meetings on March 18, 2002 and approve the minutes as submitted.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk addressed the Board regarding the Local Government Officials' Conference to be held April 25 and 26, 2002 at the Columbus Convention Center at a cost of \$90.00 both days or \$50.00 for one day per person.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the cost of the registration fee as well as meals and travel expenses for the trustees and clerk to attend the Local Government Officials' Conference on April 25 - 26, 2002 at a cost of \$90.00 (2 days) or \$50.00 (1 day). Vote; Aye.

2. The Clerk presented a Preferred Customer Service/Parts Agreement from Energy Select (Energy Group Heating & Cooling) for the Township Hall. The cost of this agreement for 1 year is \$329.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve the Clerk sign the Customer Service/Parts Agreement with Energy Select for the heating and cooling system at the Township Hall. The Agreement is effective from 4/17/02 to 4/17/03. Vote; Aye.

After the Trustees viewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$62,271.34 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. John Holderby, Acting Zoning Inspector, appeared before the Board with the following Zoning matters:

1. Mr. Holderby informed the Board of the resignation of Mr. Art Travis from the Zoning Commission effective immediately.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the resignation of Mr. Art Travis from the Zoning Commission effective immediately. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Holderby recommended the appointment of Ms. Hulda Moffitt to the Zoning Commission to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Art Travis, term expiring 12/31/02.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the appointment of Ms. Hulda Moffitt to the Zoning Commission term expiring 12/31/02. Vote; Aye.

3. The Acting Zoning Inspector requested \$3,000.00 for the annual spring cleanup to be held April 19-29, 2002.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Acting Zoning Inspector's request not to exceed \$3,000.00 for the spring cleanup to be held April 19-29, 2002. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Holderby stated that he participated in a Hellbranch Walk with Mr. Gary

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Moore and 2 members of the Nature Conservancy gathering information on drainage, erosion, water quality and debris.

5. A tech review meeting was held on March 20, 2000 with the Franklin County Development Office on the Westpoint II Section V development. Safety issues, placement of mailboxes, no parking areas, width of the roads and layout are still under review.

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

1. Chief Lavelly recommended the purchase of 11 XTS 3000 Digital Capable/Analog Portable walkie talkie radios at a cost of \$2,392.00 each and 20 MTS 2000 replacement batteries at a cost of \$30.00 each and 20 belt clips at a cost of \$8.00 each. Seven of the radios would be replacements, one each for the Chief's car and the Captain's car and 2 spares.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the purchase of eleven (11) radios at a cost of \$2,392.00 each and 20 batteries at a cost of \$30.00 each and 20 belt clips at a cost of \$8.00 each from Motorola. The total cost of the radios, batteries and belt clips is \$27,072.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Lavelly informed the Board that termites are still a problem at Station 241. The Township has a contract with Terminex and they are again treating the problem.
3. The Prosecutors office has given an opinion that Townships cannot lease a medic truck. A purchase lease or finance agreement is acceptable.
4. The University of Findlay is coming to station 241 for a Terrorism Awareness Workshop on March 27, 2002. The base cost for the workshop is \$1,495.00 with an additional training fee of \$20.00 per person. Assuming a total of 30 people plan on attending, the total cost of the workshop is \$2,095.00. The University of Findlay will provide qualified and experienced instructional staff and cover all travel expenses for the instructors. The Township may qualify for reimbursement under the State of Ohio EMS training grant program.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the total cost of \$2,095.00 for the University of Findlay Terrorism Awareness Workshop at Station 241 on March 27, 2002. Vote; Aye.

5. Chief Lavelly informed the Board that the FEMA grant for the tanker truck is progressing and the training course for the FEMA grant will be on March 21, 2002

Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, appeared before the Board with the following Road/Cemetery matters:

1. Dave McAninch reported that a tree was blown down during a storm on March 9, 2002 in Alton Cemetery. Peterman Tree and Lawn service removed the tree at a total cost of \$900.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Peterman Tree and Lawn Service removed a tree in Alton Cemetery at a total cost of \$900.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Dave McAninch reported that Mr. Reary, doing the survey work for Galloway Cemetery, will need an additional 40 hours to complete the grading elevations in the field and prepare grading plans, establish field tile drain lines and details as well as the planting plan for future tree locations for the 3 acre area.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve an additional 40 hours at \$25.00 per hour, (additional \$1,000.00) at a total cost of \$2,000.00 for Mr. Reary to complete the survey work for the Galloway cemetery. Vote; Aye.

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A resident inquired about the road improvement schedule for Blue Lake Avenue and Blue Lake Circle in the Lake Darby area. The Road Superintendent stated that Blue Lake Avenue and Blue Lake Circle were included in the proposed road work for the year 2002 and the Township is waiting for the estimate from Franklin County. Dave McAninch anticipates that the information will be available at the April 3, 2002 meeting.

Mr. Nourse advised that the Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) will be doing reconstruction work on I-670 and the closure of the Grandview Avenue exit while this work is being completed.

Mr. Nourse stated that he would like to take a recess to enable the residents to view the maps and catalogs and think about planting for the green areas. Mr. Nourse also recommended that the residents think ten years down the road for these improvements.

A recess was taken at 7:30 p.m. The regular meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Nourse stated that the Board is looking for suggestions for the green areas and suggested that the maps be used for drawings and placement of plantings.

The following property owners/residents expressed their suggestions for the park areas in Lake Darby:

8646 Canyon Cove	Maintaining the ball diamond in Reserve D Walking path along the edge of the park
8622 Canyon Cove	Objection to the ball diamonds Planting and mounds
8630 Canyon Cove	Pick up ball games in the field, no formal diamond No rest room facilities or artificial structures Plantings
8424 Blue Lake Avenue	No organized play
8519 Blue Lake Avenue	Walking paths circling the park Trees Playground area and benches with lighting
8666 Dalebrook Court	Walking track Ball diamond
8431 Blue Lake Circle	Keep traffic down, no parking Walking path with lighting No attraction for public use
8613 Renee	Bicycle path for community use Walking path for the neighborhood only
8556 Canyon Cove	27 year resident Trees No parking or security

Mr. Worthington stated that 22 years ago a similar meeting was held and the residents at that time did not want anything in the green areas. The prosecutor in 1978 and 1979 stated that no organized sporting activities were permitted in these area.

Picnic tables were not suggested because of the increase in traffic and garbage.

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Residents were in favor of plantings and plantings on mounds.

Mr. Nourse stated that the Board is looking for guidance as to what the residents want and would like to create an area where there is a menagerie of complimentary activities none of which are intrusive on the residents. Trees, walkways and benches are the common item that has been discussed.

Mr. Nourse set the meeting on June 12, 2002 to be held at the Hubbard Road firehouse with proposals and drawings for the plantings and walkways in the green areas.

A resident stated that the field is very wet when it rains and Mr. Nourse suggested plantings that thrive in that type of environment. During the planning stages, attempts will be made to identify low spots and design plantings to eliminate standing water.

A resident asked about encroachments that were identified during the survey. Mr. Nourse stated that the Township has a legal opinion stating that the Township never loses ownership of the property whether a fence is encroaching or not. There is one resident that has installed a fence over a utility right-of-way, this will be addressed on an individual basis.

Judy Stalter addressed the Board and stated that there is a park area in Grove City off of Kingston Avenue one block east of Broadway that has a small grouping of equipment and is a good example of use for an extremely small area.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

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