

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SPECIAL MEETING/APRIL 11, 2002

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township, was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Nourse, with Mr. Wharton, Ms. Keller and Mrs. Easter present. Also attending were: Squire Galbreath and legal counsel Henry Montgomery with Baker & Hostetler, Jeff Henson and Steven Smith of Ohio-American Water Company, Don Brosius and Helen Quenemoen, Township Legal Counsel with Loveland & Brosius, John Holderby and Elizabeth Anderson.

Mr. Wharton stated that Prairie Township's ability to grow is being hindered by the lack of a centralized water and sewer system. Prairie Township has to take the initiative rather than wait to be annexed by Columbus or for Columbus to change their policy on providing water and sewer to unincorporated areas.

Mr. Wharton continued with a power point presentation stating goals and objectives of the Township.

Helen Quenemoen, Township legal counsel, explained the requirements and ramifications of a "home rule" township.

A question and answer session followed.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve Steve Smith with Ohio American Water schedule a meeting to gather information and discuss engineering cost estimates with Ohio American Water, EMH&T and a Township Trustee. Vote; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk

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