

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE SPECIAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

This special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township, was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. Nourse, with Ms. Keller, Mr. Wharton and Ms. Easter present. Also attending were: Elizabeth Anderson, David Rogers; Bricker & Eckler, Steve Smith and Jeff Henson; Ohio American Water and Daniel Cutshaw; GRW Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Nourse opened the meeting with an explanation of the water and sewer situation in the Township and how the inability to offer water and sewer to developers is restricting Township development. Prairie Township is not interested in being a DMA (Designated Management Agency). Ohio American Water is a DMA. Prairie Township does not have a desire to own and operate a water/sewage treatment plant.

The purpose of this meeting is to verify the direction, set up timelines and a preliminary plan for water and sewer service in Prairie Township. The ability to offer water and sewer will not stop annexation but will give developers incentive to stay in the Township. The first three steps are as follows:

1. GRW Engineers, Inc. will do a preliminary overview and put a general master plan together using maps that have been provided by the Township.
2. Define the service area and how many people will be serviced.
3. Gather data, number of homes, plant size/location and build-out of master plan.

Ohio American Water will finance the project via developers and large property owners in the area.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Bricker and Eckler prepare a franchise agreement with Ohio American Water for sewer and water services in the unincorporated areas of Prairie Township not currently serviced by Franklin County or the City of Columbus. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Wharton will be the Trustee contact with Daniel R. Cutshaw; GRW Engineers, to provide him with any information necessary to complete his preliminary study.

A future meeting is planned with Ohio American Water, GRW Engineers, M/I Homes, Squire Galbreath and Joe Wharton at the Township Hall on October 2, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the regular Trustee meeting.

Ohio American Water would like to hold a public meeting with Lake Darby residents to discuss current service, billing and water quality.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss Township personnel matters. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye.

The special meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the advertisement for the Township Administrator position to run in the Columbus Dispatch on Sunday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Vote; Aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk