

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was held at the Hubbard Road Firehouse 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.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the minutes as written from the regular meeting on September 4, 2002 and the special meeting on September 13, 2002.

The Clerk presented the following items:

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Clerk file with the Franklin County Auditors office the noxious weed assessments for the year 2002 in the total amount of \$650.00. Vote; Aye.

1. The Clerk and secretary, Donetta Brock, will be attending a Public Employees Retirement System education seminar on September 23, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Transportation facility.
2. The Franklin County Board of Health will be administering flu shots to any employee interested, excluding elected officials, at the Inah Avenue Firehouse on November 7, 2002 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
3. Shelly and Sands has submitted Pay Request #2 on the 2002 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$379,605.97. This request has been approved and reviewed by the Franklin County Engineer.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Pay Request #2 from Shelly & Sands in the amount of \$379,605.97. Vote; Aye.

4. The Clerk informed the Board that the Sun Life Financial stock will have to be sold through a broker as we hold a certificate. National City Bank recommended NatCity Investments and the fee would be \$105.00, the net amount would be deposited into our National City Bank account directly. Schwabb Investment brokerage fee was \$154.95 and less convenient.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Clerk sell the 199 shares of Sun Life Financial stock thru NatCity Investments at a charge of approximately \$105.00. The revised price for the shares as of 9-17-02 is \$3472.55 less \$105.00, net deposit approximately \$3,367.55. Vote; Aye.

5. An annexation of 15+/- acres on the corner of Galloway Road and West Broad Street was withdrawn on August 7, 2002 and refiled under the new annexation law as an Expedited 2 annexation. This annexation was filed on September 4, 2002 and a meeting date has not been set at this time.
6. The meeting scheduled for October 2, 2002 at 5:30 p.m. will be a special meeting at the Township Hall, 23 Maple Drive, Columbus Ohio with Ohio American Water to discuss future sewer and water plans in the Township.

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 \$69,050.05 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Lt. Alvin Mann, second shift patrol, with the Franklin County Sheriff Department, addressed the Board and stated that he will send the monthly sheriff reports directly to the Clerk at the Township Hall in the future for distribution to the Trustees. Lt. Mann

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stated that they are currently working a search warrant and a raid on a video store for stolen property. The New Rome area has been busy, many nuisance calls have been received. Several residents expressed concerns with neighbors regarding parking. Lt. Mann suggested the residents keep records of incidents to include the date, time and the officer that was there showing a pattern and bring this before the prosecutor.

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

1. Liz Anderson reported that yard sale signs and signs without proper permits are being picked up. Permits are required for yard sales. Commercial signage that is not on premise, requires a permit.
2. The Steering Committee is moving forward and a survey is going out shortly and within one month feedback is expected from the community. Residents that receive a card are encouraged to return the card so the comprehensive plan can be tailored to the community.
3. Several residents expressed concerns with the properties on Silverbell Avenue and Fairbrook Avenue not being kept up. Cars parking in yards and junk vehicles were discussed. A junk vehicle is described as having two visible things wrong such as outdated tags, flat tires, no motor or inoperable vehicle for 30 days. Mr. Nourse stated that a municipality can enforce on aesthetics and the Township cannot. The Township is waiting on the prosecutors office for a notice of confiscation on basketball hoops in the right of way and then they will be picked up. Mr. Nourse recommended that residents write to Larry Wolpert, State Representative, backing the zoning aesthetics law.
4. A resident stated that speed limit signs are down on Danhurst Road and Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, said that after the road construction is complete all the signs will be re-installed.
5. Neil Distelhorst mentioned that there are several political signs up in the Township, more than 30 days prior to the election. Ms. Anderson stated that these signs are being taken down and letters will be sent out for non-compliance.

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

1. The Road Superintendent discussed parking on Deerfield Road and he has received several complaints. Parking was restricted on the south side of Beacon Hill four months ago. Approximately 10-12 vehicles are parking on Deerfield on both sides of the street. Dave recommended no parking on the first 300 feet of Deerfield Road, north of Beacon Hill, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The suggestions were made for permit parking or no parking only on the west side of Deerfield Road. The road is 25' wide. Mr. Nourse and Mr. Wharton will survey the residents to determine which residents park on the street or if the parking is from Doctors West Hospital employees.
2. Dave McAninch addressed the Board with a request for a Nextel phone for the Assistant Road Superintendent. The cost for the phone is \$49.94/mo to include voicemail, caller ID and insurance. The plan is for 400 anytime minutes and unlimited 2-way and nights and weekends. The first month is free and the actual phone cost is \$50.00. Mr. Nourse requested the Road Superintendent look into replacing the Cingular Wireless phones used in the Township with Nextel. Mr. McAninch will present the price at the next

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meeting for 2 phones for Zoning, 2 phones for Fire, 1 phone in the Township Hall and 1 phone for the Chairman of the Trustees in addition to the Nextel phones used by the Road Department. The phone calls will continue to be monitored.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the purchase of an additional Nextel phone for the Assistant Road Superintendent at a cost of \$50.00 for the phone and \$49.94/month to include 400 anytime minutes and unlimited 2-way and nights and weekends. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the removal of 2 trees which are effecting the drainage in the right-of-way at 6520 Tamara Avenue by Peterman Tree and Lawn Service at a total cost of \$550.00. Vote; Aye.

3. The Road Superintendent reported on the condition of the roads in Westpoint II, Section 3 and 4. In Section 3, the concern is with the non-compliance of the handicap ramps at approximately 5 intersections. Mr. Nourse will contact Dave Tyndall with M/I Homes and Dave McAninch will contact John Bryner with Franklin County before the roads are dedicated to Prairie Township for maintenance and repair.
4. The excavation permit for Inah Avenue was discussed and the concerns previously mentioned have been addressed and the Road Superintendent recommended the approval of the permit.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve, based on the recommendation of the Road Superintendent, the excavation permit for the Inah Avenue development. Vote; Aye.

5. Dave McAninch reported that the park equipment in the Lake Darby parks is scheduled to be installed on Monday, September 23, 2002. A layout of the park areas and proposed equipment placement was presented to the Board and made available to the residents.
6. Several residents addressed the Board with parking issues on Lakefield Drive, Blue Lake Avenue and Cordelia Drive. Discussion followed regarding the State of Ohio guidelines that have been used to paint the curbs yellow in the area to denote no parking. The residents feel that this has caused an inconvenience and lowers their property values. A request was made to reduce the size of the no parking area or to reach a compromise. Ms. Keller stated that she has spoken with Captain Sanders in an attempt to standardize the parking issues in the Township to comply with the state code. Mr. Nourse stated that if the parking on the street does not hinder the fire equipment getting through, the parking will be permitted. Ms. Keller is waiting for a legal opinion on parking in a Home Rule Township.

Chief Lavelly addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Chief Lavelly presented one bid that was received from Horton Emergency Vehicles Company for the medic. The Clerk opened the bid in the amount of \$149,899.89 and the bid will be reviewed by the Prosecutor before it is accepted by the Board of Trustees. Chief Lavelly stated that the analog digital radios are not included in the bid and will be approximately an additional \$6,000.00 from Boylan & Cannon installed.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the acceptance of the bid from Horton Emergency Vehicles Co. in the amount of \$149,899.89 for the medic and have the prosecutor review. Vote; Aye.

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2. The pledge of Allegiance was lead by the Prairie Township Fire Department on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Prairie Norton School and they also participated in a service at Westland High School.
3. Chief reported that the Medicare certification for EMS billing was through in 16 days which is unusually fast. The Clerk added that the lock box is in place and will be operational on October 15, 2002. Training has gone exceptionally smooth.
4. Chief Lavelly recommended that Brian Gatley, who has passed his probationary period, be taken off of probation.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve based on Chief Lavelly's recommendation, that Brian Gatley be taken off of probation. Vote; Aye.

5. The new rule book has been approved by the union and Jeff Nourse has a copy.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh, Feller, Finch & Associates, addressed the Board regarding the Ohio Public Works Commission applications for Medfield Way and the 2003 handicap ramp improvements. The Medfield Way application is complete and the total estimated project cost is \$615,400.00. With a contribution of 26% (\$161,000.00) by the Township, the grant total would be \$454,400.00. The schedule on the project is as follows: Engineering would begin in July of 2003 to be completed in November 2003. Advertising would take place in early 2004, opening of bids mid-February 2004, award the contract mid-March 2004 and completion of the project the end of July 2004. Mr. Sabbagh presented several documents to be signed, a resolution to pass and a support letter to be signed by the chairman on the Medfield Way project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve adopting the resolution to authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the contract for 2002 OPWC Round 17 application for Medfield Way and enter into contract when it is funded and the Clerk to sign the support letter and a financial fiscal officer statement. (Resolution 17-02). Vote; Aye.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Elie Sabbagh submit to OPWC an updated capital improvement report for Prairie Township. Vote; Aye.

The sidewalk, curb & gutter to be installed at the intersection of Owen Street and Inah Avenue will be paid for by M/I Homes. Mr. Nourse would like to coordinate with M/I so that the Township is doing their work at the same time that the City of Columbus is doing the work on Norton Road and all of the grades and right of ways match. Mr. Nourse would like to meet with Mr. Sabbagh when the plans are available.

Mr. Sabbagh addressed the 2003 handicap ramp Ohio Public Works application. The ramps consist of 19 intersections in Lake Darby and Young Estates. A resolution and a support letter were presented to the Board of Trustees. This year is a "Township Set-Aside Year" which means there is about \$2 million only for Townships.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the resolution to authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the application for the 2003 handicap ramp improvements and the clerk to sign the support letter. Vote; Aye. (Resolution 18-02)

Mr. Sabbagh stated that in an effort to improve our position when applying for these grants he would like to hold a series of public meetings to be advertised in the Columbus Dispatch and posted within the township. The meetings will be held at the

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Township Hall on October 2, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meetings would be to encourage residents to comment and/or provide positive feedback on the proposed projects to facilitate the funding process.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve Mr. Sabbagh hold a series of public meetings at the Township Hall on October 2, 2002 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for comments and feedback on the proposed OPWC projects which will be advertised in the Columbus Dispatch one week prior and posted in public places in the Township. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Sabbagh presented a proposed solution to the water problem in the rear of the properties at 4880, 4872 and 4864 Annhurst Road which was identified by the Board of Health as a significant mosquito breeding ground. An exhibit showing a proposed solution was distributed by Mr. Sabbagh. The property owner at 4880 was not complaining of any water problems. A slight problem exists in the rear of 4872 where there is possible accumulation of water which comes and goes and is not a problem that needs to be corrected. The lowest point is where an 8” inlet is proposed to run to the outlet on Annhurst Road. Mr. Sabbagh stated that he felt this would take care of the problem of water being trapped there. Two estimates were presented; one using an outside contractor and one using in-house crews. Details were also presented on the specifications of the pipe and other materials to be used and the options available for the grate.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve in-house crews correct the water problem at the lowest point between the rear of 4872 and 4864 Annhurst Road at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00 including materials and labor, to be installed at the earliest convenience. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Sabbagh discussed the Old Village Road storm problems. Mr. Sabbagh will determine the tributary area for the storm system that goes north and south. The survey crew got elevations on the inlets and will look at the parking lot at W. Broad and Old Village Road. Mr. Sabbagh will have a proposed plan and answers within the next month.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Clerk