

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/NOVEMBER 12, 2003

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Ms. Keller, with Mr. Wharton, Mr. Nourse and Ms. Easter present. Also attending were: Chief Lavelly, Connie Swisher, Tracy Hatmaker, Dave McAninch and Donetta Brock. (See attached list).

Ms. Keller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the minutes of the October 29, 2003 regular meeting as written. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board accept the resignation of Kathleen Easter, Clerk, effective November 12, 2003, 7:01 p.m. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board declares the Office of Township Clerk of Prairie Township, Franklin County, Ohio vacant on the date November 12, 2003 at 7:03 p.m.. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye, Ms. Keller: Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve the appointment of Lori J. Montag to the unexpired term of Clerk, effective November 12, 2003. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve insurance coverage including life insurance, health insurance (hospital, surgical, physicians and other benefits under health benefit plan), dental and prescription drugs paid by the Township for Lori J. Montag, for the unexpired term commencing November 12, 2003. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board accept the bond in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Lori Montag, Prairie Township Clerk. Vote; Aye.

The newly appointed Clerk, Lori J. Montag, was administered the Oath of Office by Trustee Ms. Keller.

Deputy Foster addressed the weather and tornado warnings in the area and reported a lot of accidents due to the weather.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk presented a contract from Susan Pride, Government Affairs Consultant, for the motor vehicle audit for 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Chairman sign a motor vehicle audit with Susan Pride, Government Affairs Consultant, for the years 2004 and 2005. Vote; Aye.

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

\$20,000.00 from 1000-210-370-0000 to 1000-110-599-0000

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$90,320.96 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Chief Lavelly stated that he received a resignation letter from part-time firefighter Joe Graham effective immediately November 12, 2003.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board accept the resignation of part-time firefighter Joe Graham effective November 12, 2003. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Lavelly recommended the purchase of two (2) treadmills at \$2,995.00 ea., two (2) Upright Bikes at \$799.00 ea. and \$200.00 for installation and delivery for a total of \$7,788.00 from Exercise Equipment Experts for the Wellness and Fitness Program. Firefighter Rob Cloud and his committee has researched equipment and supports the recommendation.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the purchase of two (2) treadmills at \$2,995.00 ea., two (2) Upright Bikes at \$799.00 ea. and \$200.00 for installation and delivery for a total cost of \$7,788.00 from Exercise Equipment Experts for the Wellness and Fitness Program. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Lavelly stated the costs for two (2) Nautilus multi stack with benches for a total cost of \$6,541.60, two (2) Dumbbell sets with rack for a total cost of \$1,331.10 and \$955.80 for floor matting (covers both stations) and installation and delivery \$200.00 for a total of \$9,028.50 from Barry's Barbell and Fitness Equipment Co. for the Wellness and Fitness Program.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the purchase of two (2) Nautilus multi stack with benches for a total cost of \$6,541.60, two (2) Dumbbell sets with rack for a total cost of \$1,331.10 and \$955.80 for floor matting (covers both stations) and installation and delivery \$200.00 for a total of \$9,028.50 from Barry's Barbell and Fitness Equipment Co. for the Wellness and Fitness Program. Vote; Aye.

4. Chief Lavelly will have further discussion with the union and firefighters to determine what workout duty uniform is needed if any.

Mr. Dave McAninch, Road Superintendent, addressed the Board with the following Road Department matters:

1. The Road Superintendent would like to inform the residents that the last street sweep for the Township is scheduled for December 1, 2003.
2. Mr. McAninch stated November 12, 2003 the Vermin Control has set their traps and the program runs for thirty (30) days. Vermin Control has offered an extra service to residents. If a resident has any problems with vermin's, the company will set traps at the resident's property. The resident must contact Mr. McAninch directly and he will handle the arrangements. The service fee and charge per animal will be covered under the Township contract. Residents must check the traps daily and report to Vermin Control by 8:00 a.m.. Failure to do so will result in a \$30.00 charge which the resident will be responsible for and if a trap is lost or stolen there will be an \$89.00 charge which the resident will be responsible for.
3. Mr. McAninch discussed the right of way walks being done in the parks by Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price). In Carl Frye Park, cost of the walk ways is \$4,650.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price) install walk ways at the Revere Court entrance to Carl Frye Park for a total cost of \$4,650.00.

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4. Mr. McAninch presented a proposal for the right of way walks being done in the park on Blue Lake Circle and Conbrook Avenue. The cost of the Blue Lake walk way extension is \$850.00 and \$980.00 for the Conbrook walk way extension totaling \$1,830.00 from Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price).

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the cost of the Blue Lake walk way extension of \$850.00 and \$980.00 for the Conbrook walk way extension totaling \$1,830.00 from Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price). Vote; Aye

5. Mr. McAninch presented a proposal for the right of way walks being done on the Canyon Cove and Renee Avenue park extensions. The cost of the Canyon Cove extension is \$2,160.00 and the cost of the Renee Ave. park extension is \$1,075.00 totaling \$3,235.00 from Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price).

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the right of way walks being done on the Canyon Cove and Renee Avenue park extensions. The cost of the Canyon Cove extension is \$2,160.00 and the cost of the Renee Ave. park extension is \$1,075.00 totaling \$3,235.00 from Dons Flat Work (Donald R. Price). Vote; Aye

6. Mr. McAninch presented a proposal from the City of Columbus for snow and ice removal on Doherty Rd. (2.86 lane miles) and Johnson Rd. (1.4 lane miles) at a rate of \$879.25 for a total of 4.26 lane miles totaling \$3,745.61. Mr. Nourse questioned the George Fox Estates and Young Estates snow and ice removal as needed and tabled this proposal until next meeting for clarification.

7. Mr. McAninch presented the 2003 road work update. Mr. McAninch has submitted the third pay request from Miller Pavement Maintenance for \$310,473.88 for the 2003 Road Improvement Project. This request has been approved by the Franklin County Engineer and review by the Road Superintendent.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve the third payment to Miller Pavement Maintenance in the amount of \$310,473.88 for the 2003 Road Improvement Project. Vote; Aye

Ms. Connie Swisher, Zoning Inspector, address the Board with the following Zoning Department matters:

1. Ms. Swisher informed the Board that she gave Franklin County all the rezoning and annexations for the last two and half years and they are updating the zoning maps.
2. Ms. Swisher informed the Board that the Alton pavement has not been placed per the plan and the owner has been notified.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approved the Resolution of Ms. Janice Pitts as an alternate member on the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term expiring December 31, 2004. Vote; Aye (Resolution 33-03)

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approved the resignation of Mr. Ken Hibbert, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective December 6, 2003. Vote; Aye

Mr. Tracy Hatmaker, Administrator, addressed the Board with the following Administrative matters:

1. Mr. Hatmaker recommended an hourly wage increase for Rebecca Ecclestone, Zoning Clerk, effective November 12, 2003 of \$2.50, with the new hourly wage of \$14.00 per hour.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve a \$2.50 hourly wage increase for Rebecca Ecclestone, Zoning Clerk, increasing her hourly wage to \$14.00 per hour effective November 12, 2003. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Nourse seconded the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing the Discarding and Salvaging of the Structure Located on the Phillips Parcel. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye. (Resolution 34-03).

2. Mr. Hatmaker presented a resolution to the Board to approve the real estate purchase contract and funding agreement for the Brofford property on Alton Road. Franklin Water and Soil Conservation District acquired monies from various grant programs in order to fund the Township's purchase of the premises from the Seller.

Mr. Nourse moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the real estate purchase contract and funding agreement for the Brofford property on Alton Road. Franklin Water and Soil Conservation District acquired monies from various grant programs in order to fund the Township's purchase of the premises from the Seller. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Nourse; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye.

Mr. Cochrun raised the issue about the dirt being piled up on Norton Road at the Norton Crossing Development and water flooding the nearby residents. He also, stated that a \$3.00 raise is too much for anybody. Why, are we purchasing separate workout equipment for people who are injured. And why are you working out if you're injured anyway.

Ms. Keller announced a change in the next meeting date and time. The next meeting will be Monday November 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Ms. Keller invited all the residents for cake and coffee to say farewell to Kathy.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk