

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE SPECIAL MEETING/FEBRUARY 7, 2003

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township and held at the offices of Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, 52 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio was called to order by the Chairperson Ms. Keller, with Mr. Wharton, Mr. Nourse and Ms. Easter present. Also attending were: William Newcomb, Jr. and Theodore Boggs; Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease.

Mr. Wharton explained the purpose of the meeting today is to secure legal counsel to represent utilities in Prairie Township. A letter of intent was signed by the Chairman of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees with Ohio American Water on November 1, 2002. With the Ohio EPA recently adopting the Section 208 Plan & State Water Quality Management Plan, the Ohio EPA is prohibited from issuing a permit unless it is consistent with the plan. Mr. Wharton asked Mr. Boggs if Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease can operate in an arena with Ohio EPA, Federal Court and the City of Columbus. Mr. Boggs assured the Trustees that the firm is comfortable in this arena as well as the political environment and has a good relationship with Federal, State and Local Governments. Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease will continue to represent the City of Columbus with a few minor issues but does not see this as a conflict. The experience that Mr. Boggs has had with the Jefferson Water & Sewer District has been similar to a war against the City of Columbus. The franchise agreement with Ohio American Water and Prairie Township is scheduled to be finalized at Ohio American Water's quarterly meeting in April of 2003. Prospective sites for the water and sewer plant were discussed.

Mr. Nourse moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the Chairman to sign an engagement letter with Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Mr. Nourse; Aye. Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye.

A meeting is tentatively planned for the week of February 10th with Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman

Clerk