

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MARCH 17, 2004

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson, Mr. Wharton, with Mr. Stormont, Ms. Keller and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Chief Lavelly, Ms. Swisher, Mr. McAninch and Mr. Thomas. (See attached list).

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Foster reported to the Board the last two weeks just normal activity in the Township, speeding, accidents and a couple of break-ins. The second dedicated officer spends as much time at Lake Darby and Village Park unless needed elsewhere.

Mr. Pitts presented a letter to Deputy Foster from a resident regarding the Sheriff's Department.

The Clerk presented the following items:

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the following supplemental appropriations. Vote; Aye.

- \$3,000.00 from 1000-760-740-0000 to 1000-110-315-0000.
- \$50.00 from 1000-760-740-0000 to 1000-110-345-0000.
- \$20,000.00 from 2031-760-720-0000 to 2031-330-490-0000.
- \$10,000.00 from 1000-760-720-0000 to 1000-120-359-0000.
- \$1,000.00 from 2191-760-720-0000 to 2191-220-215-0000.

1. The Clerk requested the Board approve OhioHealth for professional support services to our in-house trainers at the Fire Department. The total cost is \$2,300.00.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve OhioHealth for professional support services to our in-house trainers at the Fire Department. The total cost is \$2,300.00. Vote; Aye.

2. The Clerk requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Hiring and Establishing the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Director of the Prairie Township Senior Center, Marjorie Ann Deuschle at an annual salary of \$32,000.00 including benefits.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Hiring and Establishing the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Director of the Prairie Township Senior Center, Marjorie Ann Deuschle at an annual salary of \$32,000.00 including benefits. Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye. (Resolution No.).

Mr. Wharton wanted to recognize and thank Tom Parr, Jerry Lufler, Keith Larson, Chief Lavelly and Mr. Tracy Hatmaker for their services on the Fire Chief search committee.

3. The Clerk requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Hiring and Establishing the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Prairie Township Fire Chief, Stephen M. Feustel at an annual salary of \$69,000.00 including benefits.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Hiring and Establishing the Terms and Conditions of Employment for the Prairie Township Fire Chief, Stephen M. Feustel at an annual salary of \$69,000.00 including benefits. Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye. (Resolution No.).

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$79,213.64.

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

1. Mr. McAninch recommended an hourly wage increase for Josh Hoffman, Cemetery Crew, effective March 17, 2004 of \$1.46, with the new hourly wage of \$14.08 per hour.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve a \$1.46 hourly wage increase for Josh Hoffman, Cemetery Crew, increasing his hourly wage to \$14.08 per hour effective March 17, 2003. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch presented and estimate for painting the north side of the Township Hall building. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve Touch of Color Painting, to remove ivy, power wash and two coats of paint for \$1,300.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Touch of Color Painting, to remove ivy, power wash and two coats of paint for up to \$1,500.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the sidewalk program. Several residents on North Murray Hill have requested their aprons be replaced and would like to be included on the sidewalk program. Mr. McAninch announced his department will be distributing flyers to the Township residents this week.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to appoint Mr. David Conrad to the Zoning Commission Board to fulfill a vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to appoint Mr. David Conrad to the Zoning Commission Board to fulfill a vacancy on the Board. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to increase compensation for the Zoning Commission Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals members by \$20.00, increasing their wages to \$45.00 for members and \$70.00 for the Clerk per meeting they attend, effective March 17, 2004.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller moved the Board to increase compensation for the Zoning Commission Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals members by \$20.00, increasing their wages to \$45.00 for members and \$70.00 for the Clerk per meeting they attend, effective March 17, 2004. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Chief Lavelly presented to the Board the costs of the promotional testing for the Ohio Fire Chief's Association for the Lieutenant's and Captain's written tests for \$2,180.00. Chief Lavelly requested the Board to approve the Ohio Fire Chief's Association for the Lieutenant's and Captain's promotional testing costs of \$2,180.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the Ohio Fire Chief's Association for the Lieutenant's and Captain's promotional testing costs of \$2,180.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Lavelly requested the Board to approve the purchase from Dolly Fire Equipment, twelve (12) Personal Escape Bags for \$1,455.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the purchase from

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Dolly Fire Equipment, twelve (12) Personal Escape Bags for up to \$1,500.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Lavelly reported to the Board that fourteen (14) people have passed the part-time firefighters test and scheduled the agility test on April 17, 2004.
4. Chief Lavelly asked the Board and Legal Counsel if they approved the letter for MBI Solutions, Legal Counsel submitted the letter to Chief Lavelly.
5. Chief Lavelly asked the status on the replacement of firefighter Mark Goldhardt. The Board requested an interview before making a decision. Chief Lavelly stated he would coordinate that with Mr. Hatmaker.

Mr. Jason Thomas, IT Coordinator, addressed the Board with the following IT matters:

1. Mr. Thomas submitted to the Board two quotes for replacing the PA system at the Township Hall meeting room. Mr. Thomas requested the Board to approve Bartha Visual, Inc. to purchase PA System, one (1) year on site warranty and training for \$5,448.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve Bartha Visual, Inc. to purchase PA System, one (1) year on site warranty and training for up to \$5,500.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Thomas requested the Boards approval to set-up network logins with limited access for the Sheriff's Department on the Townships computer system to help decrease the Sheriff's Department from commuting downtown to complete their reports.

Old Business:

Mr. Scior presented a letter to the Board from the residents their encouragement about the Senior Center and Director. The Board stated there will be a meeting set up to meet the new Director on March 31, 2004.

New Business:

Mr. John Griffith suggested to the Board to investigate purchasing the vacant property west of the Township Hall for parking. A discussion followed regarding the purchase.

Ms. Andrea Bogner asked what can be done about 315 North Murray Hill Road and the over growth of weeds at that property. Ms. Keller suggested she contact the zoning department. Ms. Swisher requested to call her tomorrow to further discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk