

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/APRIL 14, 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 Feustel, Mr. Hatmaker, Ms. Swisher, Mr. McAninch and Ms. Deuschle. (See attached list).

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting and special meeting of March 31, 2004. Vote; Aye

Deputy Foster reported a few bank robberies which everyone had been caught. In the Lake Darby area residents are finding their privacy fence gates kicked in.

Ms. Pitts stated she called the Sheriff Department on April 7, 2004 to report there was an abandoned vehicle with four flat tires and expired license plates and the vehicle was still there. Deputy Foster said he would check it out.

Mr. Wharton announced there are copies of the Appropriation Status and Fund Status reports available for residents who would like them.

Mr. Wharton announced we have received the opinion from the Attorney Generals office regarding the Townships ability to do repairs on private property and that copies are available for residents who would like them.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk requested the Board to approve bonding for Jason Thomas.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve bonding for Jason Thomas. Vote; Aye.

2. The Clerk requested the Board to approve bonding for Loretta Bull.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve bonding for Loretta Bull. Vote; Aye.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$124,007.80 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to update the three Lifepaks from a six lead to a twelve lead unit for \$21,000.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to update the three Lifepaks from a six lead to a twelve lead unit for \$21,000.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel announced the week of May 16-23 is EMS Week and the Fire Department is planning activities at the Fire House.
3. Chief Feustel announced the Lieutenants and Captains test were completed on April 1, 2004 and he has received the graded tests back and will move forward with the process.
4. Chief Feustel announced the new Expedition is ready to be picked up.
5. Chief Feustel stated he is partnering with the Sheriff's Department to train the Fire Department for the new concealed weapons law that is now in effect.

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Chief is also looking at other Fire Departments to put a standard operating procedure together.

6. Chief Feustel introduced Brian Gibson who is ready to be interviewed by the Board for full-time employment.

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

1. Mr. McAninch announced that approximately 160 residents have responded for the sidewalk improvement program.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to appoint alternates Bill Gallear and James Lee to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Andrea Bogner as alternate to the Zoning Commission Board.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board appoint alternates Bill Gallear and James Lee to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Andrea Bogner as alternate to the Zoning Commission Board. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board the Post Oaks plat has been approved by the Franklin County Planning Commission.
3. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Inah Avenue Office Building complex at the northwest corner of Inah and Palmetto has been approved and the Zoning Department has issued the building permits.
4. Ms. Swisher informed the Board that the Zoning Department has put together a Residential Guide for the residents of frequently asked questions and frequently used phone numbers.

Mr. Larry Murray updated the Board that the property owner at 2731 Kunz Road has abandoned the property and the property is a nuisance to the community. A discussion followed with several other residents in the area of what needs to be done with the property.

Ms. Marjorie Deuschle, Senior Center Director, addressed the Board with the following Senior Center matters:

1. Ms. Deuschle announced to the Board that the week of May 17, 2004 is Senior Center Week and plans to have the Center open and have activities planned as well.
2. Ms. Deuschle announced to the Board on April 15, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. the Senior Advisory Committee is having a meeting.
3. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board approve \$2,131.93 for the sign for the Senior Center.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve \$2,131.93 for the sign for the Senior Center. Vote; Aye.

4. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board approve \$2,595.00 for Thomas Ruff Company for office furniture for the Senior Center.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve \$2,595.00 for Thomas Ruff Company for office furniture for the Senior Center. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 10-04 Amending Marjorie Deuschle Resolution changing her from salary to hourly.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Amending Marjorie Deuschle Resolution changing her from salary to hourly. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the Republic Waste Contracts for the Road Department at \$115.00 per month and Fire Station 241 at 123 Inah Avenue at \$90.00 per month and Fire Station 243 at 451 Hubbard Road at \$50.00 per month.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the Republic Waste Contracts for the Road Department at \$115.00 per month and Fire Station 241 at 123 Inah Avenue at \$90.00 per month and Fire Station 243 at 451 Hubbard Road at \$50.00 per month. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to the Franklin County Auditor requesting that the Brofford property be withdrawn from the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) program and to pay the recoupment amount of \$289.30.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board the Chairman to sign the letter to the Franklin County Auditor requesting that the Brofford property be withdrawn from the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV) program and to pay the recoupment amount of \$289.30. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the computer assessment agreement from Affiliated Resource Group in the amount of \$9,600.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the computer assessment agreement from Affiliated Resource Group in the amount of \$9,600.00. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker presented to the Board the last three quarters of 2003 the Township computers had seven hits of viruses compared to the first quarter of 2004 there were 2010 hits by viruses.

Old Business:

New Business:

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board recess into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee and the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to extend the probation period of full-time firefighter Dan Ellinger to June 30, 2005. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms.

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Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve hiring Brian Gibson as a full-time firefighter effective April 21, 2004 pending his physical and bureau of motor vehicles report.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board recess into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment and compensation of a public employee and the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve a salary increase for Tracy Hatmaker, Administrator, increasing his salary to \$72,000.00 per year effective April 21, 2004. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk