

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 23, 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: Captain Sanders, 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 of May 26, 2004 and June 9, 2004 and special meetings of June 14th & 16th 2004. Vote; Aye

Deputy Foster reported to the Board a big increase of day time burglaries in the Township. And an increase of auto accidents. Deputy Foster informed the Board that he transferring to third shift and he might be at one more meeting.

Mr. Conrad asked if Franklin County traffic laws apply in the Township specifically vehicles not being moved for months at a time. Deputy Foster responded that there is no specific policy it is up to the individual officers. Deputy Foster's personal policy is if they legally parked, tags are valid and belongs to the address where they are parked and no one calls to complain he doesn't do anything. Mr. Conrad has called about a vehicle on Weymouth and nothing has been done.

Ms. Stalter asked for an update on the accident at the railroad tracks. Deputy Foster responded that he was not on the call but he heard that everyone did survive and the driver was cited for several things.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Increasing Petty Cash for the Prairie Township Zoning Department.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Increasing Petty Cash for the Prairie Township Zoning Department. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Wharton, Aye.

2. The Clerk requested the Board to approve the transfer of seventy dollars (\$70.00) from general to zoning within the general fund.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board to approve the transfer of seventy dollars (\$70.00) from general to zoning within the general fund. Vote; Aye.

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

\$10,000.00 from 1000-390-321-0000 to 1000-390-740-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$92,524.98 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

3. Mr. Elie Sabbagh presented to the Board the drawings for the Township renovation and tabled the bid opening dates until the July 7th regular trustee meeting. The estimated cost is seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00).
4. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Medfield Way Project. Miller Pavement Maintenance second payment request for \$78,274.68, OPWC portion is \$57,923.26 and the Townships portion is \$20,351.42. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Chairman to sign the letter authorizing the second payment request to Miller Pavement Maintenance in the amount of twenty thousand

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three hundred fifty one dollars and forty two cents (\$20,351.42).

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the Chairman to sign the letter authorizing the second payment request to Miller Pavement Maintenance in the amount of twenty thousand three hundred fifty one dollars and forty two cents. (\$20,351.42). Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Sabbagh updated the Board on the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project. G. Marchi & Son first payment request of \$76,808.61, OPWC portion is \$56,838.37 and the Townships portion is \$19,970.24. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Chairman to sign the letter authorizing the first payment request to G. Marchi & Son in the amount of nineteen thousand nine hundred seventy dollars and twenty four cents (\$19,970.24)

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the Chairman to sign the letter authorizing the first payment request to G. Marchi & Son in the amount of nineteen thousand nine hundred seventy dollars and twenty four cents (\$19,970.24). Vote; Aye.

6. Mr. Sabbagh updated the Board on the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project. The property owner at 8677 Abbott Cove Avenue has added to their asphalt driveway and is wider than the approach leading to the house. They abut to a ten foot walkway easement that is county owned, and they have requested to widen the approach to match the width of the driveway and walkway. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Chairman to send a letter to the county commissioner vacating the easement.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the Chairman to send a letter the county commissioner vacating the easement. Vote; Aye.

7. Mr. Sabbagh presented to the Board the property owner at 8873 Stillwater has fifteen foot of sidewalk that is non existent but is platted that is outside of the working area. The property owner has requested the Board if the contractor can put the sidewalk in as part of the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project. Mr. Wharton responded he would like to have the property owner participate in the sidewalk replacement program instead of part of the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project.
8. Mr. Sabbagh informed the Board that he has received a complaint from a resident on Robinson Court about the placement of the handicap ramps.

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

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board that Mr. Wiggins from the Franklin County Board of Health is going to give an update on the mosquito program at the July 21st regular trustees meeting. Mr. McAninch stated that nine traps have been placed in the Township and the results are as follows: Annhurst 13, Danhurst 27, N. Grener 34, Cedar Ct. 9, Elm Park 24, Elm Park 18, Leader Dr. 3, Night Ct. 4, Academy Dr. 20. The results have not come back yet from the state for testing of the west nile or encephalitis viruses.

Ms. Stalter has called Mr. Wiggins to complain about mosquitoes, dead birds and he has never returned her call. Mr. McAninch stated that Lennox is scheduled to have a trap placed and that Mr. Wiggins is aware.

2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the 2004 Road Resurfacing Road Project. He received three bids which were opened on July 21, 2004. The county engineers estimate was \$784,666.70, Miller Pavement Maintenance bid was \$784,000.00, McDaniels Construction bid was \$790,609.69 and

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Decker Construction bid was \$774,121.36. The county engineer's office has reviewed the bids and recommends awarding the project to Decker Construction. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to award the bid to Decker Construction for the 2004 Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$774,121.36.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to award the bid to Decker Construction for the 2004 Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$774,121.36. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the Summer Youth Program which is under way and everything is going great. They have picked up a lot of trash and will be painting the fire hydrants in the Township.

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board the parking lot behind the Wash and Tan on West Board the fenced area is gone, which will allow for more parking for Quinn Furniture.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Post Oaks sub division on Bausch Road a stop work order was issued and no building permits will be issued which includes the road until they follow the appropriate erosion settlement controls and those functions are in place and functioning properly.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the Senior Center has 105 members and \$2,300.00 in revenues since June 1, 2004. There were over two hundred people show up at the open house. Ms. Deuschle thanked the membership and publicity committees for all their hard work. The membership committee will be at the Bean Dinner and the Fish Fry to help increase memberships.
2. Ms. Deuschle explained the fee schedule for activities are based on participation. They are trying to keep it as affordable as possible for the seniors.

Mr. Scior asked the Board if they could budget money for the senior center because they are in need of shelving. Mr. Wharton responded they would be glad to look at it since the budget is coming up.

Captain Sanders addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Captain Sanders requested the Board approve the hiring of the five part-time firefighters Nathan Buskirk, John Putnam, Dan Tilley, Robert Young and Joshua Hyder contingent on passing their physicals.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve hiring of the five part-time firefighters Nathan Buskirk, John Putnam, Dan Tilley, Robert Young and Joshua Hyder contingent on passing their physicals. Vote; Aye.

2. Captain Sander updated the Board on the Fish Fry. The car show is Friday night and live entertainment both nights.

Old Business:

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked for a status on the property maintenance code. Mr. Peter Griggs gave an update.

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New Business:

Mr. Frank Turner who lives on Oxley Road asked the Board if Franklin County has run the camera's through the storm sewers. Mr. McAninch responded that he has weekly meetings with Mr. Hatmaker and are still waiting for the schedule from his office. Mr. McAninch took his name and number and offered to him anyway he can.

Mr. Distlehorst asked about the letter Mayor Coleman extending water and sewer to Townships and Villages. Mr. Wharton responded if they are willing to extend water and sewer without any strings attached he is listening. A discussion followed.

Mr. Distlehorst asked the Board if it is possible to email residents about special meetings.

Mr. Distlehorst asked about the appropriations in December verses the appropriations in April and why an increase. A discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk