

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JULY 7, 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, Mr. Reibel and Ms. Deuschle. (See attached list).

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rick Deeds of Affiliated Resource Group gave a presentation on the Townships computer assessment. The assessment reviewed procedures, policies, infrastructure, operations, disaster recovery, security and other areas and gave recommendations for each area.

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked the Board about the SBC T1 billing for March and April for forty eight hundred dollars. Mr. Hatmaker responded that he is reviewing the bills and will give him an update also gave him a copy of the contract with SBC for the T1 lines.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked what priorities are going to be first. Mr. Wharton responded that he is going to act on the recommendations from Affiliated.

As per notice in the Columbus Dispatch on June 26, 2004, the Chairman declared this meeting a public hearing for the purpose of reading the 2005 budget. Mr. Wharton moved, Ms Keller seconded the Board adopt the budget for the year 2005 and file the same with the Franklin County Auditor. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton announced the Board has responded to Mayor Coleman concerning the Darby Watershed. Pleasant Township, Brown Township and Prairie Township collectively responded and copies are available to those interested. A discussion followed.

The Clerk presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$102,443.79 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 approve the annual contract for Clayton IDS in the amount of \$1,997.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the annual contract for Clayton IDS in the amount of \$1,997.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve repairing the lawn mower for the firehouse \$1,492.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded requested the Board to approve repairing the lawn mower for the firehouse \$1,492.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve seasonal polo shirts for full-time, part-time firefighters, dispatchers and staff for \$2,400.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded Board to approve seasonal polo shirts for full-time, part-time firefighters, dispatchers and staff for \$2,400.00. Vote; Aye.

4. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve the purchase of Firehouse Enterprise Software for \$10,380.00.

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Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the purchase of Firehouse Enterprise Software for \$10,380.00. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked for an update on the Fish Fry. Chief Feustel responded they matched last year's numbers.

Mr. Adam Reibel, Assistant Road Superintendent, addressed the Board with the following Road Department matters:

1. Mr. Reibel requested the Board to sign the Notice to Proceed for the 2004 Road Resurfacing Project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to sign the Notice to Proceed for the 2004 Road Resurfacing Project. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked the Board what they are going to do with the Phillips property and if they plan to mow in the future. Mr. Hatmaker responded that Nature Conservancy has put together a development plan for the property and he would give him a copy of the plan.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board that the Senior Center will be open till 9:00 p.m. starting September 1, 2004 for one month to see if it is cost effective.
2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board that the fitness equipment is on hold for two or three months.
3. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the center has 127 members and has a volunteer for a receptionist/secretary and will start in two or three weeks.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to sign the OPWC grant agreements for Palmetto Street Improvement Project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to sign the OPWC grant agreements for Palmetto Street Improvement Project. Vote; Aye.

Deputy Foster reported to the Board and increase in burglaries. Deputy Foster reported this will be his last meeting however, he will be on third shift.

Ms. Pitts asked Deputy Foster if there is a law restricting kids from driving golf carts in residential areas. Deputy Foster said he would have to check into it.

2. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on Medfield Way and it should be open in the next couple of weeks.
3. Mr. Sabbagh updated the Board on the 2004 Curb Ramp Improvement Project the completion date is August 31, 2004 and they are ahead of schedule.
4. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to open bids for the Township Renovation on August 4, 2004 at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to open bids for the Township Renovation on August 4, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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Mr. Jason Thomas asked if the computer and telephone cabling was part of the bid. Mr. Sabbagh responded the telephone cabling was he would check into the computer cabling and let him know.

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked the Board to review the photocopy rates he believes our rates are too high. He also requested to receive an email for special meetings.

Old Business:

Ms. Pitts asked the Board for an update on the mosquito program. Mr. Wharton responded that as of two weeks ago there have been no reports of the west Nile virus in the Township. Ms. Pitts completed a report for school and shared her findings.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board move into executive session at 8:41 p.m. to conduct interviews as part of the collective bargaining agreement with the firefighters for promotions and to confer with legal counsel concerning disputes involving the Township that are subject to pending or eminent court action. A 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 10:55 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Clerk establish a savings account with National City Bank in the amount of \$6,679.00 for retainage on the 2003 Curb Ramp Improvement Project for G. Marchi & Son, LLC. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the Clerk establish a savings account with National City Bank in the amount of \$13,010.50 for retainage on the Medfield Way Improvement Project for Miller Pavement Maintenance, Inc. Vote; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk