

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/AUGUST 4, 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 of July 21, 2004. Vote; Aye

Deputy Plumb reported the Sheriff's Department has removed three abandoned vehicles in the Township including the truck on South Murray Hill. They have started to issue warnings for parking on South Murray Hill as well. The department is increasing their coverage in the Ash Park area to stop the drag racing.

Mr. Cecil Bennett complained about speeders on South Murray Hill and asked if speed bumps could be placed on the road. Mr. Wharton stated it is not within the Township legislative authority to place speed bumps. Mr. Wharton suggested he write his State Representative Larry Wopert and Senator Steve Stivers complaining to give Townships authority to place speed bumps.

Mr. Steve Kennedy stated on Thursday July 29, 2004 at 10:00 p.m. he called the Sheriff's Department and reported a semi truck that was parked next to the driving range on West Broad Street and two vans backed up to the semi truck were unloading the semi truck. By 10:30 p.m. the Sheriff's Department still had not shown up. Deputy Myers responded.

The Clerk presented the following items:

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

\$56,000.00 from 1000-330-360-0000 to 1000-910-910-0000.

\$50.00 from 1000-110-599 to 1000-110-345-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$107,579.77 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to set a public hearing date for the rezoning case (169-RZ-04) heard by the Zoning Commission, Inah Avenue.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board set the public hearing date for the rezoning case heard by the Zoning Commission, Inah Avenue (169-RZ-04) on September 1, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst recommended to the Board they listen to the tape of the Zoning Commission meeting and hear the residents concerns. Mr. Wharton thanked Neil for the comment and would listen to the tape.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Discarding of the Janesville Protective Fired Ensemble.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Discarding of the Janesville Protective Fired Ensemble. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Wharton, Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve the purchase of Fire Prevention Education material for Fire Prevention Week not to exceed \$1,670.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded Board to approve the purchase of Fire Prevention Education material for Fire Prevention Week not to exceed \$1,670.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the Firehouse software, it has been installed and working on training.

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

1. Mr. Elie Sabbagh presented to the Board the 2004 OPWC Round 19 application for the Inah Avenue Improvement Project. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to execute the Feller, Finch & Associates letter of agreement for application services for \$1,750.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to execute the Feller, Finch & Associates letter of agreement for application services for \$1,750.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the no parking signs on South Murray Hill. According to the Traffic Manual the signs should be at a 30-45 degree angle to the flow of traffic and he is in the process of changing the signs to make them in compliance to the manual.
3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the Mosquito Program. He received a call from Mr. Wiggins from Franklin County Board of Health and the mosquito trapping numbers are up in all areas. He will be fogging on August 5th & 6th and it is posted on the website.

Mr. Bennett asked the Board who is responsible for the street lights. Mr. Wharton responded to give the Clerk's office a call to report street lights that are out.

Mr. Duane Dellinger informed the clerk that at the corner of Hall Road and Wood Park the street light is out.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker presented to the Board renewal of liability, property and public officials' insurance policies.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the renewal of The Ohio Plan Risk Management for liability, property and public officials' insurance policy for \$42,908.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Property Maintenance Code Committee will be meeting again on August 17, 2004.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

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Mr. Duane Dellinger expressed a concern on the Gutheil property, which the Board is negotiating to purchase 50 acres at a million dollars that is in the flood plain and the EPA has not approved for water and sewer. Why would the Board spend the tax payer's money when Ohio American Water said it would not cost the Township any money. Mr. Wharton responded that his assumptions are inaccurate.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board recess into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for the purposes of considering the dismissal or discipline of a public employee and to conference with the law director concerning a dispute involving the Township that is the subject of pending litigation. 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 9:33 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye, Mr. Wharton, Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board discontinue and terminate the at-will employment of Jason Thomas as an employee at-will of Prairie Township effective 9:34 p.m. August 4, 2004 and to direct the Township administrator, Tracy Hatmaker, to immediately notify Mr. Thomas of this decision and to request the return of all Township property and equipment. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Wharton, Nay.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk