

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/AUGUST 18, 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 August 4, 2004. Vote; Aye

Deputy Timbrook reported to the Board a lot of vandalism in Lincoln Village South and asked residents to report anything suspicious. There was a break in on Lennox by two juveniles and one had been caught.

Mr. Dave McAninch updated the Board on the Summer Youth Program. They picked up trash in the parks, cemeteries, roads and allies, painted all the fire hydrants in Lincoln Village North, South, Rome Heights, Little Farms, Village Park and Mix addition and painted the Alton Cemetery fence. Mr. McAninch thanked Bill Gallear owner of Fat Boys Pizza for donating pizza for their party and Kroger for donating pop and paper products.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. Mr. Alex Anderson, CPA for Mr. Sunny Patel, Owner of Holiday Inn Express, 4600 West Broad Street presented to the Board outstanding quarterly bed tax for Mr. Patel. Mr. Anderson requested the Board to approve a payment plan for the \$83,218.01 for a 12 month period and to waive any penalties. The Board requested to have the plan in writing and submitted to them for approval.
2. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Medfield Way Improvement Project. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve the third payment request to Miller Construction in the amount of \$53,049.26.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the third payment request to Miller Construction in the amount of \$53,049.26. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Township Renovation Project changing the cost to 78,500.00 to allow for the sewer for the new restrooms. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve to advertise on August 30, 2004 and September 6, 2004 and Bid Opening on September 15, 2004 at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve to advertise on August 30, 2004 and September 6, 2004 and Bid Opening on September 15, 2004 at 6:45 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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 \$97,678.39 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve Peterman Tree Service remove a large tree at 93 and 99 Lawrence Avenue that is in the right of way for a cost of 900.00.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Peterman Tree Service remove a large tree at 93 and 99 Lawrence Avenue that is in the right of way for a cost of 900.00. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on storm system camera work that needs done. Mr. McAninch has identified seven locations. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve up to \$20,000.00 for storm system camera work.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded requested the Board to approve up to \$20,000.00 for storm system camera work. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the Mosquito Program. Mr. McAninch fogged the Township on August 11th, 13th and 14th.
4. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the first pay request for Decker Construction in the amount of \$28,060.33.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the first pay request for Decker Construction in the amount of \$28,060.33. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve Decker Construction for \$30.00 per linear foot for approximately 316 feet to repair approaches.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Decker Construction for \$30.00 per linear foot for approximately 316 feet to repair approaches. Vote; Aye.

6. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the sixth payment request for Miller Pavement for \$46,331.60.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the sixth payment request for Miller Pavement for \$46,331.60. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the pending zoning map.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Cypress Methodist Church annexation to the City of Columbus and she will give a list of violations to the City.
3. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on Thornapple Golf Course expansion of ponds.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on current membership is up to 170 members 80 percent membership are residents of the Township.
2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the Senior Center Craft Show on November 13, 2004.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve advertising for the new triple combination fire pumper truck on August 23, 2004 and bid opening on September 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve advertising for the new triple combination fire pumper truck on August 23, 2004 and bid opening on September 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve \$800.00 for new bedding for the firefighters.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$800.00 for new bedding for the firefighters. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel updated the Board packets will be available at the fire house for the Citizen Course Sign-up day for volunteer sign-ups.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Hellbranch Forum is undertaking a study to determine the effects of various development issues in the Darby Watershed. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve up to \$3,000.00 for representation on the Hellbranch Forum.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve up to \$3,000.00 for representation on the Hellbranch Forum. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve \$1,600.00 per year for Drug-Free Workplace training and authorize the chair to sign the agreement.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve \$1,600.00 per year for Drug-Free Workplace training and authorize the chair to sign the agreement.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Resolution Sidewalk Assessment for \$133,370.28.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Resolution Sidewalk Assessment for \$133,370.28. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye, Mr. Wharton, Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve Loretta Bull to full-time at \$14.00 per hour effective September 1, 2004.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve Loretta Bull to full-time at \$14.00 per hour effective September 1, 2004. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Property Maintenance Code the committee is meeting on August 24, 2004 and will have an updated proposed code hopefully by the next meeting.

A resident who lives on Buena Vista wants a field inspector hired and the property maintenance code adopted. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

Ms. Keller made a statement regarding sewer and water issues in the Township. In summary water and sewer is needed to keep from annexation to the City.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk