

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

Bids were opened by Chief Feustel and read by the Clerk for the purchase of one (1) combination engine/tanker fire apparatus as follows:

Crimson Fire	\$379,354.00
Ferrara	\$378,011.00
Pierce	\$399,673.00
KME Fire Equipment, Inc.	\$388,611.00
All American Fire Equipment, Inc	\$414,831.00
Sutphen	\$401,350.48

Chief Feustel was asked to review all bids and make a recommendation at a later date.

Deputy Timbrook introduced himself as the new deputy with no outstanding township issues.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. A liquor license transfer notice requesting a hearing for the business known as Just One More. No recommendation for the hearing was given.
2. The Clerk motioned the Board to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Franklin county Auditor.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Franklin county Auditor. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

3. The Clerk presented a request to change payroll companies from Paycor to ADP and authorize \$250.00 refundable deposit.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to change payroll companies from Paycor to ADP and authorize \$250.00 refundable deposit.

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 \$84,852.86 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 to approve step 3 wage increase for Josh Hoffman from \$14.08 to \$14.74.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve step 3 wage increase for Josh Hoffman from \$14.08 to \$14.74. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve pay request #2 for Decker Construction for the 2004 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$112,825.85.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve pay request #2 for Decker Construction for the 2004 Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$112,825.85. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch stated Decker Construction requested a one month extension on the completion date on the 2004 Road Improvement Project until the end of October 2004.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve a one month extension on the completion date on the 2004 Road Improvement Project until the end of October 2004. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve an article to be placed in the Fall/Winter newsletter that the sidewalk program will be continued next year.
5. Mr. McAninch updated the Board about the right turn only lane on Palmetto. The County stated that it is not warranted at this time due to the widening of Norton Road and recommended to drop the application. Mr. Sabbagh stated the timing requires consulting with the Franklin County Engineers Office and the City of Columbus Engineers.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to drop the application for the right turn only lane on Palmetto. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the center is distributing cards door to door in the Township to increase memberships.
2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the Holiday and Craft Bizarre is on November 13, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
3. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the American Red Cross is providing transportation to senior center members for medical appointments for free.
4. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on attendance for Lunch and Learn and Dinner and Dance is averaging 30-50 members and guests.
5. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on current memberships 156 residents of the Township and 36 non-residents of the Township.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt the Resolution Of Support For The Big Darby Accord Regional Planning Process.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt the Resolution Of Support For The Big Darby Accord Regional Planning Process. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board that the Purchasing Policy Manual should be finalized in 4-6 weeks.
3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Trick or Treat night on October 28, 2004 from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Trick or Treat night on October 28, 2004 from 6-8 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Property Maintenance Code. The committee is close to reaching final opinions and a public meeting will be held on October 6, 2004 in the Township Hall at 7:00 pm.
5. Mr. Hatmaker made an announcement concerning the Franklin County Consolidated Plan for the distribution of Franklin County Block Grant money to help with Inah Avenue road project. There is a meeting to help the County set priorities on how to grant CDBG money on October 12, 2004 at the Prairie Township Senior Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The meeting is to obtain public input on how the funds are distributed for the next 5 years.
6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt Resolution Offering Condolences to the Family, Friends and Co-Workers Of The Victims Of The Lincoln Park West Apartment Tragedy And To Offer Support And Appreciation To Township Firefighters For Their Efforts.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt Resolution Offering Condolences to the Family, Friends and Co-Workers Of The Victims Of The Lincoln Park West Apartment Tragedy And To Offer Support And Appreciation To Township Firefighters For Their Efforts. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Neil Distlehorst expressed interest about the Big Darby Accord. He also questioned the Vorys, Sater, Seymour billing amounts concerning the sewer and water districts. Discussion followed.

Mr. Steve Kennedy asked about the fire department and a first response agreement with the City of Columbus. Mr. Wharton responded that it is not an appropriate time for a discussion in light of the tragedy.

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk