

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/SEPTEMBER 29, 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 meetings of August 18, 2004, September 1, 2004 and special meetings of September 9, 14 and 15 2004. Vote; Aye

Deputy Timbrook reported a lot of burglaries in the area during the day time and keep an eye out for your neighbors and report any suspicious.

Mr. Pitts asked what needs to be done to enforce the Township curfew. Also there is a problem with dirt bikes and ATV's. Deputy replied that he would discuss with Deputy Beecham to make him aware.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. Mr. Elie Sabbagh recommended to the Board to reject the bids for the Township Renovation since the bids exceeded the maximum recommended amount.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to reject the bids for the Township Renovation since the bids exceeded the maximum recommended amount. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the CDBG application for the Inah Avenue Project. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve \$1,000.00 for Feller, Finch & Assoc. application fee and to hold a special meeting for CDBG for Inah Avenue Project on October 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$1,000.00 for Feller, Finch & Assoc. application fee and to hold a special meeting for CDBG for Inah Avenue Project on October 13, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Vote; Aye.

3. The Clerk presented to the Board a liquor transfer for Mis Dos Nacions at 378 Grener Road. No hearing was requested.

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

\$250,000.00 from 1000-330-360-0000 to 1000-910-910-0000.
\$74,074.50 from 1000-910-910-0000 to 4404-760-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the payment of the Paycor payroll in the amount of \$95,913.78 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 updated the Board on the bids for the new fire apparatus he has narrowed it to three vendors and deferring a decision until a later time.
2. Chief Feustel updated the Board that October is fire prevention month and a list of activities that will be going on.
3. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the Lincoln Park fire and the press release

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to be published it was ruled as an arson. Chief Feustel thanked all the agencies that assisted with the fire including, Norwich, Jackson, Jefferson, Pleasant, Franklin and Columbus Fire Departments.

Mr. Stalter asked about the fire hydrant at the corner of Lennox and Beacon Hill. Chief Feustel responded that the county is waiting for a fitting to replace the hydrant.

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

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the 2004 Road Improvement Project Decker Construction damaged Ms. Eleanor Jones invisible fence while replacing her sidewalk. Mr. Wharton responded that the Board would review it and would advise at a later meeting.

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the new light weight zoning signs.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the proposed zoning amendments.
3. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve an additional zoning inspector position.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve an additional zoning inspector position. Vote; Aye.

Lani Cunningham presented a letter from the Zoning Commission Board recommending the Board adopt the Property Maintenance Code.

Mr. Hill complained that the people behind him have built an addition to their house and 12 people living in it. Ms. Swisher has contacted the Board of Health since it was outside the scope of the Zoning Department.

Mr. Pitts complained about junk cars in Village Park. Ms. Swisher responded that letters went out today.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the Advisory Committee is applying for a 501c3 and membership is up to 164 Township residents and 36 non-residents.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to reschedule the November 23, 2004 to November 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to reschedule the November 23, 2004 to November 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on health insurance and joining with other local governments. Mr. Wharton asked to retable until next year.
3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Affiliated Resource Group for \$21,600.00 per year and \$950.00 initial charge for help desk services, network monitoring/support and IT consultation. Ms. Keller requested to be tabled until later for more clarification.

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4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board for a salary increase for Chief Feustel to \$72,000.00 per year per his employment resolution.
5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve a salary increase for Marjorie Deuschle for \$3,000.00 per year.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve a salary increase for Marjorie Deuschle for \$3,000.00 per year. Vote; Aye.

6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve a 3% salary increase for Connie Swisher.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve a 3% salary increase for Connie Swisher. Vote; Aye.

7. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt Resolution of Support for the Big Darby Accord Regional Planning Process (Supplemental).

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt Resolution of Support for the Big Darby Accord Regional Planning Process (Supplemental). Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

8. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Property Maintenance Code and there is a special meeting on October 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
9. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize him to sign a three year contract with SBC.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to authorize him to sign a three year contract with SBC.

10. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to Decker Construction to repair Ms. Eleanor Jones invisible fence.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to Decker Construction to repair Ms. Eleanor Jones invisible fence. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

Ms. Stalter asked about the dumpster behind New Rome Motel is in the alley right of way and if it can be moved. Mr. Wharton responded he would have Mr. McAninch look into it.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if New Rome needs to comply with Prairie Township Zoning laws. A discussion followed.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board recess into executive session at 8:55 p.m. for the purposes of considering the employment a public employee or official 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.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 9:48 p.m. Roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Keller, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye, Mr. Wharton, Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve hiring Melissa Floyd as Zoning Field Inspector effective October 6, 2004 at \$14.00 per hour with one week vacation after six months of employment and all other terms consistent with the employee manual. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve hiring Dana Scott as Zoning Clerk effective October 6, 2004 at \$14.00 per hour with one week vacation after six months of employment and all other terms consistent with the employee manual. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve making Connie Swishers three percent raises retro six months after her hire date. Vote; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk