

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/OCTOBER 13, 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, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of September 15, 2004. Vote; Aye

Corporal Jodrey reported to the Board they have increased patrolling the Village Park area and the complaints have decreased.

Ms. Stalter stated at Kenard and Lennox there is a no parking sign and people are parking there making it difficult for traffic. Corporal Rim said he would check into it.

Ms. Nora Hiland with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District gave a presentation on the Phase II Storm Water Program. The Ohio EPA will invoice each township \$500.00 for monitoring water ways.

The Clerk presented the following items:

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 \$107,476.98 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

1. Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Inah CDBG application and his recommendation is to apply for funds in September of 2005.
2. Mr. Sabbagh updated the Board on the Sidewalk Improvement Project CDBG funds do a 30% local match but does not include engineering costs. Mr. Sabbagh proposed holding the public meeting on October 27, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve \$2,000.00 for field work and preparation of application.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve \$2,000.00 for field work and preparation of application. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve the re-bidding dates for the Township Renovation as October 26, 2004 and November 2, 2004 and open bids on November 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the re-bidding dates for the Township Renovation as October 26, 2004 and November 2, 2004 and open bids on November 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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 the sidewalks are 100% complete, curb, gutter and approach work is 100% complete, topsoil is 75% complete and paving, milling is 65% complete.
2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on Ms. Eleanor Jones invisible fence repair and Decker Construction has agreed to repair her fence.
3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the storm sewer camera work that was started on October 4, 2004 they have completed approximately 60 hours of work and have two areas to complete. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to

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approve an additional \$5,000.00 to complete the project.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve an additional \$5,000.00 to complete the project. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. McAninch updated the Board updated the Board the post have been replaced in the walkway between Lincoln Village North and Little Farms.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to review a new fee schedule for zoning.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve \$1,100.00 for three high band walkies.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve \$1,100.00 for three high band walkies. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the vendor selection on the new fire apparatus. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve Pierce for \$391,365.00 for the new fire apparatus.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve Pierce for \$391,365.00 for the new fire apparatus. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the fire prevention monthly activities.
4. Chief Feustel requested the Board to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Township Fire Department Tanker Truck.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Township Fire Department Tanker Truck. Roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Wharton; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board to accept the Senior Center Advisory Board Constitution and By-Laws.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to accept the Senior Center Advisory Board Constitution and By-Laws. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the current membership is 170 Township residents and 38 non-residents.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on payment of the new fire apparatus he recommends a cash payment from the general fund.
2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Affiliated Resource Group proposal. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Affiliated Resource Group proposal for up to \$21,600.00 per year.

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Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve Affiliated Resource Group proposal for up to \$21,600.00 per year. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the purchasing policy and will have a final draft at the next meeting.
4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on leaf and yard clippings disposal for the storm sewers.
5. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Franklin County Development Department held a meeting on October 12, 2004 at the Senior Center on the consolidation plan for years 2005-2009 and the department's priorities.

Mr. Scior asked if a property maintenance code would increase the grants available to the area. Mr. Hatmaker responded that neighborhood improvement grants would be available if a property maintenance code was adopted.

Old Business:

Mr. Pitts asked about trash collection in the Township. Mr. Hatmaker responded it is coming and he will be asking for community involvement.

New Business

Public Comment:

Mr. Conrad commended the Board for their efforts for including the public for the adoption of the proposed Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Conrad requested the Board to state their position on the code. Mr. Wharton replied he is favor of the code. Ms. Keller replied she is in favor of the code. Mr. Stormont replied he agreed with Ms. Keller's statement. A discussion followed.

Announcements:

Ms. Keller announced when we purchased the Phillips property of 225 acres we received monies from Clean Ohio and Nature Conservancy, 200 acres are in a permanent conservation easement. This is a pilot project for Corps. of Engineers to restore the Hellbranch waterway.

Ms. Keller apologized for being late and explained she was at the WABA annual meeting and received an award on behalf of the Trustees from WABA "Acknowledging Outstanding Contributions to the Westland Area"

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk