

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 5, 2005

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Wharton, with Ms. Keller, Mr. Stormont 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.

Deputy Timbrook updated the Board on the breaks-ins they have made an arrest. A resident asked about several cars have been broken into on Gladys and if he could update. Deputy Timbrook said he would have to check with the other Deputies.

Ms. Keller introduced Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Leisure from the South-Western City School District. Dr. Hamilton requested the Board adopt Resolution of Support for the February 8, 2005 South-Western City Schools Operating Levy.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board adopt Resolution of Support for the February 8, 2005 South-Western City Schools Operating Levy. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye; Mr. Stormont; Aye.

The Clerk presented the following items:

Mr. Wharton conducted the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as follows:

Mr. Wharton nominated Mr. Stormont for Chairman.  
Ms. Keller seconded the nomination.  
Mr. Wharton moved the nominations be closed.  
Ms. Keller seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Wharton	Aye
Ms. Keller	Aye
Mr. Stormont	Abstain

Roll call vote on the nomination as Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Wharton	Aye
Ms. Keller	Aye
Mr. Stormont	Abstain

Ms. Montag declared Mr. Stormont the duly elected Chairman for the year 2005.

Mr. Wharton nominated Ms. Keller for Vice-Chairman.  
Mr. Stormont seconded the nomination.  
Mr. Wharton moved the nominations be closed.  
Mr. Stormont seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Wharton	Aye
Ms. Keller	Abstain
Mr. Stormont	Aye

Roll call vote on the nomination for Vice-Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Wharton	Aye
Ms. Keller	Abstain
Mr. Stormont	Aye

Ms. Montag declared Ms. Keller the duly elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2005.

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The Chair was turned over to Mr. Stormont, Chairman to complete the meeting.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board adjourn in to executive session at 7:17 p.m. to consider the purchase of property pursuant to ORC 121.22 (g) (2). A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 9:30 from executive session to consider the purchase of property pursuant to ORC 121.22 (g) (2) no further action taken. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Ms. Montag presented the Board with copies of the pre-registration of the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board allowed all expenses for elected officials and Mr. Hatmaker for the winter convention of the Ohio Township Association to be held February 2-4, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency at the Greater Columbus Convention Center including mileage, parking, meals and registration. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to retain Capt. Terry Sanders as Fire Marshall for the year 2005.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms Keller seconded, the Board retains Capt. Terry Sanders as Fire Marshall for the year 2005. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Abstain, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to retain Peter Griggs as legal counsel for the Board for the year 2005.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board retains Peter Griggs as legal counsel for the Board for the year 2005. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to continue the employment of Wilbur Riebel, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

Ms. Keller moved Mr. Stormont seconded the Board continue the employment of Wilbur Riebel, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to rehire all township employees for the current year.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board rehires all township employees for the current year. Vote; Aye.

FIRE DEPT.	Wages per negotiated contracts
ROAD/CEMETERY DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual
ZONING DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual
ADMINISTRATION DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual

MISCELLANEOUS LABOR:

Cemetery Chain-Alton	\$2,400/year, payable \$200 per month
Cemetery Chain-Galloway	\$1,800/year, payable \$150 per month

TRUSTEES:

TERESA P. KELLER	\$19,101.96 ANNUAL SALARY
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JOSEPH A. WHARTON            \$19,101.96 ANNUAL SALARY  
DOUG STORMONT                \$19,101.96 ANNUAL SALARY

CLERK:  
LORI MONTAG                      as per Section 507.09 of the ORC

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board the cemetery charges remain at present levels.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the cemetery charges remain at present levels as follows: Vote; Aye.

Graves:	\$600 per grave	
Township Residents:	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$300
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$400
Non-Resident	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$450
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$575
Cremation:		\$150
Baby Burial:	36-40 inch	\$150
Foundations:	30 cents Per Square Inch	
St. James Burial:	Baby	\$300
	Regular	\$450
Disinterment Fee:	Resident	\$800
	Non-Resident	\$1,150

No burial Sunday or holidays observed by state and county government. All charges to be paid by cash, certified or cashier's check. Prices subject to change without notice.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 19, 2005 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 19, 2005 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board the allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and on the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and on the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2005 as money becomes available.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded to authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2005 as money becomes available.

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Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$110,069.73.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$110,069.73. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments through automatic withdraw from the checking account.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments automatic withdraw from the checking account. Vote; Aye.

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

\$2,100.00 from 2031-760-720-0000 to 2031-330-190-0000.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve an additional \$3,834.41 for engineering and additional costs for the Township Hall renovation.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve an additional \$3,834.41 for change order costs for the Township Hall renovation. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve the chairman to sign the contracts.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the chairman to sign the contracts. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve \$5,250.00 for Feller, Finch & Associates services for the Township Hall renovation project and authorize the chair to sign.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board to approve \$5,250.00 for Feller, Finch & Associates services for the Township Hall renovation project and authorize the chair to sign. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle requested that the strategic planning presentation be tabled until January 19, 2005.

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

1. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the proposed tax levy and will have the resolution ready at the January 19, 2005 meeting.

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

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the last snow and ice removal.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board set a public hearing for the 170-RZ-04 Zoning Text Amendments for January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

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Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board set a public hearing for the 170-RZ-04 Zoning Text Amendments for January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to appoint Mr. Bill Gallear to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term expiring 2010 and Mr. Bill Rowe to the Zoning Commission for a five year term expiring 2010.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to appoint Mr. Bill Gallear to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term expiring 2010 and Mr. Bill Rowe to the Zoning Commission for a five year term expiring 2010.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt Resolution Authorizing The Discarding Of An Eighteen Unit Locker Fixture.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt Resolution Authorizing The Discarding Of An Eighteen Unit Locker Fixture. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Creating The Prairie Township Road District Comprising The Unincorporated Area Of The Township.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Creating The Prairie Township Road District Comprising The Unincorporated Area Of The Township. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the West Broad Street development plan.
4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the trash district plans. Mr. Hatmaker contacted seventeen surrounding townships and updated the Board on the findings. A discussion followed.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Scior commended Mr. Wharton on how he conducted the last meeting under the circumstances.

A resident commended Mr. McAninch for doing a good job on the snow and ice removal.

Mr. Hymer commended Mr. McAninch for no water on Rome-Hilliard Road.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk