

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 19, 2005

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Stormont, with Ms. Keller, Mr. Wharton and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Chief Feustel, Mr. Hatmaker, Ms. Swisher, Mr. McAninch and Ms. Deuschle. (See attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont opened the public hearing for 170-RZ-04 Zoning Text Amendments.

Ms. Swisher presented Zoning Resolution Amendments to the Board as follows:

Section 210: revise the definition of "Garages, Private" to eliminate rental spaces and commercial vehicle parking in residential garages; Section 431: revise provisions relating to multiple and contiguous non-confirming lots in order to allow development on non-conforming lots which are serviced by centralized water and sewer facilities; Section 549: revise placard provisions for variances and conditional uses to require placement of such placards by applicant; section 609: revise placard provisions for zoning amendments to be applicable only upon applications by owners and lessees for zoning amendments and require placement of such placards by applicant; Section 610: revise the criteria for mailed notices of zoning amendments; Section 740: revise provisions relating to changing the Official Zoning Map; Section 1014: revise fencing provisions to require a permit upon a fence replacement; Section 1110: revise parking criteria to allow dwellings in the rural District to have unpaved parking and driveway areas; Section 1301: revise PUD provisions to clarify exception for planned unit developments created under Section 519.02 (c) of the Ohio Revised Code; Section 1358: revised placard provisions for PUD amendments to require placement of such placards by applicant.

On December 8, 2004, the Franklin County Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

On December 28, 2004, the Prairie Township Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments with the modifications described in the minutes of that meeting.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board accept the recommendation by the Prairie Township Zoning Commission and approve application 170-RZ-04. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Deputy Timbrook reported to the Board a week ago there was a car jacking and they have a suspect in custody. There has been an increase in cars being broken into.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk requested the Board to approve bonds for Mr. Stormont, Captain Sanders and Volunteer Coordinator Robin Comeans for \$50.00 each totaling \$150.00.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve bonds for Mr. Stormont, Captain Sanders and Volunteer Coordinator Robin Comeans for \$50.00 each totaling \$150.00.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$133,491.75 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Ms. Kim Grimm asked the clerk about late child support payments and the Clerk replied that all payments have been made and there are no late payments.

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Mr. Hatmaker presented for Mr. Elie Sabbagh. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve payment request for \$3,321.46 to Miller Pavement Construction for the Medfield Way Improvement Project.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve payment request for \$3,321.46 to Miller Pavement Construction for the Medfield Way Improvement Project. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the chair to sign change in chair documents for OPWC.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve Feller, Finch & Associates agreement for design, bidding, construction observation and contract services for the Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Improvements in Lincoln Village North & South for a total of \$56,000.00.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Feller, Finch & Associates agreement for design, bidding, construction observation and contract services for the Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Improvements in Lincoln Village North & South for a total of \$56,000.00.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board adopt A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Tax In Excess Of The Ten Mill Limitation.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board adopt A Resolution Declaring It Necessary To Levy A Tax In Excess Of The Ten Mill Limitation. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the annexation of Cypress Wesleyan Church to the City of Columbus.
3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve \$2,000.00 for software training and expenses for Chief Feustel and firefighter Kevin Wade, March 3-5 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller the Board to approve \$2,000.00 for software training and expenses for Chief Feustel and firefighter Kevin Wade, March 3-5 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve \$19,727.00 to purchase a 2005 Ford F250 4X4 truck.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve \$19,727.00 to purchase a 2005 Ford F250 4X4 truck. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the chair to sign letters to Mr. Shockley of Franklin County Sanitary Engineers and Mr. Ringle of Franklin County Engineers regarding drainage issues.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the chair to sign letters to Mr. Shockley of Franklin County Sanitary Engineers and Mr. Ringle of Franklin County Engineers regarding drainage Issues. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board where sewer work was done still some flooding issues but not as bad as previously flooding.

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4. Mr. McAninch updated the Board that Mr. Brady Kaylor of the Franklin County Engineers, is looking into solutions on the Tamara Avenue flooding issues.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board to approve Healthy Outlook Worldwide independent contract to provide instructional fitness classes.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve Healthy Outlook Worldwide independent contract to provide instructional fitness classes. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board that Melissa Floyd and Connie Swisher can not sign and independent contract and has donated all fees to the Senior Center.
3. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board on the Senior Center marketing plans.
4. Ms. Deuschle gave a presentation on the Senior Center strategic plans and goals to increase revenue for the Senior Center.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve a three percent pay increase for all township employees eligible except for firefighters and Senior Center employees. The Senior Center is based on merit and pro-rated at six month increase. The Senior Center Director a three percent increase to \$36,050.00 salary per year and the Senior Center Program Assistant to \$26,240.00 salary per year effective January 12, 2005.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve a three percent pay increase for all township employees eligible except for firefighters and Senior Center employees. The Senior Center is based on merit and pro-rated at six month increase. The Senior Center Director a three percent increase to \$36,050.00 salary per year and the Senior Center Program Assistant to \$26,240.00 salary per year effective January 12, 2005. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Nay, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt employment manual amendments to update return to work policies.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board adopt employment manual amendments to update return to work policies. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve \$6,520.50 for Parallel Technologies to upgrade the phone system.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve \$6,520.50 for Parallel Technologies to upgrade the phone system. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on Home Rule Township installing speed bumps in the township. Mr. Hatmaker said a traffic study would need to be done prior to installation. Mr. Wharton requested Mr. McAninch to research the different types of speed bumps to accommodate plowing.
5. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Solid Waste Committee, eight residents have responded to participate. Mr. Wharton requested taking names for a couple more weeks.

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Old Business:

Ms. Keller requested the Board to consider adopting a Resolution Rules For Public Comment. A discussion followed.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk