

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/MARCH 16, 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 announced the Solid Waste Contract has been postponed until March 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the Committee to present to the Board and the Board will vote on it at the regular trustees meeting March 30, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Downing reported to the Board an increase vehicle burglaries and if you see kids out late at night to call the Sheriff's Department. There have been several reports of vagrants begging for money, if you should see them to call the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. McAninch announced in mid May the township will be starting an issue II project on palmetto and will shut down the road and asked the Sheriff's Department to keep a watch for burglaries.

Ms. Pitts asked about the truck parked in the road on Oak Park past the mailbox. Deputy Downing responded it is moved when he checks on it. Ms. Pitts stated it was there now and he said he would check on it.

Mr. Ison asked if he knew anything about cutting back on patrolling because of increased gas prices. Deputy Downing responded that it is not Franklin County making those cuts.

Mr. Stormont requested changes for the minutes for the regular meetings of December 8, 2004, December 21, 2004, January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 2005, and table approval at the next meeting.

Mr. Bill Saxton spokesman for the South Western City School District requested the Board to support the school levy on the May ballot. A discussion followed.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to support the South Western City School Levy. Vote; Aye.

The Clerk presented the following items:

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

- \$6,000.00 from 2031-330-420-0000 to 2031-330-190-0000.
- \$500.00 from 2191-220-323-0000 to 2191-220-190-0000.
- \$500.00 from 2191-220-323-0000 to 2191-220-190-0000.
- \$4,000.00 from 2281-230-360-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.
- \$2,000.00 from 2031-330-490-0000 to 2031-330-359-0000.
- \$10,000.00 from 2281-230-323-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.
- \$2,000.00 from 1000-420-370-0000 to 1000-110-314-0000.
- \$1,000.00 from 2281-230-360-0000 to 2281-230-213-0000.

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 \$89,995.86 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:

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1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve hiring Jesse Kessler to year round part-time employee at \$10.00 per hour, with no benefits effective March 23, 2005.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve hiring Jesse Kessler to year round part-time employee at \$10.00 per hour, with no benefits effective March 23, 2005. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve \$7,800.00 for two street sweepings, to start April 11, 2005 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$7,800.00 for two street sweepings, to start April 11, 2005 and authorize the Chair to sign the contract. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the Palmetto Project and requested the Board to approve sending a letter the Sheriff's Department to keep an eye on the area when they go to construction.

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

1. Ms. Deuschle requested the Board to approve the Chair to sign contract for Michelle Comeans to teach computer classes at the Senior Center.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the Chair to sign contract for Michelle Comeans to teach computer classes at the Senior Center. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Deuschle updated the Board the Senior Center has over 300 members.

Mr. Ison asked about Weight Watchers at the Senior Center and how much the center is going to make. Ms. Deuschle replied Weight Watchers will bring in \$17,000.00 per year.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the new phone system with the auto attendant.
2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the new annual Sheriff's Contract for \$234,696.14.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve the new annual Sheriff's Contract for \$234,696.14. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Murray asked about COTA busses on Frost and South Grener when there are no bus stops on those streets. Mr. Stormont asked Mr. Hatmaker to contact COTA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk