

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/APRIL 27, 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 moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meetings of March 16, March 30, and April 13, 2005. Vote; Aye

Deputy Downing reported to the Board the call statistics for the month of March of the two Township Sheriff cars. 388 Dispatch runs, 437 pick-up runs, 21 domestic runs, 1 domestic assist, 7 gun runs, 32 back up runs, 2 civil protection orders, 78 offense reports, 8 information, 195 record checks, 133 business checks, 9 citizen assists, 3 fresh felony arrest, 23 fresh misdemeanor arrest, 4 misdemeanor citations, 12 misdemeanor warrant arrests, 14 prisoner transports, drove 5,223 miles, recovered 1 stolen vehicle, 18 impounded vehicles, 48 traffic warning, 28 traffic citations, 25 crash citations and 2 omvi arrests.

Ms. Jeri Stumbo stated a lot of cars are turning left onto Greener from the 270 exit ramp during 4-6 p.m.

Chief Feustel gave a Fire Levy presentation and why it is important to support the Fire Levy on May 3rd.

A resident asked if their property value increases does the taxes also increase. Chief Feustel responded that they do not, the tax is based on the value when the levy passes.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Palmetto Project and Mr. Tom Shockley from the Franklin County Engineers Office is interested in extending water lines West on Palmetto to Norton Road and if they can do the work as part of our project. Mr. Sabbagh's recommendation is if the County gets the design documents and an agreement together where it doesn't affect the project he doesn't see a problem with it. Mr. Wharton and Ms. Keller are in favor of it but would like more details.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on bid opening for the Palmetto Project is May 6, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. and will update the Board on the bids at the May 12, 2005 regular trustees meeting.

Ms. Kim Baker with Eastman & Smith Ltd. gave an overview presentation on the Solid Waste Contract. The Board is not required to accept any bids. It is a two step process. Step one is to ask for bids for facility services for the disposal of solid waste, for the processing of the recyclables and the composting of yard waste to get a guaranteed price that any of the haulers can use to deliver those materials to the facility. Once the bids are received and opened and designate the lowest bid for the facility. Not award a contract just designate which facility the haulers would use and lock in the price for the facility use. Step two is to ask for bids for collection from the haulers. The facility bid documents are standard. The collection bid documents can be very specific. Weekly unlimited collection including bulky items, recyclable materials and yard waste, A three, four and five year renewal option, days of service, exclusive contract, Township facilities service included at not additional charge, contractor bills resident quarterly, carryout service for residents with disabilities, senior citizen discount, containers, Township approve routes, collection times, missed collections, clean ups (hydraulic fluid, solid waste, etc.), bid bond, performance bond, contractor proved annual notice to resident with rules and complaint telephone numbers and termination of service for non-payment. A discussion followed. Ms. Baker requested the Board to approve advertising for the facility bids on April, 30, 2005 and May 14, 2005.

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Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve advertising for the facility bids on April, 30, 2005 and May 14, 2005. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Nay.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk requested the Board to approve Marjorie Deuschle and Carol Scior bonds in the amount of \$50.00 each.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Marjorie Deuschle and Carol Scior bonds in the amount of \$50.00 each. Vote; Aye.

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

\$15,000.00 from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-390-190-0000.
\$10,000.00 from 1000-390-190-0000 to 1000-390-321-0000.
\$5,000.00 from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-390-321-0000.
\$43,000.00 from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-110-599-0000.
\$500.00 from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-760-720-0000.
\$11,500.00 from 1000-110-389-0000 to 1000-110-230-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$93,901.97 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 requested the Board to approve Brian Gibson to full-time status.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve Brian Gibson to full-time status. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel announced to the Board on the Fire Departments participation in the Latino Children's Day activities at Westland Mall on April 30, 2005 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
3. Chief Feustel announced the Fire Department is having a community open house on May 15, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for EMS Week. Doctor's Hospital and OSU will have personnel available to answer questions about heart attack risks for adults. The Mobil Intensive Care Unit and Med Flight will be available for tours.

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board the zoning office received a rezoning application for 480 South Grener Road and should have it back to the Board in July.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Spring Clean-Up she received five partial tipping passes from solid waste and received the supplies for the clean-up and told the residents to help themselves.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the New Rome auction being handled like a bankruptcy and the township acting as an administrator. The auctioneer

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will need access to the police cars to include in the advertising. Mr. Peter Griggs stated after the assets have been liquidated and the Judge signs an entry of what creditors get paid as well as the expenses the township has incurred for the process.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about New Rome being under the Township Zoning laws. Mr. Griggs has met with Ms. Swisher and discussing.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if the appraisal for the Gutheil property was completed and was it bid out. Mr. Wharton replied it should be completed in about a month and it wasn't bid out.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about "Exhibit A" of the Water and Sewer Franchise Agreement that included all of Prairie Township. Mr. Wharton replied that the Franchise Agreement includes the unincorporated area of the township.

Mr. Morrison stated the majority of the township already has a place to flush their toilet it's called the City of Columbus. He doesn't appreciate taking his back yard and designate the rest of the Township to flush their toilet in his back yard. He stated if Columbus wants our township let them provide us with sewers. A sewer plant is not going to stop annexation to the City of Columbus.

Mr. Wharton stated he wants development according to the Comprehensive Plan and the City of Columbus has a higher density than our Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Wharton gave a presentation on development in the township. He feels it is good public policy that the Township has the control of where the sewer pipes go. With Ohio American Water partnering with the township, we can control where the pipes are located. The proposed plant will only provide three million gallon a day which limits the number of houses that it could serve. The incentive if we can provide sewer and water for developers within the Township, kids will go to South Western schools, our tax base will increase which will enable us to continue to provide high quality government services.

New Business:

A resident stated there is continuous water draining into the street at 329 Danhurst Road and the water stands in the curb and collects all the trash that blows. The Apartments on Old Village has a pipe that drains onto the parking lot and water stands in the curb. Also all the trash in front and behind the Wash and Tan on Broad Street. Mr. Wharton asked Ms. Swisher to look into the matter.

Mr. Mike Blank asked the Board to consider parking on one side of the streets in the Township as it is not safe for the kids and he doesn't see how a fire truck can drive down some of the streets.

Mr. John Holderby asked the Board to consider the continuation of the park improvement project in the Township by focusing their efforts on Carl Frye Park by installing a shelter house. Mr. Wharton asked Mr. McAninch to get a quote for a basic shelter house and playground equipment and walking path. Mr. Holderby announced his resignation effective July 8, 2005.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded to change the next Board of Trustee meeting to Thursday May 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk