

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 8, 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: Lieutenant Route, 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 meeting of May 25, 2005. Vote; Aye

Ms. Kim Baker gave an overview of the disposal facility bids.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Wharton seconded to designate SWACO for solid waste at \$25.00 per ton per year for four years, SWACO for yard waste at \$0.00 per ton per year for four years and Rumke for recycling at \$15.00 per ton per year for four years. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Nay. A discussion followed.

Ms. Kim Baker announced July 6th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. would be bid opening for the collection of waste.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to sign and execute the contract for the Palmetto Project with Miller Pavement Construction.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to sign and execute the contract for the Palmetto Project with Miller Pavement Construction. Vote; Aye.

Deputy Timbrook reported to the Board he has flyers of the double shooting on Darian Avenue for anyone who is interested.

Mr. Gene Jones asked how many calls has the department received on Sunday about 320 S. Grener for loud music. Deputy responded that he was not on duty on Sunday so he could say. Deputy Timbrook stated he hasn't received as many call as he use to.

The Clerk presented the following items:

1. The Clerk requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Declaring Intent To Repair Certain Sidewalks and Levy Special Assessments and Setting Hearing.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Declaring Intent To Repair Certain Sidewalks and Levy Special Assessments and Setting Hearing. Vote; Aye.

2. The Clerk updated the Board on the Certificate of Result of the May 3, 2005 Fire Levy.
3. The Clerk requested the Board to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Miscellaneous Township Office Equipment.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Miscellaneous Township Office Equipment. Vote; Aye.

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 \$103,888.62 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

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1. Ms. Connie Swisher updated the Board on the rezoning application of 480 S. Greener has been approved by the Franklin County Planning Commission with conditions of that application.
2. Ms. Connie Swisher updated the Board on the Township of the Spring Clean-Up Program. We discarded 40 thousand pounds of trash, 10 thousand pounds of tires.

A resident asked about noxious weeds at 389 Alton Road.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Chair sign a noxious weed complaint for 389 Alton Road. Vote; Aye.

Lieutenant Route addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Lieutenant Route requested the Board to approve to place part-time firefighter Dan Hirsch to full-time status effective immediately pending passing his physical.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve to place part-time firefighter Dan Hirsch to full-time status effective immediately pending passing his physical.

2. Lieutenant Route requested the Board to approve a date to interview for the vacant Lieutenant's position. Mr. Wharton requested to coordinate it through Mr. Hatmaker.

Old Business:

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if the Gutheil appraisal is complete. Mr. Wharton replied it is still being worked on.

New Business:

Mr. Wharton stated there is an opt out petition filed with the EPA that is going to have an impact on 208 Plan that will eventually have an impact on the Darby Accord.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board directing the Administrator, Mr. Hatmaker to draft a letter in favor of the opt out petition to amend the 208 Plan. Vote; Aye.

Public Comment:

Mr. Dave Conrad stated that several people have expressed their anger at the opinions that were expressed by Mr. Wharton in the last issue of the newsletter. Not all residents of the township are in agreement with those who criticize Mr. Wharton. In his opinion he found it unique and refreshing that an elected public official actual had the courage to put forth his views on a variety of controversial issues that face the township. To often our elected representatives at all levels of government chose to follow the path of least resistance. This entails the appeasement of the most vocal faction of a particular issue rather than take a stand for what they feel is the right thing to do regardless of the consequences. He applauds Mr. Wharton for putting forth his agenda in a public forum rather than taking the more politically correct posture of mouthing meaningless platitudes for the sole purpose of getting re-elected.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst stated that Mr. Conrad couldn't vouch for the veracity of Mr. Wharton's comments. Mr. Wharton didn't offer any support for several comments made in that article. He suggest if your going to make comments offer proof of your statements.

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Announcements:

Mr. Wharton announced the New Rome Auction will be at July 16, 2005 at 4:01 p.m.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board recess into executive session at 8:05 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) for the purpose of conferencing with legal counsel concerning imminent court action involving the Township. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye; Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3) for the purpose of conferencing with legal counsel concerning imminent court action involving the Township with no action taken. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Aye, Ms. Keller; Aye; Mr. Stormont; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk