

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JULY 20, 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, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board accept the resignation of firefighter Bobby Griffith effective immediately. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of June 22, 2005. Vote; Aye

The Clerk presented the following items:

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

\$9,000.00 from 1000-760-730-0000 to 1000-110-599-0000.
\$15,000.00 from 1000-330-360-0000 to 1000-110-599-0000.

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 \$100,207.77 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:

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve pay request number five to Decker Construction for \$4,115.00 and pay request for retainage for \$27,964.85 for the 2004 Road Maintenance Project.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve pay request number five to Decker Construction for \$4,115.00 and pay request for retainage for \$27,964.85 for the 2004 Road Maintenance Project. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch presented to the Board recommended Cemetery rule and fee changes.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh presented the bids to the Board for the Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Improvement Project. Bids ranged from \$434,209.66 to \$547,289.45. The Engineer's estimate was \$287,100.00. Mr. Sabbagh's recommendation is to reject all the bids and reduce the scope and re-bid the project.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to reject all the bids, reduce the scope and re-bid the Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Improvement Project. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve \$450.00 for Feller, Finch and Associates to submit OPWC application for Inah Avenue.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve \$450.00 for Feller, Finch and Associates to submit OPWC application for Inah Avenue. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the shelter houses, he has submitted the drawings for the Board to review.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to adopt and the Chair to sign the

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Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985.

Ms. Keller moved, Mr. Stormont seconded Board to adopt and the Chair to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Board of Trustees and the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Abstain, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to adopt A Resolution Abolishing the Rank of Department Captain and Establishing the Rank of Assistant Fire Chief and Appointing Department Captain Mark Good to the Rank of Prairie Township Assistant Fire Chief and Amending Resolution No. Establishing and Clarifying the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Mark Good.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to adopt A Resolution Abolishing the Rank of Department Captain and Establishing the Rank of Assistant Fire Chief and Appointing Department Captain Mark Good to the Rank of Prairie Township Assistant Fire Chief and Amending Resolution No. 12-05 Establishing and Clarifying the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Mark Good. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Wharton; Abstain, Ms. Keller; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve August 11, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. for Lieutenant interviews to complete the requirements of the union contract.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve The Ohio Plan property and liability insurance coverage for \$39,681.00 for August 2005 to August 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve The Ohio Plan property and liability insurance coverage for \$39,681.00 for August 2005 to August 2006. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about the special meeting on July 18, 2005 for the purpose of considering the purchase of property and if any action was taken. Mr. Stormont responded that no action was taken.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Russ Pitts stated they continue to have problems the juveniles in Village Park. He called the Sheriffs Department to make a report and they refused to take a report. He is very discussed with the Sheriff's Department and not doing anything with the delinquent juveniles.

Mr. Nick Contras owns property on Hilton Avenue and is speaking for several property owners on Hilton Avenue. He expressed his appreciation for the Sheriff's Department and Fire Departments efforts to clean up Hilton Avenue. He is interested in having a neighborhood crime watch area.

Mr. Contras also thanked Ms. Swisher and Ms. Floyd for their efforts in cleaning up the abandoned property on Hilton Avenue.

Mr. Contras and other property owners strongly support the Property Maintenance Code and offered assistance in helping get it passed.

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Deputy Timbrook reported there has been an increase in solicitors in the area if you see anything suspicious to call the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Morrison asked who the attorney is that was hired for the Gutheil property. Mr. Stormont responded Mr. Ted Boggs. Mr. Morrison asked who authorized hiring him. Mr. Stormont responded the Board did.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board recess into executive session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (g)(1) for the purpose of considering appointment or employment or promotion of a public employee and pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (g)(2) for the purpose of considering the acquisition of real estate. 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 8:50 p.m. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board approve to hire Kelvin Ferguson as the Field Inspector in the Prairie Township Zoning Department at the pay rate of \$14.00 per hour effective July 25, 2005 with a minimum of a six month probationary period. At the end of the six month probationary period, the Board shall review said employment to determine if the probationary period shall end. The Board may extend the six month probationary period in its sole and absolute discretion. Vote; Aye.

Pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22 (g)(2) for the purpose of considering the acquisition of real estate. No action taken. Vote; Aye.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk