

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/OCTOBER 12, 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. Witkowski. (See attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of September 28, 2005. Vote; Aye

Deputy Downing reported to the Board that Deputy Timbrook was on a shooting call at the Speedway on Grener and West Broad. There was a home invasion on Woodlawn and they caught two of the four suspects. Deputy Downing also reported they had five felony arrests.

Mr. Dennis Skaggs stated there are 10 to 15 unsupervised kids that play in the middle of the street and will not move for cars. Deputy Downing stated he would try to better patrol the area.

A resident asked if there was a leash law in the township. Deputy Downing stated there is a state leash law and to contact Franklin County Animal Control.

The Clerk presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$107,740.04 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve the CDBG application for Eastham Way Project. Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve resolution NOTICE OF INTENT LEGISLATION AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTON DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMMIT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUNDS FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND INFRASTURCTURE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ALONG EASTHAM BETWEEN STURBRIDGE ROAD AND SCHOOLHOUSE LANE.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve resolution NOTICE OF INTENT LEGISLATION AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTON DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO COMMIT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUNDS FOR STORM DRAINAGE AND INFRASTURCTURE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ALONG EASTHAM BETWEEN STURBRIDGE ROAD AND SCHOOLHOUSE LANE. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Sabbagh requested the Board to approve resolution AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF THE EASTHAM WAY STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board approve resolution AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO SEEK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR FUNDING OF THE EASTHAM WAY STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Chief Feustel announced on Thursday October 6, 2005 we sent two firefighters Brian Roese and Dan Ellinger to be deployed with two men from Jackson Township, four from Norwich Township and Westerville and three from Tiffin to replace the firefighters that were deployed to Saint Bernard Parish in New Orleans and will be gone for two weeks.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the park and park equipment rules.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the park and park equipment rules effective October 12, 2005.

Prairie Township Park Rules: 1.) Welcome to the park. 2.) Park is open from Dawn till Dusk. 3.) Please clean up after your pet. 4.) No Motorized Vehicles Permitted in the Park. 5.) No Littering Please. 6.) No Alcoholic Beverages Permitted in the Park.

Prairie Township Park Equipment Rules: 1.) Welcome. For your play enjoyment, please obey the following rules or you may cause injury to yourself or others. 2.) This area is to be used only with adult supervision. 3.) Inspect play area before you start playing. 4.) If you notice any broken equipment or anything that requires immediate attention please call 614-878-3316. 5.) No running, pushing or shoving. 6.) Bare feet may cause injury. Proper footwear is required. 7.) No bicycle, roller blade or skateboard use in the playground area. 8.) No pets allowed in playground area. 9.) We appreciate your cooperation.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve up to \$25,000.00 for the cleaning and inspection of the Township storm sewer lines.

Mr. Wharton moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve up to \$25,000.00 for the cleaning and inspection of the Township storm sewer lines. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch announced the seconded street sweep will be the week of November 7, 2005.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve a pay increase for Melissa Floyd from \$14.00 per hour to \$14.70 per hour effective October 19, 2005.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board to approve a pay increase for Melissa Floyd from \$14.00 per hour to \$14.70 per hour effective October 19, 2005. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher announced the BZA changed their November meeting to November 15, 2005 due to Election Day.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve The Return and Statement to County Commissioners, Cutting and Destroying Noxious Weeds assessment for \$3,843.75.

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Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Wharton seconded the Board to approve The Return and Statement to County Commissioners, Cutting and Destroying Noxious Weeds assessment for \$3,843.75. Vote; Aye.

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

\$9,000.00 from 1000-220-599-0000 to 1000-110-389-0000.
\$31,000.00 from 1000-330-360-0000 to 1000-110-389-0000.

Old Business:

Mr. Wharton stated the township has a case under the Environmental Review Appeals Commission going to court next week and according to O.R.C. 504.15 (B) the county prosecutor can only represent our township with the consent of the board of county commissioners and asked if we got the consent of the county commissioner. Mr. Stormont stated he was not aware of any consent by the county commissioner. Ms. Keller stated the county prosecutor agreed to be our law director but was unaware that we needed the consent of the county commissioner. A discussion followed.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Ms. Keller reminded everyone that Ohio Health is sponsoring a clean-up on Broad Street from 270 to Hilliard-Rome Road on October 19, 2005 contact is Debbie Wilder at 554-2585. Rain date is October 20, 2005.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Clerk