

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 4, 2006

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser 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.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to accept the Certificate of Election for Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to accept the Certificate of Election for Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve the bonds for Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve the bonds for Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of December 21, 2005. Vote; Aye

Ms. Montag presented the following items:

Mr. Stormont conducted the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as follows:

Mr. Kennedy nominated Mr. Stormont for Chairman.  
Ms. Schlosser seconded the nomination.  
Mr. Stormont moved the nominations be closed.  
Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Stormont	Abstain
Mr. Kennedy	Aye
Ms. Schlosser	Aye

Roll call vote on the nomination as Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Stormont	Abstain
Mr. Kennedy	Aye
Ms. Schlosser	Aye

Ms. Montag declared Mr. Stormont the duly elected Chairman for the year 2006.

Mr. Stormont nominated Mr. Kennedy for Vice-Chairman.  
Ms. Schlosser seconded the nomination.  
Mr. Stormont moved the nominations be closed.  
Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Stormont	Aye
Mr. Kennedy	Abstain
Ms. Schlosser	Aye

Roll call vote on the nomination for Vice-Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Stormont	Aye
Ms. Kennedy	Abstain

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Ms. Schlosser            Aye

Ms. Montag declared Mr. Kennedy the duly elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2006.

The Chair was turned over to Mr. Stormont, Chairman to complete the meeting.

Ms. Montag presented the Board with copies of the pre-registration of the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded, the Board allowed all expenses for elected officials and Mr. Hatmaker for the winter convention of the Ohio Township Association to be held February 1-4, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency at the Greater Columbus Convention Center including mileage, parking, meals and registration. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms Schlosser seconded, the Board to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2006. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to retain Peter Griggs as legal counsel for the Board pending approval of a contract for the year 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded, the Board retain Peter Griggs as legal counsel for the Board pending approval of a contract for the year 2006. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to continue the employment of Wilbur Riebel, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

Mr. Stormont moved Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board continue the employment of Wilbur Riebel, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to rehire all township employees for the current year.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded, the Board rehires all township employees for the current year. Vote; Aye.

FIRE DEPT.	Wages per negotiated contracts
ROAD/CEMETERY DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual
ZONING DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual
ADMINISTRATION DEPT.	Wages per contracts and/or employee manual

MISCELLANEOUS LABOR:

Cemetery Chain-Alton	\$2,400/year, payable \$200 per month
Cemetery Chain-Galloway	\$1,800/year, payable \$150 per month

TRUSTEES:

DOUG STORMONT	\$19,674.00 ANNUAL SALARY
STEVE KENNEDY	\$19,674.00 ANNUAL SALARY
NICOLE SCHLOSSER	\$19,674.00 ANNUAL SALARY

FISCAL OFFICER:

LORI MONTAG	as per Section 507.09 of the ORC
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Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board the cemetery charges remain at

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present levels.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the cemetery charges remain at present levels as follows: Vote; Aye.

Graves:	\$600 per grave	
Township Residents:	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$300
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$400
	Opening & Closing Holidays until noon	\$500
Non-Resident	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$450
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$575
	Opening & Closing Holidays until noon	\$700
Cremation:	Weekdays	\$150
	Saturday & Holidays until noon	\$300
Baby Burial:	36-40 inch	\$150
	Saturday & Holidays until noon	\$300
Foundations:	30 cents Per Square Inch	
Disinterment Fee:	Resident	\$800
	Non-Resident	\$1,150

No burials Sunday Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. All charges to be paid by cash, certified or cashier's check. Prices subject to change without notice.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 18, 2006 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 18, 2006 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board the allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and on the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and on the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2006 as money becomes available.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded to authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2006 as money becomes available. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$114,846.12.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$114,846.12. Vote; Aye.

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Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments through automatic withdraw from the checking account.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments automatic withdraw from the checking account. Vote; Aye.

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

\$14,760.20 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-110-311-0000.  
\$400.00 from 1000-110-240-0000 to 1000-110-111-0000.  
\$100.00 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-110-131-0000.  
\$700.00 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-110-122-0000.  
\$250.00 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-110-139-0000.  
\$1,100.00 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-390-190-0000.  
\$21,000.00 from 2191-220-215-0000 to 2191-220-190-0000.  
\$3,000.00 from 2281-230-599-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.  
\$200.00 from 1000-110-141-0000 to 1000-110-122-0000.  
\$600.00 from 2281-230-599-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.  
\$4,000.00 from 2281-230-323-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.  
\$500.00 from 2281-230-599-0000 to 2281-230-213-0000.

Deputy Snider reported to the Board they had a couple of SWAT raids confiscated drugs and guns. There was a felony theft at Wahlgreen's the suspect was caught. They had three evictions on Hilton Avenue.

A resident asked about the gun show at Westland Mall and why are they allowed to buy guns without following Columbus background check laws.

Mr. Nick Soulas, Franklin County Assistant Prosecutor, stated Ron O'Brien, Franklin County Prosecutor has agreed to accepted the proposed contract for law director and the tabled for acceptance with the Franklin County Commissioner's office on January 10, 2006.

Mr. Stormont asked what the Prosecutor's office will not represent the Township on. Mr. Soulas responded the Prosecutor's office will sit in on insurance litigation, labor negotiations will not engage in. The only other matter they would not represent the Township is a conflict of interest since they represent Franklin County.

Mr. Kennedy stated the reason why the Township is contracting with the Franklin County Prosecutor's office is budget concerns to save on legal fees.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded to sign the law director contract with the Franklin County Prosecutor's office. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Armstrong asked if the trustee's understand how important the senior center is to the community. Ms. Schlosser stated yes and they are looking at every line item in the budget to save money.

Ms. Conrad asked where Ms. Schlosser was two years ago when the senior center was started. Ms. Schlosser stated she is now responsible for the budget and there is a short fall of revenues verses expenses and there needs to be changes.

A resident asked why not put a levy on the ballot for the senior center. Ms. Schlosser stated she was all for a levy for the senior center.

Mr. Kennedy stated he would like the prosecutor's office to look into putting the levy for the senior center as an initial petition and is open for suggestions to make the senior center self sufficient.

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Ms. Schlosser stated the Board has asked Ms. Witkowski to schedule a meeting with the senior center board to discuss the issues and the trustee's are willing to help anyway possible to make the senior center successful.

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

1. Chief Feustel updated the Board on the purchase of a new medic vehicle and the letter of intent to purchase in February 2006.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the purchase of a new tractor contract for \$2,250.00 for JD Equipment for mowing.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve the purchase of a new tractor contract for \$2,250.00 for JD Equipment for mowing. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Big Darby Accord Principles: 1) Protection of Environmentally Sensitive Areas 2) A preliminary land use plan that balances environmental protection and responsible growth 3) A preliminary land use plan that is based upon the by-right condition of existing zoning 4) Growth areas will be served by adequate public facilities 5) A mechanism to address equity and fairness through the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) 6) A memorandum of understanding (MOU) among Accord members to Implement the agreed upon plan 7) Development without the condition of annexation 8) Mechanisms for cooperative revenue sharing among Accord members 9) Water quality, biological integrity, and adaptive management.
2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Ohio Public Employers Retirement System contribution increase to nine percent.
3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) membership for \$200.00.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) membership for \$200.00. Vote; Aye

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to appoint Captain Jeff Route and firefighter Tim Hannum and Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser to the Volunteer Firefighters Indemnity Board for 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to appoint Captain Jeff Route and firefighter Tim Hannum and Steve Kennedy and Nicole Schlosser to the Volunteer Firefighters Indemnity Board for 2006. Vote; Aye

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adjourn in to executive session at 8:17 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline,

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promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (g) (1). A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board resume the regular meeting at 8:53 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (g) (1). A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve to extend the employment probationary period for Tammy Carlisle until March 24, 2006. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board discontinue and terminate the at-will employment of Melissa Floyd as an employee at-will of Prairie Township effective immediately January 4, 2006 and to direct the Township administrator, Tracy Hatmaker, to immediately notify Melissa Floyd of this decision and to request the return of all Township property and equipment. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

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

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer