

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE SPECIAL MEETING/JANUARY 18, 2006

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, which was posted in three places in the Township, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Mr. Stormont with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were Mr. Hatmaker and Ms. Witkowski.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Senior Center issues.

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gene Noel, President of the Prairie Township Senior Center Board, presented to the Board four different options to help with funding for the Senior Center in the future.

Plan A suggests fundraising activities, memberships and grants. Plan B suggests a levy posed to the tax payers. Plan C suggests CDBG grants which the township would match forty percent of the grant received. Plan D suggests join in a partnership with either another township or the City of Columbus to help with funding. A discussion followed.

Mr. Kennedy stated the Senior Center was started with no financial backing and what the current Trustee's are doing is trying to balance the budget and it costs approximately fifteen percent of the budget to operate the Senior Center. Surrounding Senior Centers do not operate with that high of a percentage. Mr. Kennedy is interested in keeping the Senior Center open and how do the Trustee's fund the Senior Center that is acceptable to everyone.

The Board thanked everyone for coming and for their suggestions and ideas.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer