

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/FEBRUARY 1, 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.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of January 18, 2006. Vote; Aye

Mr. Elie Sabbagh requested the Board to approve advertising for new maintenance building at 6725 Alkire Road on February 7th, February 14th and open bids on March 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m..

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve advertising for new maintenance building at 6725 Alkire Road on February 7th, February 14th and open bids on March 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m..

The Clerk presented the following items:

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

\$10,000.00 from 2191-220-420-0000 to 2191-220-410-0000.
\$25,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 to 2191-220-318-0000.
\$45,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 to 2191-220-490-0000.
\$5,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 to 2191-220-519-0000.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$105,693.09 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 updated the Board on bids for two mowers. 1.) Hoffman: LZ27KC605 27HP \$16,266.80, less trade in \$8,700.00 totals \$7,566.80 plus \$3.00 per hour used 2.) Good Earth: LZ27KC605 27HP \$16,160.00, less trade in \$7,500.00 totals \$8,660.00 plus \$5.00 per hour used 3.) Buckeye Power: LZ27KC605 27HP \$16,232.80, less trade in \$7,000.00 totals \$9,232.80 plus \$7.00 per hour used. Mr. McAninch recommended and requested the Board approve Hoffman to purchase two mowers for \$7,566.80 plus \$3.00 per hour used.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve Hoffman to purchase two mowers for \$7,566.80 plus \$3.00 per hour used. Vote; Aye.

Corporal Ing reported both township cars are at a reported robbery at the ATM next to CVS on Broad Street. He stated the parking on sidewalks problem is back and they will continue to issue warnings and citations.

A resident asked how long it takes to remove a vehicle from an accident scene. Corporal Ing stated if the vehicle is on the owner's property and is allowing the vehicle there that there is nothing for the Sheriff's can do.

Ms. Ardis Offensend stated she has heard that car jacking is going on in our area and just making residents aware.

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Ms. Marjorie Witkowski, Senior Center Director, addressed the Board with the following Senior Center matters:

1. Ms. Witkowski updated the Board the Senior Center has applied for CDBG grants for operational and capital funds.
2. Ms. Witkowski updated the Board the seniors have collected 839 signatures on petitions to place the senior center levy on the ballot in May. They are looking for .09 mil levy for five years which equals approximately \$28.00 per year based on a \$100,000.00 valued home.

Mr. Dale Lauffler stated if this is going to be on the ballot he will vote against it. If you don't want to belong why should you have to pay for it through your taxes.

A resident asked what options they are looking at to seek other building options. Ms. Witkowski stated they are seeking other options and when they have information she will update everyone.

A resident asked if the levy is passed would you still charge a membership fee. Ms. Witkowski responded the Senior Center Board would look at it.

Neil Distlehorst asked if the Board of Elections has approved the signatures yet. Ms. Witkowski responded it was dropped of today February 1, 2006 to the clerk and after ten days then it will go down to the Board of Elections for verification of signatures.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the proposed permanent appropriation review schedule the department heads will have their appropriations turned in to administration by February 24th. He would like to recommend a special meeting on March 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. to have a working session with the Board of Trustees and the final approval ready for March 15, 2006 regular Trustee meeting.
2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Big Darby Accord the project timeline has been expanded until June 2006 before implementation. A discussion followed.

Mr. Stormont stated the Board is ready to vote on the zoning amendments, a public hearing was held on January 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Testimony was heard and considered by the Board and the hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m. No additional testimony will be heard tonight but will consider public comment prior to their vote.

Ms. Swisher gave a description of the sections. 1.) Section 960: To revise Exceptional Use regulations and eliminate the time frame for filing a plat or applying for a zoning permit. Additionally, the change will clarify that modifications of an Exceptional use Development Plan require the Trustee's to determine whether it is a minor modification or if the property needs to be rezoned. 2.) Section 1015 #5: Eliminating the time frame established for vehicles making a temporary service or delivery calls. 3.) Section 1230: To eliminate the time frame established for placing political signs prior to an election, (in accordance with new state law change).

Mr. Stormont asked for any public comment. A discussion followed regarding the definition of a commercial vehicle.

Mr. Kennedy stated there were a lot of concerns regarding the Exception Use section at the public hearing they have work through the issues. He personally feels on the commercial vehicle amendment the whole issue needs looked at and he is not

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comfortable with making the code stricter before they make it right.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve Zoning Text Amendment Section 960: To revise Exceptional Use regulations and eliminate the time frame for filing a plat or applying for a zoning permit. Additionally, the change will clarify that modifications of an Exceptional use Development Plan require the Trustee's to determine whether it is a minor modification or if the property needs to be rezoned. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved to approve Zoning Text Amendment Section 1015 #5: Eliminating the time frame established for vehicles making a temporary service or delivery calls. Motion died due to lack of second.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approved Zoning Text Amendment Section 1230: To eliminate the time frame established for placing political signs prior to an election, (in accordance with new state law change). A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Old Business:

Mr. Mike Ison stated he didn't like the proposed new Long John Silvers/AW building. Mr. Ison asked what needs to be done for New Rome to vote on a zoning code. Mr. Stormont responded there would need to be a petition filed for the resident's to vote on it.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. Gene Noel announced there will be a Valentine's Day Dance at the Senior Center on February 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. and invited the Trustee's to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer