

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MARCH 29, 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 and Mr. McAninch. (See attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meeting of March 15, 2006. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner reported to the Board that Deputy Mister received several addresses and they have retrieved a lot of drugs and made several felony arrests. They have recovered several stolen vehicles and two stolen tractors from West Broad and Hubbard Road.

Ms. Schlosser asked if there has been an increase in thefts from vehicles on Murnan Road. Deputy Weiner responded not that he was aware of and they would keep a close watch on Murnan Road.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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

\$250.00 from 1000-390-360-0000 to 1000-390-213-0000.

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 \$103,931.91 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board approve the Chair to sign contract with Broadwing for T1 internet service for firehouse #241 and #243 for \$837.00 per month pending resolution of legal issues.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the Chair to sign contract with Broadwing for T1 internet service for firehouse #241 and #243 for \$837.00 per month pending resolution of legal issues. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel announced Saturday April 1, 2006 is time to spring forward one hour and check your smoke detectors.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the 2006 estimate for the road work project with the Franklin County Engineers for \$229,223.94.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the 2006 estimate for the road work project with the Franklin County Engineers for \$229,223.94. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve up to \$5,500.00 and to advertise for the Summer Youth Program.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve up to \$5,500.00 and to advertise for the Summer Youth Program. Vote; Aye.

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3. Mr. McAninch updated the Board that Road Department employee Dale Steinhoff is scheduled to return to work on April 12, 2006.

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

1. Ms. Swisher reviewed the process for initiating zoning court cases with the Board with no changes being made.
2. Ms. Swisher presented a proposal from Rumpke to provide dumpsters at all Township locations.

Ms. Schlosser requested Mr. Cahill from Rumpke to attend the next Trustee meeting to answer questions.

3. Ms. Swisher announced the Annual Spring Clean-up be May 1-8, 2006. Dumpster locations will be at 23 Maple Drive and 451 Hubbard Road.
4. Ms. Swisher announced SWACO has requested a representative from Prairie Township attend the Emerald Award Luncheon on April 20th, 2006 at 12:00 at the Hilton Easton. Ms. Schlosser said she would attend.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve a retainer agreement with Research Works for the West Broad Street Corridor Project not to exceed \$5,000.00, expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00 and authorize the chair to sign.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve a retainer agreement with Research Works for the West Broad Street Corridor Project not to exceed \$5,000.00, expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00 and authorize the chair to sign. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Kennedy asked how much revenue the project estimates to generate for the community. Mr. Hatmaker responded the project could generate approximately two million.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the Senior Center having someone certified to use the fitness equipment and it is not needed. The Senior Center will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
3. Mr. Hatmaker announced there will be a Darby Accord public meeting on April 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Westland High School.

Old Business:

Mr. Ison had a conversation with Mr. Ron O'Brien the Prosecuting Attorney for Franklin County and recommended the Township needed legal representation at every meeting and suggested that an intern may be able to assist. Ms. Schlosser stated the Board had spoke with the Prosecutor's office about Mr. Soulas attending every meeting and the Board decided he did not need to attend every meeting because the prosecutor does not feel comfortable rendering an opinion without additional research.

Ms. Betty Danish asked if anything was going to be done about the maintenance code because everything seems to be going downhill. Mr. Stormont responded they are looking into a nuisance code and having the prosecutor's office look in the matter.

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New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer