

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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REGULAR MEETING/APRIL 26, 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 and Mr. McAninch. (See attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kennedy requested changes to the April 12, 2006 meeting and tabled approval until next meeting.

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board that burglaries have increased in the area. He reminded everyone to make sure they lock their doors and report anything suspicious. The Sheriff's Department has received complaints about speeders on Arnold Avenue and they will be patrolling the area and doing radar also.

Corporal Eing stated the detectives have linked five burglaries together the victims are elderly, live in ranch homes. He suggested to leave porch lights on and to report any suspicious activity and you can do it anonymous.

Mr. Lee Shoaf stated a few days ago four or five Sheriff's cars were on Hubbard Road. Corporal Eing replied a white cadillac flicked a cigarette out the window and they pulled them over. The passenger gave false information and had warrants out and had the canine unit sniff for drugs, no drugs were found but they were arrested for their outstanding warrants.

A resident asked about speed bumps in Alton in the alley. Mr. Hatmaker responded it had to go though the Franklin County Engineers office.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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

\$800.00 from 1000-390-740-0000 to 1000-390-211-0000.

\$1,200.00 from 1000-390-599-0000 to 1000-390-211-0000.

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 \$92,667.98 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

The Fiscal Officer stated that is was her understanding that a new initiative petition is about to be circulated on behalf of the township senior and the senior center. The Fiscal Officer requested the Board to formally request an opinion from the Township Law Director with a step-by-step guide of what actions are to be accomplished by which office and a timeline working back from election day. Mr. Stormont asked Mr. Hatmaker to request the opinion from the prosecutor's office.

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

1. Chief Feustel reminded everyone that hydrant flushing started this week.

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

2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the salt shed fire and it appears to be arson. They are waiting for a response from the insurance company. He is reviewing all options for the wash bay and salt shed buildings. Mr. McAninch feels it is needed to place a fence and gate across the front of the road department building. Mr. McAninch had the County survey the right of way

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the entrance needs to be 15 feet back off the right of way. Mr. McAninch stated they are on the agenda for Zoning Commission on June 13th, 2006 for the variance.

Mr. Jim Kennedy asked how much insurance coverage there was. Mr. McAninch responded approximately \$50,000.00.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker outlined the nuisance complaint process for the Board. 1.) A notice would be sent by certified mail giving a least seven days notice of the first meeting the see if the property would be declared a nuisance. A second meeting would be set. 2.) At the second meeting, testimony could be given by the property owner and neighbors. If the nuisance has not been addressed or taken care of the Board could pass a resolution to address the nuisance to assess the property owners' taxes.

Ms. Judy Stalter asked if the public had to be notified of the hearing. Mr. Hatmaker responded that only the property owner needed to be notified. Ms. Stalter asked how soon this could be implemented. Mr. Stormont replied as early as next week

Mr. Jamie Mueller asked if the township wanted to add anything to the process what process need to be followed. Mr. Hatmaker responded he would recommend the Board adopt a policy stating what process to follow.

Ms. Pat Peer asked if it covers commercial property also. Mr. Hatmaker responded there is no difference between commercial or residential property.

Mr. Will Davis asked if the process is complaint driven. Mr. Hatmaker responded it is up to the Board to decide if it is complaint driven or not.

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board how to proceed from here. Mr. Stormont stated he liked surrounding neighbors being notified. Ms. Schlosser stated she would like a process written. Mr. Kennedy stated they would take a few worse case scenarios to determine how this process works.

Ms. Judy Stalter asked if the process addresses an appeal process. Mr. Hatmaker responded he didn't see anything that did.

Mr. Stormont recommended taking this under advisement and coming back at the next meeting for a process. Ms. Schlosser requested the zoning staff to put together a list of properties.

Mr. Hatmaker announced on May 6, 2006 at the Columbus Zoo a free child car seat check from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and get free passes to the zoo.

Old Business:

Mr. Lee Shoaf asked about Ohio American Water meeting. Ms. Schlosser responded she spoke with Ohio American Water and they explained why seeking rate increase. He is setting a public meeting and will let her know when it is.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. McAninch announced the Spring Clean-Up is next week.

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Mr. Jamie Mueller announced on April 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Library the Sheriff's Department will address gangs and graffiti.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer