

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MAY 10, 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, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meetings of April 12th, and April 26, 2006. Vote; Aye

Mr. Stormont opened the public hearing for the 2006 sidewalk improvement project.

Mr. Hatmaker presented to the Board the 2006 sidewalk improvement project. These repairs will be made as part of the annual road project and will be made at the request of the property owner. Payment can be made in full at the time of the repair or assessed over ten years interest free.

With no public comment Mr. Stormont closed the public hearing for the 2006 sidewalk improvement project at 8:10 p.m.

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board they will have the April statistics at the next meeting. There was a bank robbery and the criminal was arrested. They are focusing on Oak Park and Elm Park areas.

Ms. Lani Cunningham requested the Sheriff's Department to walk through Carl Frye Park because she has received a lot of complaint's from residents the people are in the park after hours. Deputy Weiner responded that they would.

Ms. Mary Meyers stated there is a red car that speeds all the time on Annhurst. Deputy Weiner stated he would run radar on that road.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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 \$111,651.60 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 updated the Board on the concrete work at the firehouse. It is near completion and waiting to for the sealer.
2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve up to \$12,000.00 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for Engine 243.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve up to \$12,000.00 to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for Engine 243. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the hiring of Mr. Terry Baker as supervisor for the 2006 Summer Youth Work Program at \$10.00 per hour.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve the hiring of Mr. Terry Baker as supervisor for the 2006 Summer Youth Work Program at \$10.00 per hour. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to accept the resignation of Zoning Commission Board member Mr. David Conrad and appoint Mr. Bruce Whyte to the Zoning Commission Board for the unexpired term.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to accept the resignation of Zoning Commission Board member Mr. David Conrad and appoint Mr. Bruce Whyte to the Zoning Commission Board for the unexpired term. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the grant application from SWACO for the Broad Street sign. The grant was approved for \$3,362.00.

Mr. Kennedy asked where the sign is going to be placed. Ms. Swisher responded the initial place was in front of JoAnn Fabrics on Broad Street. She has not confirmed that with Nationwide as of yet.

3. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve to proceed with filing of three new court cases.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve to proceed with filing of three new court cases. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSISMENTS AND SETTING HEARING.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adopt A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSISMENTS AND SETTING HEARING. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye; Mr. Stormont; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the Chair to sign the Medical Mutual Agreement to provide medical insurance to township employees and officials.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to authorize the Chair to sign the Medical Mutual Agreement to provide medical insurance to township employees and officials. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the 2007 Budget process and the staff will start preparing their budgets for the Boards approval.

Old Business:

Mr. Russ Pitts asked about the nuisance process. Mr. Stormont responded there is a draft process however, Ms. Schlosser has not reviewed it yet, and will have something by next meeting.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Kennedy asked Ms. Swisher to update everyone on the Spring Clean-up. Ms. Swisher stated she had over 100 kids from Grove City Christian Academy and helped with a four and a half hour clean up. It was by far the best turn out in her sixteen

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years in Zoning. They cleaned up all the township parks, Hilton Avenue Apartments, dumpsters. She will have a report of how much trash was collected at a later date.

Mr. Hatmaker thanked the Road Department and the Zoning Department for all their hard work on the Spring Clean Up.

Ms. Lani Cunningham asked the Board to clarify the article in the newspaper about the Senior Center closing. Ms. Schlosser responded the Board was not contacted for input for the article. She was disappointed in the paper, that it could set the Center back in all the hard work the seniors have been working on. Ms. Cunningham stated 1090 people have signed in to use the center.

Ms. Helen Cox asked if the Board has contacted the newspaper for a retraction article. Mr. Kennedy stated he sent an email stating he didn't appreciate an article being printed without him being able to respond. Mr. Kennedy recommended sending letters to the editor.

Announcements:

Ms. Schlosser announced Ohio American Water will be having a public meeting on June 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at 451 Hubbard Road Firehouse.

Ms. Lani Cunningham asked Mr. McAninch if he stated he was going to put a walkway in Carl Frye Park. Mr. McAninch stated his department was going to cut out the walkway this year and put recycled asphalt chips on the path and next year pave the path as part of the road improvement project.

Mr. McAninch announced Memorial Day Services on May 29, 2006 at Galloway Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and Alton Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer