

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MAY 24, 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 May 10, 2006. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner and Lieutenant Bain highlighted the statistics for the month of April for both cars. 366 dispatch calls, 30 domestic violence, 14 gun calls, 75 reports, arrested 11 felonies, 73 traffic citations (non crash), investigated 19 crashes and arrested 3 omvi's.

Deputy Weiner reported they executed a search warrant in Galloway on animal fighting and arrested four people and retrieved countless roosters and chicks. There is also an increase in vehicle break-ins. They have been aggressive in addressing the speeding on Evergreen and Fernhill and there should be improvement.

Ms. Betty Danish asked if there have been burglaries in Lincoln Village North. Deputy Weiner responded there has been some but not related to the string previously.

Mr. George Nunnemaker stated that three houses from him people are riding quad runners on Phillips property.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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

\$5,000.00 from 2191-220-420-0000 to 2191-220-319-0000.

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 \$101,025.58 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 requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF THE JAMES DAUGHERTY FAMILY GRAVE YARD IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTON CEMETERY AND DIRECTING THAT A PLAQUE BE DEDICATED AT ALTON CEMETERY HONORING THIS ROLE.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ROLE OF THE JAMES DAUGHERTY FAMILY GRAVE YARD IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALTON CEMETERY AND DIRECTING THAT A PLAQUE BE DEDICATED AT ALTON CEMETERY HONORING THIS ROLE. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye; Mr. Stormont; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch announced the Memorial Day Service at Galloway cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Alton cemetery.
3. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the hiring of 20 youths for the 2006 Summer Youth Work Program at \$5.15 per hour.

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Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve the hiring of 20 youths for the 2006 Summer Youth Work Program at \$5.15 per hour. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the 2005 Road Resurfacing Program. Miller Pavement Maintenance had been sold to the Shelley Company in March of 2006. Through negotiations between the Franklin County Engineers, Miller Pavement and the Shelley Company, Miller Pavement agreed to complete the punch list items and work is to begin on May 24, 2006. A discussion followed.
5. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the maintenance of the Brofford and Phillips properties. Mr. McAninch stated he has contracted with someone to spray these properties for thistle and weeds.

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the three court cases and a court date has been set for July 13, 2006.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board the Zoning Commission Board has set a special meeting for Tuesday May 30, 2006 at 4:00 p.m.
3. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Prairie Township sign recognition was incorrectly stated in the paper. It should have been Westland Area Business Association (WABA) and Adopt-A-Highway.
4. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the signs for the PUCO public hearing, she ordered the signs and left the date off in case the meeting date was changed.
5. Ms. Swisher announced WABA is having their Annual Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up on June 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., contact Susan Connelly at 554-2584 for additional information.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker sign the 2006-07 Standard Insurance Company life insurance agreement for \$194.40 per month.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker sign the 2006-07 Standard Insurance Company life insurance agreement for \$194.40 per month. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker sign the Ohio Insurance Services agreement to administer the Township's COBRA program for a total of \$650.00 per year.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to authorize Mr. Hatmaker sign the Ohio Insurance Services agreement to administer the Township's COBRA program for a total of \$650.00 per year. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker outlined the Nuisance Process for the Board to consider adopting. Complaint is received by the Township. Mowing complaints proceed directly to Class 2. For other complaints, the cost of correcting is estimated. Those that would potentially be charged over \$1,500.00 for cleanup will proceed to Class 1, all others will follow the Class 2 procedure.

Class 1 procedure: 1.) Board of Trustees sends a letter to Owner stated the problem

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and giving 30 days from the date of the letter for compliance. It will also state that if the nuisance is not corrected within 30 days, the Board will set a date for a hearing before the Board to declare the property a nuisance. 2.) Once the hearing date is set, the Board will send notice of the hearing by certified mail and regular mail (with a certificate of mailing) to the owner and any lien holders. Township will also notify by regular mail any adjoining property owners of hearing to declare property a nuisance. 3.) The Board will hold the hearing on the date set. Documentation and testimony will be reviewed. The Board will pass a resolution declaring the property a nuisance, authorize that a certified letter be sent providing notice of the Board's decision and giving 7 days to become compliant. The property will also be posted. 4.) Send out notice and post property. 5.) After 7 days from receipt of notice, Chairman of Board authorizes action to abate nuisance.

Class 2 procedure: 1.) The Township posts a notice on the property that cleanup/mowing will proceed at the owner's expense if not corrected within seven days or before the next trustees meeting, whichever is longer. (Either way, the posting will include the next trustee meeting date in case the owner wishes to attend and state their case.) 2.) The Township sends a letter via regular mail, with proof of mailing, on the same day that the notice is posted. 3.) The Board passes a motion (if it wishes to) at the meeting listed on the posting to mow/clean up the property and assess the owner. 4.) Mowing/clean-up can take place the day after the meeting.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst stated that the previous Board had spend countless hours arguing the Property Maintenance Code when O.R.C. section 505.85, 505.86 and 505.87 could address problem properties in the Township and asked why these sections of the O.R.C. have never been used and save the Township money.

Mr. Stormont responded this section of the code was used twice in 1989 and the Township did abate the property.

Mr. Stormont stated if the nuisance falls under the zoning code they still will follow the zoning process, but if it gets to the point of going to court he wants it brought to the Board's attention and they will decide whether to follow the nuisance process or court action.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board adopt the Nuisance Process. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to rescind A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING HEARING. It was previously passed on April 12, 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to rescind A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO REPAIR CERTAIN SIDEWALKS AND LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING HEARING. It was previously passed on April 12, 2006.

Mr. Morrison asked who is going to be designated to keep the residents informed on the nuisance process. Ms. Swisher responded the nuisance properties would be brought up at a Trustee meeting.

Old Business:

Ms. Pam Williams asked what the status of the audit is. Mr. Stormont responded he knows nothing yet. Mr. Kennedy responded he spoke with the Auditor's office three weeks ago and they said it would be done in two weeks. Ms. Williams stated it was her understanding the Township is being charged \$150,000.00 to \$180,000.00 in

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findings. Mr. Kennedy stated those numbers are incorrect he estimated \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Mr. Kennedy stated the audit should be complete by next meeting.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Ms. Schlosser announced the Senior Center is having their second annual Open House on June 3, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer