

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 7, 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 24, 2006. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board the last monthly given was for second shift only and gave an updated report for all three shifts. Deputy Weiner reported an increase in vehicle break-ins in the area. Deputy Weiner stated a lot of burglaries in Lincoln Village North area. Deputy Weiner suggested for everyone to leave any porch lights on. They are still addressing speeding on Fernhill and Evergreen. They have strong enforcement on Lombard and Murray Hill Road South and Lombard and Frost for people running stop signs.

Ms. Betty Danish asked how they are entering the homes. Deputy Weiner responded usually through a back door or window. Ms. Danish asked if they were dusting for prints. Deputy Weiner responded the Detective Bureau does the dusting for prints. A discussion followed.

Ms. Jan Pitts asked if they can increase their patrolling in Village Park area. Deputy Weiner said they would.

Ms. Nora Hiland of Franklin Soil and Water District and Paul Wenning of Franklin County Board of Health gave a presentation on the County EPA Phase II Storm water Permit. There are five county agencies and seventeen townships that have teamed together to meet the requirements of the permit. The Township is responsible for public education, public involvement, good housekeeping and pollution prevention. Ms. Hiland commended Mr. McAninch for making sure the township is meeting the requirements for the permit. Mr. Wenning stated this is a federal mandated project. Any discharge of any kind that is contaminating the waters has to be found and eliminated. The County Commissioners has asked the Franklin County Board of Health to be responsible for the elicit discharge detection elimination part of the permit. The State of Ohio has passed a new household sewage disposal law that will limit what kind of systems can be used in the future. The aerator system will go away and existing aerator systems will need replaced. Prairie Township has several areas targeted for sewer replacement. The County Commissioners has set aside money to help property owners if required to tap into sewers.

Ms. Jan Pitts asked if they are going to increase capacity at the treatment plants. Mr. Wenning responded at the present time the City of Columbus has capacity.

Ms. Judy Stalter asked if you are required to tap into the sewer do you have to annex. Mr. Wenning responded no that is the agreement with the City of Columbus which is still under negotiations.

Mr. Wenning emphasized if the agreement is reached it is only for developed areas. The county can not extended sewer for undeveloped areas. A discussion followed.

Mr. Elie Sabbagh, Consulting Engineer, requested the Board approve final payment for \$10,781.37 for Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk and Curb Improvement Project to Newcomer Concrete contingent on one sidewalk repair. The Township share is \$3,234.41 and \$7,546.96 is CDBG grant.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve final payment for \$10,781.37 for Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk and Curb Improvement Project to Newcomer Concrete contingent on one sidewalk repair. Vote; Aye.

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Mr. Elie Sabbagh updated the Board on the Palmetto project. Redman and Palmetto have been repaved, street signs need put up and some manholes need raised to grade.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve advance of \$7,546.96 from the general fund 1000 to Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk fund 4406.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded, the Board approve advance of \$7,546.96 from the general fund 1000 to Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk fund 4406. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve transfer of \$3,234.41 from the general fund 1000 to Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk fund 4406.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded, the Board approve transfer of \$3,234.41 from the general fund 1000 to Lincoln Village North and South Sidewalk fund 4406. Vote; Aye.

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 \$103,348.20 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Ms. Swisher updated the Board and the Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. They have rewritten the definition of article #1015 sections 3, 4 and 5.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board and the signs are placed in Lake Darby for the PUCO meeting on June 14th.

Mr. Jerry Ruhl stated his neighbor on Redman and Hiler Roads the grass is four feet high. Ms. Swisher stated we are in the process of changing an old process and will be addressing the properties in seven to ten days.

Mr. Will Davis asked if the Nuisance Code is being implemented. Mr. Hatmaker stated the process is being finalized. The Trustees have requested as a courtesy a phone call is made before a letter is sent to the property owner.

Ms. Jan Pitts asked why a courtesy call is being made when zoning doesn't even make a courtesy call. Plus you don't know who you are speaking with on the other end. Mr. Kennedy stated what the intent on the courtesy call is the property owners would comply before a letter was sent. Ms. Pitts stated you get the same thing with zoning when property owners receive a letter. Mr. Kennedy stated with the new process it would be a two week process instead of a six to eight week process. A discussion followed.

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

1. Chief Feustel announced the Annual Fish Fry will be on June 23rd and 24th. The car show will be on Friday, June 23, 2006.
2. Chief Feustel requested the Board approve a Verison two year service contract for the data modems for the EMS computers at \$180.00 per month.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve a Verison two year service contract for the data modems for the EMS computers at \$180.00 per month.

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Vote; Aye

A resident asked about fans for the elderly and less fortunate. Chief Feustel responded if residents buy fans he would be glad to distribute them.

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

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the 2005 Road Project and the punch list items have been completed and seeded. The Township's properties have been sprayed for thistles.
2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve Trudeau's Fence Company for \$6,000.00 for 5' commercial 9 gauge galvanized chain link fence at 6725 Alkire Road.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve Trudeau's Fence Company for \$6,000.00 for 5' commercial 9 gauge galvanized chain link fence at 6725 Alkire Road. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve hiring Robin Comeans as permanent part-time Senior Center Director at \$12.02 per hour, vacation and pro-rated sick leave.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve hiring Robin Comeans as permanent part-time Senior Center Director at \$12.02 per hour, vacation and pro-rated sick leave. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve circulation of the Request For Proposal document.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve circulation of the Request For Proposal document. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the IT Request For Proposal (RFP) and Consultant Search outline. The RFP available by June 12, 2006 and advertise. RFP's due by July 7, 2006 at Township Hall. Week of July 10, 2006 set up interviews. By August 2, 2006 execute agreement.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the IT Request For Proposal (RFP) and Consultant Search outline. The RFP available by June 12, 2006 and advertise. RFP's due by July 7, 2006 at Township Hall. Week of July 10, 2006 set up interviews. By August 2, 2006 execute agreement. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve a 60 day extension of Consolidated Services for IT services.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve a 60 day extension of Consolidated Services for IT services. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter canceling Anthem Medical and Life Insurance.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve and authorize the Chair to sign letter canceling Anthem Medical and Life Insurance. Vote; Aye.

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6. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board at the Senior Center Open House there were 120 visitors, 18 renewals memberships and 5 new memberships. Also, beginning on July 8, 2006, Robin Comeans has made arrangements for the Senior Center to be open on Saturdays from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.
7. Mr. Hatmaker announced a Darby Accord Public Meeting at Heritage School, 5670 Scioto Darby Road on June 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Schlosser requested Mr. Hatmaker to give a Senior Center report of memberships and traffic at the Senior Center. Ms. Schlosser stated during the month of May, traffic at the Senior Center increased by 40 percent. Ms. Schlosser stated she attended the Senior Center Open House and stated it was very well presented.

Ms. Schlosser stated Mr. Hatmaker has sent a letter to Nationwide for rent abatement for the Senior Center.

Ms. Schlosser was approached for the Township to make a \$50.00 donation for candidate night at the Senior Center to help defray the costs. Mr. Stormont responded it was the candidates who made the donations.

Old Business:

Ms. Schlosser requested a resident committee to design a Township logo and to email (Schlosserlaw@aol.com) her their interest.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Mr. Russ Pitts stated the Township is in bad shape and the Nuisance Code needs to be implemented as soon as possible.

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer