

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE          REGULAR MEETING/AUGUST 16, 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 special meetings of August 4, 2006 and August 10, 2006. Vote; Aye

Mr. Stormont announced on August 4th meeting the Board interviewed Molley Mooney for the zoning position and hired her. On the August 10th meeting the Board approved the Eastham Way Project which was awarded to Decker Construction for \$309,806.57.

Mr. Stormont opened the public meeting on the 2006 Sidewalk Assessment Hearing.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt A RESOLUTION ORDERING LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR for \$34,672.78.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to adopt A RESOLUTION ORDERING LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Guy Tolliver stated his approach that was replaced is not completed properly. Mr. McAninch stated he would look at it.

Mr. Stormont closed the Public Meeting on the 2005 Sidewalk Assessment.

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing highlighted the statistics for the month of July. 680 dispatched runs, 652 pick up runs, 71 domestic runs, 20 gun runs, 142 reports taken, 388 record checks, 8 felony arrests, 44 misdemeanor arrests, 11 felony warrant arrest, 16 misdemeanor warrant arrests, 6 stolen vehicles recovered, 33 vehicles impounded, 29 total crash investigations.

Deputy Weiner stated there have been vandalisms in Sunset Cemetery and Galloway Cemetery and they do not have any suspects. They are still addressing speeding in the Lincoln Village South area.

Deputy Weiner stated the SWAT team and DEA made several arrests in the area for a heroine ring.

Ms. Schlosser stated some residents have come to her complaining about vehicle break-ins off Hubbard Road. Deputy Weiner responded they would increase the patrolling in the area.

Ms. Marlene Holdren who lives in Young Estates stated there has been in increase of burglaries and vandalism in their area. Their neighborhood is completely dark and wanted to know what they need to do to get street lights. Deputy Weiner responded he left her a message with their community relations sergeants' phone number to start a block watch. Ms. Holdren stated she has already received a call from him.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if they talked with the neighbors adjacent and next to the Galloway Cemetery if they saw anything. Deputy Weiner responded he was not on duty but standard procedure is to ask neighbors if they saw anything.

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The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

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

\$10,000.00 from 2191-220-311-0000 to 2191-220-360-0000.

\$2,462.05 from 1000-390-221-0000 to 1000-390-360-0000.

\$12,000.00 from 2281-230-420-0000 to 2281-230-360-0000.

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 \$95,751.38 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Ms. Schlosser stated she has had residents come to her about how to get street lights. Ms. Montag highlighted the process for street lights. However, in established areas AEP does not place conduit under sidewalks, driveways or streets. Mr. Hatmaker is working with AEP to resolve the issue and proceed with the process. A discussion followed.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the closing of Maple Valley Drive in Norton Crossing subdivision on August 26, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a community potluck.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the closing of Maple Valley Drive in Norton Crossing subdivision on August 26, 2006 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a community potluck. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the closing of Frost Avenue between South Greener and Mix Avenue on August 26, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Christ In Us Ministries, Youth Day pending signature approval from resident.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the closing of Frost Avenue between South Greener and Mix Avenue on August 26, 2006 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Christ In Us Ministries, Youth Day pending signature approval from resident. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve to hire Mr. Floyd Cochrun to open and close the cemetery gates at \$350.00 per month.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve to hire Mr. Floyd Cochrun to open and close the cemetery gates at \$350.00 per month. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the Summer Youth Program. Mr. McAninch thanked everyone for their support and contributions to the program.
5. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the vandalism in Galloway Cemetery. Several head stones were knocked over, burnt two flags. Mr. McAninch is in the process of working with Modlich Monuments to repair the head stones at their costs.
6. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on Alton Cemetery. The gentleman that ran thru the fence and hit the building has insurance and Mr. Hatmaker has been in contact with the insurance company. They have estimates to repair the fence and building and forward the information to the claims adjuster.

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Mr. Jamie Mueller asked if the township is interested in offering a reward for the vandalisms in the cemeteries. Mr. Stormont asked Mr. Hatmaker to contact the prosecutor to see if the township can put up a reward.

Mr. Gene Jones asked about the street closings if they can impose a noise restriction. Ms. Schlosser there needs to be a balance between community involvement and neighborhood involvement. A discussion followed.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about the house on Hall Road that burned down and whose decision it is to destroy it. Chief Feustel responded it is still under investigation and litigation with the insurance company. Mr. Distlehorst asked if the township can take action on the property as a nuisance. Chief Feustel stated the township can not do anything since it is in litigation. Mr. Stormont asked Mr. Hatmaker to contact the prosecutors' office to see if anything the township can do.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the revised T-Mobile lease option agreement for one year and authorize the chair to sign.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve the revised T-Mobile lease option agreement for one year and authorize the chair to sign. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the nuisance properties. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to declare 4800 Sullivant Avenue and 7641 Feder Road nuisance properties and be cut by the township on or after August 18, 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to declare 4800 Sullivant Avenue and 7641 Feder Road nuisance properties and be cut by the township on or after August 18, 2006. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board have a public hearing on August 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to consider action of an unsafe structure at 369 Mix Avenue per O.R.C. section 505.86.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board have a public hearing on August 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to consider action of an unsafe structure at 369 Mix Avenue per O.R.C. section 505.86. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve October 31, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat for the township.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve October 31, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Trick-or-Treat for the township. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

A resident asked if anything has been resolved about the missing or misused money. Mr. Kennedy responded we are still waiting on the audit to be finalized.

New Business:

Mr. Holdren asked if Rener Road and Alton Darby Road intersection was in Prairie Township. Mr. Kennedy responded the easiest way to tell if you are in the township is to go to the auditor website and if the tax id is 240 or 241 than you are in Prairie Township. Mr. Holdren stated the large pine trees at that intersection obstruct the road. Mr. McAninch stated he could give him the county engineer's phone number to contact them.

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Public Comment:

Mr. Neil Distlehorst stated it looks like the Senior Center initiative will be on the November ballot. He would like to see between now and election day the seniors come up with a plan of what they are going to do with \$300,000 dollars if the levy passes. Secondly, what is the Trustee's plan if the levy fails. The public needs to know.

Ms. Schlosser responded she has addressed this with the Senior Center Board members. She will get something documented and discuss in an open meeting.

Announcements:

Mr. Hatmaker announced the Prairie Senior Association is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on August 19, 2006, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door and children under 10 years of age \$4.00.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Fiscal Officer