

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/AUGUST 30, 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: Asst. Chief Good, 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 with corrections for the regular meetings of August 2, and August 16, 2006. Vote; Aye

Mr. Stormont opened the Public hearing for removal of the unsafe structure at 369 Mix Avenue.

Mr. Hatmaker stated on July 11, 2006 Chief Feustel sent a letter to the property owners of 369 Mix Avenue concerning the unsafe structure. Per O.R.C 505.86 paragraph B the township has the authority to declare it an unsafe structure. The Franklin County Board of Health is also acting on the unsafe structure. Mr. Hatmaker stated they are working with the Board of Health for the removal of the unsafe structure. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to declare 369 Mix Avenue a nuisance and an unsafe structure and coordinate with Franklin County Board of Health the removal.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to declare 369 Mix Avenue a nuisance and an unsafe structure and coordinate with Franklin County Board of Health the removal. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Morrison asked if the structure could be used by the fire department as a training exercise. Asst. Chief Good responded the structure is very unsafe to be used for that.

Mr. Stormont moved to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board a serious injury accident involving two cars at Hall and Galloway Roads. They are addressing the speeding in that area. There was a break-in on Murnan Road. They spoke with a neighbor they saw a van parked in the driveway but didn't want to burden the Sheriff's department. Deputy Weiner stated to everyone to please call the Sheriff's Department with anything that looks suspicious. They are still addressing speeding in Lincoln Village North and South. Deputy Weiner stated a first shift deputy reported five or more garage doors open in the WestPoint and Lake Darby areas. The deputy knocked on a residents' door to make them aware their garage door was left open and the resident was very rude to the deputy.

Mr. Jim Kennedy asked why not lower the speed limit on Hall Road to 40 mph. Mr. Hatmaker was contacted by Major Mann regarding the speeding on Hall Road and suggested Mr. Hatmaker contact the Franklin County Engineers office to get the speed limit reduced.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

Ms. Montag updated the Board on the investment committee's opportunities for increasing the townships investments. A discussion followed. Ms. Schlosser asked Mr. Hatmaker to find out what other townships do.

Ms. Montag requested to the Board to approve National City's Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds. Ms. Schlosser requested the prosecutor to review the agreement first.

1. Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF LINCOLN VILLAGE NORTH SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN

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COUNTY, OHIO, for three years in the amount of \$142,263.56.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded, the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF LINCOLN VILLAGE NORTH SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO for three years in the amount of \$142,263.56. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

2. Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF LINCOLN VILLAGE SOUTH SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, for three years in the amount of \$42,414.79.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF LINCOLN VILLAGE SOUTH SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, for three years in the amount of \$42,414.79. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

3. Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS WESTPOINT SUBDIVISION PHASE I IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, for three years in the amount of \$36,263.04.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS WESTPOINT SUBDIVISION PHASE I IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, for three years in the amount of \$36,263.04. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$95,108.77 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

4. Ms. Montag updated the Board on the WestPoint and Young Estates lighting districts. Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Krichbaum, Mr. Hatmaker and I met with Mr. Zorich with AEP and received pricing and placement of the lights in both districts. Mr. Zorich picked up drawings for Young Estates and should have them back within the next week.

Mr. Tim Krichbaum, 633 Infantry Drive, requested the Board to declare street lights a necessity for the public safety and welfare in the defined area of: North boundary Leader Drive, South boundary Carbine Place, East boundary Infantry Drive and West boundary eastside of Prairie Drive in WestPoint Phase II section I.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to declare street lights a necessity for the public safety and welfare in the defined area of: North boundary Leader Drive, South boundary Carbine Place, East boundary Infantry Drive and West boundary eastside of Prairie Drive in WestPoint Phase II section I. Vote; Aye.

Mr. David Holdren, 6279 Geyer Drive, requested the Board to declare street lights a necessity for the public safety and welfare in the defined area of: North boundary Youngland Drive, South Boundary Feder Road, East Boundary Youngland Drive and Della Place, and West boundary DeJoan Court in Young Estates.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to declare street lights a necessity for the public safety and welfare in the defined area of: North boundary Youngland Drive, South Boundary Feder Road, East Boundary Youngland Drive and Della Place, and West boundary DeJoan Court in Young Estates. Vote; Aye.

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Mr. Jim Kennedy reported a light out at the corner of Alton and Broad Street. Ms. Montag said she would report it.

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

1. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the vandalism in Galloway Cemetery. He has received an estimate of \$3,000 to repair all the head stones and replace one head stone.
2. Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the walk path in Carl Frye Park. He will start digging the path soon and to paved next year.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked about the damage to the fence at Alton Cemetery. Mr. McAninch responded he has received the estimates and received the go ahead with the repairs.

Asst. Chief Good addressed the Board with the following Fire Department matters:

1. Asst. Chief Good updated the Board and the fire department has completed all their NIMS (National Incident Management System) training. He requested a date to complete the training for all elected officials.
2. Asst. Chief Good requested the Board to approve \$5,000.00 for public education materials.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve \$5,000.00 for public education materials. Vote; Aye.

3. Asst. Chief Good requested the Board to approve \$10,000.00 to purchase 1 loose equipment.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve \$10,000.00 to purchase loose equipment. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs complained about the severe weather warning sirens and they are not loud enough. Asst. Chief Good responded it is Franklin County EMS (Emergency Management Systems) and he would report it.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to set a public hearing for rezoning application 175-RZ-06 at 174 Norton Road on September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Swisher stated she has received a drawing from Giant Eagle for the old Big Bear space. She does not know if a lease has been signed or not.

Mr. Jim Kennedy asked about the fire exit for the rezoning application. Ms. Swisher responded they had to alter the interior design of the structure to meet the fire code.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the nuisance properties. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to declare 213 Emmitt Avenue and 350 Hiler Road nuisance properties.

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Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to declare 213 Emmitt Avenue and 350 Hiler Road nuisance properties. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve resolution authorizing and requesting the County Auditor assess property owners for weed/grass abatement for 2006 for a total of \$6,975.00.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve resolution authorizing and requesting the County Auditor assess property owners for weed/grass abatement for 2006 for a total of \$6,975.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve resolution authoring and requesting the County Auditor assess property owners for removal of trash and debris for 2006 for a total of \$2,873.69.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve resolution authoring and requesting the County Auditor assess property owners for removal of trash and debris for 2006 for a total of \$2,873.69. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the unsafe structure at 6611 Hall Road. A letter was sent to the property owner ordering the structure be demolished or removed within thirty days of receipt. Mr. Hatmaker requested a public hearing be set for September 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to determine how to proceed.
5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the purchasing policy amendments.

Ms. Schlosser requested a provision be put in the general section 2.0 that any intentional of breaking up invoices or separating invoices to circumvent the break out of a specific dollar amount could be subject to disciplinary action to make it clearer. Mr. Hatmaker will make the change and present an update at the next meeting.

6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve the First Amendment To Lease between Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and the Trustees of Prairie Township for 4676 West Broad Street effective August 1, 2006 and expire July 31, 2008.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the First Amendment To Lease between Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and the Trustees of Prairie Township for 4676 West Broad Street effective August 1, 2006 and expire July 31, 2008. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked how much money for rent in the new lease. Ms. Schlosser stated they are not permitted under the confidentiality clause to discuss that. He asked why would they sign a year lease and not tell the people about it.

Mr. Morrison stated they should have gone month to month until the election to see if the levy passes. Ms. Schlosser responded they don't have the option under the lease to extend the lease on a month to month. When the lease expires under the current lease it is done. There are no renewals paragraphs under the lease at all.

Mr. Kennedy stated the Board has looked at the document and the document meets their criteria. With this document, it is going too substantially lower the amount of money the general fund uses to support the senior center.

Ms. Williams's concern is they are signing this lease for another two years and what happens if the levy does not pass in November. Then the township is back on the hook again for a lease they don't know a lot about.

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Mr. Kennedy stated the senior center was costing 17 percent of the general fund to support the senior center. And is now around 3 percent.

Ms. Schlosser stated one of the things she promised is to have at the next meeting to have numbers as to what happens if the levy passes and what happens if the levy fails and what does that mean to the township general fund in support of the senior center. So the voters are informed prior going to the polls.

Ms. Schlosser stated this would extend it one additional year out of the general fund. Ms. Schlosser stated they continue to reduce costs in all areas and this was a way to continue to do that.

Mr. Kennedy stated he was comfortable with around two percent of the general fund to support the senior center.

Ms. Williams asked in the current lease it indicated that the township be responsible for all upkeep including all mechanicals and if that has been changed. Mr. Hatmaker responded there is no change in that aspect. Ms. Williams stated it appears that is not an advantageous lease then.

Mr. Hatmaker updated the Board on the memberships of the Senior Center. There are 387 members, 248 of those are residents and there were 1,710 visitors to the center. There is a Lunch & Learn on September 6, 2006 and the topic is home security.

Mr. Kennedy stated they can not discuss the amount of the lease but anyone can request a copy of the lease.

Mr. Jamie Mueller asked if the lease addressed anything about graffiti removal either by the tenant or the landlord. Mr. Kennedy responded no.

7. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt the Ohio Township Records Manual as its records retention policy.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board adopt the Ohio Township Records Manual as its records retention policy. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked for an update on the audit. Mr. Stormont responded no. Mr. Hibbs would like the auditor's phone number to call for an update.

Mr. Hibbs asked about speed bumps in the township. Mr. McAninch responded the Ohio Revised Code restricts the township from installing speed bumps.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Mr. Hatmaker announced the Big Darby Accord will host an open house on September 13, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at 23 Maple Drive.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer