

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/OCTOBER 25, 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 pending corrections for the special and regular meetings of October 11, 2006. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing highlighted the monthly statistics. 575 dispatch runs, 623 pick up runs, 31 domestic runs, 11 gun runs, 138 reports taken, 8 felony arrests, 41 misdemeanor arrests, 29 misdemeanor warrant arrest, 11 felony warrant arrest, 48 prisoners conveyed, recovered 4 stolen vehicles, 26 total crashes investigated, 18 crash citations, 6 OMVI arrests.

Deputy Weiner reported they are still addressing the speeding in the township.

Mr. Kennedy asked if street lights help deter crime or not and if there is any statistics. Deputy Weiner responded has not found specific statistics but in his opinion lights deter crime.

Ms. Montag updated the Board of the final steps being taken to dissolve the Village of New Rome. The Auditor of State is preparing the final audit and Loveland & Brosius is preparing the final entry for the courts to be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve \$24,000.00 for the property that was purchased at 30 Maple Drive.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve \$24,000.00 for the property that was purchased at 30 Maple Drive. Vote; Aye.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

Ms. Montag turned the WestPoint Phase II Section II Street Light Assessment District over to the Chair.

Mr. Stormont stated at the public hearing on October 11, 2006 meeting the street light assessment district was discussed with residents testifying in favor and opposing and tabled until this evening's meeting. Mr. Stormont asked for anyone that did not speak at the public hearing.

Mr. Bob Glick, 804 Parade Place, has lived there for eight years. He asked about the costs, the up keep and if residents have input in the type of lights.

Ms. Schlosser responded that AEP only offers a limited style of light and the residents do not get to choose the style. The maintenance of the lights is being addressed by AEP and they are in the process of hiring a contractor to start repairs. The cost issue was also resolved, the correct amount is \$5.79 per month instead of what was reported in the newspaper.

Ms. Kelly Russell, 831 Parade Place, asked Ms. Schlosser if she drove around and saw how many residents lights were on. She feels there are plenty of lights to address any crime issues. Ms. Schlosser responded that she drove around the neighborhood two different times. Once in the evening and once in the morning, to see how many lights are left on through out the night. Ms. Schlosser stated she was alarmed how dark the neighborhood was when the children had to walk to the bus stop in the morning. She had a difficult time seeing the children when she was driving.

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Mr. Keith Meyers, 830 Parade Place, he his opposed to the lights. Everyone he spoke with is still opposed to the same style of light. With the Big Darby Accord Town Center and West Broad Street Corridor this is the perfect opportunity not to settle for status quo. He would like the Board to explore other opportunities to provide street lights.

Mr. Kennedy stated the condition the lights in the first subdivision are unacceptable. However, the residents have not contacted the township for any maintenance. He assured Mr. Myers the new lights will not get in that shape.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR STREETLIGHTING IN THE WESTPOINT PHASE II SECTION II SUBDIVISION IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR STREETLIGHTING IN THE WESTPOINT PHASE II SECTION II SUBDIVISION IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR STREET LIGHTING IN THE WESTPOINT PHASE II SECTION II SUBDIVISION and authorize Mr. Hatmaker to sign the American Electric Power agreement.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER FOR STREET LIGHTING IN THE WESTPOINT PHASE II SECTION II SUBDIVISION and authorize Mr. Hatmaker to sign the American Electric Power agreement. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF WESTPOINT PHASE II SECTION II SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to adopt RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF LIGHTING THE UNINCORPORATED DISTRICT OF YOUNG ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO. A roll call resulted as follows: Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye.

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

\$5,000.00 from 2191-220-311-0000 to 2191-220-599-0000.
\$3,100.00 from 2191-220-383-0000 to 2191-220-599-0000.
\$9,000.00 from 1000-110-599-0000 to 1000-760-710-0000.
\$5,000.00 from 1000-110-360-0000 to 1000-760-710-0000.
\$8,000.00 from 1000-110-311-0000 to 1000-760-710-0000.

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 \$113,237.82 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve the advertisement for replacement of a Road and Cemetery Department laborer.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the advertisement for replacement of a Road and Cemetery Department laborer. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Schlosser requested the prosecutor review the language in the advertisement prior to placing the advertisement. Mr. Stormont authorized Mr. Hatmaker to have Mr. Griggs to review the language.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve an additional \$2,750.00 for concrete work by Berkshire Boys at station 241.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to approve an additional \$2,750.00 for concrete work by Berkshire Boys at station 241. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel reminded everyone to check their smoke detector batteries and change their clocks back this weekend.
3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve the hiring of a part-time dispatcher for 3rd shift for up to 16 hours per week at \$8.60 per hour.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve the hiring of a part-time dispatcher for 3rd shift for up to 16 hours per week at \$8.60 per hour. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to move the November 22, 2006 to November 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to move the November 22, 2006 to November 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to declare 82 Fernhill Avenue a nuisance property and to be mowed on or after October 26, 2006.

Mr. Stormont moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to declare 82 Fernhill Avenue a nuisance property and to be mowed on or after October 26, 2006. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve payment number one to Decker Construction for \$54,266.21 for the Eastham Way project and \$287.00 for reimbursement to Prairie Township for advertising and authorize the Chair to sign the OPWC payment disbursement form.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve payment number one to Decker Construction for \$54,266.21 for the Eastham Way project and \$287.00 for reimbursement to Prairie Township for advertising and authorize the Chair to sign the OPWC payment disbursement form. Vote; Aye

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board authorize the chair to sign the payment request to Decker Construction.

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Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board authorize the chair to sign the payment request to Decker Construction. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Distlehorst asked if the township has any controls in place to track the payments from the nuisance cases. Mr. Hatmaker responded there is a statement with the bi-annual settlements. Ms. Schlosser requested a bi-annual report of nuisance settlements.

Old Business:

Mr. Jamie Mueller asked for an update on the West Broad Street Corridor. Mr. Hatmaker responded they are working on a scope of work and will be receiving something soon for the economical development plan. They are working on a site plan for the neighborhood sign.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

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

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer