

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/APRIL 11, 2007

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Kennedy, with Ms. Schlosser, Mr. Stormont and Ms. Montag present. Also attending were: Chief Feustel, Mr. Hatmaker, Ms. Swisher and Mr. McAninch. (See attached list).

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes as written for the regular meetings of March 14, and March 28, 2007 and special meeting of March 14, 2007. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Eing reported to the Board the monthly statistics. 519 dispatch runs, 808 pick up runs, 27 domestic runs, 10 gun runs, 71 back-up runs, 85 reports taken, 250 business checks, 9 felony arrest, 7 felony warrant arrest, 61 misdemeanor arrests, 31 misdemeanor warrant arrests, 46 prisoners conveyed, 3 stolen vehicles recovered, 42 vehicles impounded, 55 traffic warnings, 212 non-crash citations. After last meeting there was a shooting in Lincoln Park on an attempted burglary. The SWAT team executed a search warrant and recovered a kilo of cocaine and several hand guns in the area but not in the township. In the township on another search warrant they recovered 7 pounds of marijuana. There have been a couple burglaries not related to one another.

Mr. Stalter stated behind the laundry mat there is graffiti and does that mean the gang activity is picking up. Deputy Weiner responded he was not aware of the graffiti and he would look into it.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$107,700.15 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 reviewed the updated recommended zoning fee changes. Mr. Kennedy did not feel the Board was ready to vote on the fees changes at this time.
2. Ms. Swisher updated the Board on the Spring Clean Up it is set for April 23, 2007 through April 30, 2007.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked who is responsible for cleaning trash up in the easement in front of Kentucky Fried Chicken. Ms. Swisher responded the Ohio Department of Transportation is responsible for the easement.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst stated he would like to see an update from the Zoning Boards on the agenda. Ms. Swisher stated at last nights meeting the home occupation was approved on Cole Road and the Giant Eagle wall signage was approved as submitted. Giant Eagle has submitted for approval for Get Go Gas also.

Ms. Stalter stated the plumbing on Lennox is still in business and has expanded to neighboring property. Also at 106 Lennox there is a new business for power washing with three signs in the yard advertising it. Ms. Swisher has sent five cases to the prosecuting attorney to send their letters and has not received any response yet. Ms. Schlosser stated she would call Nick Soulas.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to authorize the purchase of a welcome sign from Signcom for up to \$3,500.00 which is from a grant, which will be installed on the north side of West Broad Street at Grener Avenue.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to authorize the purchase of a welcome sign from Signcom for up to \$3,500.00 which is from a grant, which will be installed on the north side of West Broad Street at Grener Avenue. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker introduced Mr. Tim Williams of Vogt, Williams, Bowen Research. Mr. Williams gave an overview of the joint economic development district study. Mr. Williams stated the township needs a development plan as part of the development district. The study will consist of an inventory of all the businesses in the corridor. What roads, sidewalks and lighting improvements need to be in place for the businesses in the corridor. And what is the fiscal impact going to be once the businesses are located in the corridor. One of the key elements they will try to establish is what the daytime population in the township is. Where the workers are coming from and what are the wages. The completion date is July 20th. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve \$18,000.00 for the joint economic development district study and authorize Mr. Hatmaker is sign the agreement with Vogt, Williams, Bowen Research.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve \$18,000.00 for the joint economic development district study and authorize Mr. Hatmaker is sign the agreement with Vogt, Williams, Bowen Research. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Board of Elections to use the Senior Center at 4656 West Broad Street as a polling location and authorize Mr. Robin Comeans to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Board of Elections to use the Senior Center at 4656 West Broad Street as a polling location and authorize Mr. Robin Comeans to execute the Memorandum of Understanding. Vote; Aye.

4. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve injury leave for firefighter Mike Altomare according to the IAFF contract.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve injury leave for firefighter Mike Altomare according to the IAFF contract. Vote; Aye.

5. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve disability leave for firefighter Matt Stickel according to the IAFF contract.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve disability leave for firefighter Matt Stickel according to the IAFF contract. Vote; Aye.

6. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board approve bid advertisements for the Road Department Maintenance Building in the Daily Reporter on April 23, 2007 and April 30, 2007 and bid opening on May 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve bid advertisements for the Road Department Maintenance Building in the Daily Reporter on April 23, 2007 and April 30, 2007 and bid opening on May 9, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. Vote; Aye.

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Old Business:

Ms. Judy Stalter researched the noise and dog resolutions and presented examples of resolutions for the Board to consider. Mr. Kennedy stated they would look into it if it is wanted. He has talked with the Sheriff's department of what the problems are today. And what problems they think if the board passes a noise ordinance was instituted. They are not going to rush into it, they want a lot of public input.

Ms. Jean Lavelly lives on Fernhill Avenue, Kelly's Car Lot blares music on Saturday's and Sunday's. She also has neighbors that play loud music until 2:00 a.m. There is nothing the Sheriff's department can do since there is no noise ordinance in place. She works nights and does not want to listen to her neighbor's music when she comes home.

Ms. Valerie Pike lives on Fernhill Avenue, stated Kelly's Car Lot owner needs to be responsible for their customers who play loud music.

Ms. Lynn Adams lives on Palmetto Street, she has a disabled daughter and she has called the Sheriff twenty times in the last two weeks for her neighbors to keep the music down. The Sheriff's department has better things to do and something needs to be done.

Mr. Dan Morris, lives on Fernhill Avenue, he has no parking signs posted in front of his driveway. He has repeatedly asked not to turn around in his driveway, turn the music down. There are beer bottles in his front yard the next day. He has tried to be nice to his neighbors but they are very disrespectful.

Mr. Larry Grant, 113 Evergreen Terrace, complained about his neighbors dogs barking until 3:00 a.m. He has called the Sheriff about the dogs but nothing is resolved. His neighbor next to him at 103 Evergreen Terrace, has a Sears shopping cart in their front yard and use it to put trash in it. Mr. Grant also complained about 119 Evergreen Terrace, not cutting their grass and a mattress in their back yard and trash and debris in their yard.

Mr. Kennedy stated they will continue to take complaints for noise. He asked to talk with neighbor first before calling the Sheriff's Department or file a civil lawsuit against them. Mr. Kennedy stated the only thing the ordinance will do is give the Sheriff's department the right to fine the resident.

Ms. Schlosser stated the township needs to be cautious in passing resolutions since we live in a diverse township.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked if there was an ordinance of how many families can live in one house. Mr. Kennedy responded the Franklin County Board of Health regulates that.

New Business:

Mr. Dave McAninch requested the Board to accept the Franklin County Engineers 2007 Road Improvement Project estimate of \$391,016.00.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to accept the Franklin County Engineers 2007 Road Improvement Project estimate of \$391,016.00. Vote; Aye.

Mr. McAninch updated the Board on the no parking signs in Alton. He is going to have the Franklin County Engineers survey for the right of ways then give the Board recommendations.

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Public Comment:

Mr. Glen Hymer requested people to attend the Westland Area Commission meeting on June 12th at 7:00 p.m. to oppose the rezoning of the Blauser property, they are using swails and no retention ponds for drainage. The Darby Accord will meet on June 12th at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall.

Announcements:

Mr. Jamie Mueller announced on Monday April 30, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Speak Out on Health Care at "District 24 Dialogue" with Representative Ted Celeste at Galloway Ridge School, 122 Galloway Road.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer