

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/JUNE 20, 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 May 23, and June 6, 2007. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner reported to the Board the monthly statistics. 534 dispatch runs, 502 pick-up runs, 42 domestic runs, 22 gun runs, 32 back up runs, 119 reports taken, 9 felony arrests, 51 misdemeanor arrests, 18 misdemeanor citations, 3 felony warrant arrests, 7 misdemeanor warrant arrests, 36 prisoners conveyed, 24 crashes investigated, 121 non-crash citations, 14 crash citations.

Mr. McAninch stated he has received complaints of people taking flowers off the graves in Alton Cemetery.

Mr. Kennedy stated he received two speeding complaints 1) 163 Postle Road 2) Hubbard Road, and they have permission to park in driveway.

Deputy Weiner stated they worked the area of Frost and Lombard, they wrote several citations other than speed and a lot of warnings.

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

\$16.74 from 1000-130-599-0000 to 1000-130-212-0000.

\$2,000.00 from 2031-330-490-0000 to 2031-330-599-0000.

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 \$100,096.32 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the final payment in the amount of \$7,912.00, be made to McDaniel's Construction Corporation, Inc. for construction of a salt shed at the Road and Cemetery facility at 6725 Alkire Road and designate the Road Superintendent to execute the partial payment estimate.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the final payment in the amount of \$7,912.00, be made to McDaniel's Construction Corporation, Inc. for construction of a salt shed at the Road and Cemetery facility at 6725 Alkire Road and designate the Road Superintendent to execute the partial payment estimate. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve the hiring of Jason Adams, Earl Braithwaite, Steve Kern, Michael Neely, Joshua Riggs, Jacob Stratton and Matthew Zeuschner as part-time firefighters beginning immediately at a pay rate of 8.60 per hour.

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Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve the hiring of Jason Adams, Earl Braithwaite, Steve Kern, Michael Neely, Joshua Riggs, Jacob Stratton and Matthew Zeuschner as part-time firefighters beginning immediately at a pay rate of \$8.60 per hour. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve to suspend the no parking restrictions on Palmetto Street between Inah Avenue and Norton Road on June 29, 2007 and June 30, 2007 and to direct staff to cover the 'No Parking' signs at this location on these days.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve to suspend the no parking restrictions on Palmetto Street between Inah Avenue and Norton Road on June 29, 2007 and June 30, 2007 and to direct staff to cover the 'No Parking' signs at this location on these days. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve disability leave for Firefighter/EMT James Grimm per Article XX, Section 3 of the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985 collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve disability leave for Firefighter/EMT James Grimm per Article XX, Section 3 of the Prairie Township IAFF Local No. 2985 collective bargaining agreement. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Chuck Stalter stated at 150 Lennox a nuisance and 156 Lennox the owners are running a plumbing business and a semi is parked at 169 North Greener. He feels the township is not doing anything in regards to zoning. Ms. Swisher responded a letter went to the owners at 169 N. Greener a couple of weeks ago and the Lennox address is at the prosecutor's office and 150 Lennox is a nuisance case. Mr. Kennedy stated zoning is doing their job and sees improvement in the area. Mr. Gene Jones asked if anyone knows the person at 150 Lennox the owner is building a room for a dying child.

Ms. Schlosser read a letter from Mr. Bruce Whyte complimenting the Zoning Department and staff, Zoning Commission, Mr. Hatmaker and the Trustees for a well thought out design and comprehensive plan for the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update. Thanked everyone for their contributions.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at the vacant lots on Postle Blvd. to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 26, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at the vacant lots on Postle Blvd. to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners on or after June 26, 2007. Vote; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to schedule a hearing to receive public comment on the 2008 township budget for July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and to advertise this hearing as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to schedule a hearing to receive public comment on the 2008 township budget for July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. and to advertise this hearing as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Vote; Aye.

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3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO "PICK UP" SUBJECT EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT A RATE OF NINE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT IN 2007 INCREASING TO A RATE OF TEN PERCENT BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2008.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO "PICK UP" SUBJECT EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AT A RATE OF NINE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT IN 2007 INCREASING TO A RATE OF TEN PERCENT BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2008. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser: Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

Mr. Lee Shoaf complained about AEP not doing anything about installing the streetlights in WestPoint. Mr. Kennedy agreed with him that no one has been out to WestPoint yet. He is not happy with the process and stated the township has no control over AEP. We will be glad to continue to make phone calls to help the process and keep them updated.

Mr. Neil Distlehorst asked if any conversations have taken place with SWACO about recycling. Mr. Hatmaker stated there has been contact and they are working on it.

Old Business:

Mr. McAninch requested the Board to add Lakefield Drive to the 2007 Road Improvement Project.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to add Lakefield Drive to the 2007 Road Improvement Project. Vote; Aye.

New Business:

Mr. Mike Ison presented a proposal to the Board for a skateboard park on the east side of Maple Drive opposite of the township hall. A discussion followed.

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Ms. Eleanor Jones announced that Giant Eagle's grand opening is Thursday June 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. and the first 50 customers would receive a \$10.00 gift card.

Mr. Hatmaker announced the Prairie Township welcome sign will be installed in the next couple of days and a dedication will be on July 2nd.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer