

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/AUGUST 1, 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 meeting of July 18, 2007. Vote; Aye

Deputy Plumb reported to the Board the monthly statistics for the month of June. Dispatch calls are way up and arrest calls are down. There is an increase in motorcycle accidents. All three shifts have been advised illegal dumping in the area. Total crash citations have decreased and the OMVI citations have increased.

Mr. Jamie Mueller asked what is needed for reporting the illegal dumping. Deputy Plumb responded the license plate number and any identification you can provide.

Deputy Plumb stated if anyone sees any juveniles out after 10:00 p.m. to please call the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked about the neighborhood watch night. Deputy Plumb was not aware. Mr. Kennedy stated it is up to the residents to contact the Sheriff's Department to start the neighborhood watch. Chief Feustel stated the Hilltop Crime Watch is organizing a lights out night on August 8, 2007.

Ms. Nora Hiland from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) and Paul Wenning from Franklin County Board of Health gave an overview of NPDES Phase II. Ms. Hiland updated the Board on Phase II. This is the last year of their permit and their new permit will be from March 2008 through March 2013. The townships are responsible for three of the six measurable goals. 1. Public education and outreach 2. Public participation and involvement, good housekeeping and 3. Pollution control. Prairie Township has been doing a very good job and all their measurable items. Nora did an experiment with water run off and how water is absorbed when there is grass and how it runs off the dirt alone. Mr. Paul Wenning stated one of the most important measurable is storm water run off and that it is most pollutant. The stationary sources such as factories are controlled in Ohio. Phase II rules are for small villages, cities etc... and whole counties that are densely populated areas that are rapidly developing. Within the realm of goals to meet is illicit discharge detection and elimination. Illicit discharge to a storm drain could be anything from motor oil, washing a paint brush in a drain, to much pesticide or fertilizer run off from a farm field or yard. They are concentrating on older areas that have had issues with septic failure or there were sewers where sewage was getting into storm drains. There was a lot of contamination in the Hellbranch watershed. There was a lot of out falls in Lincoln Village washer discharge in the storm drains. Washers need to be drained to the sanitary sewer drains. The city of Galloway was another targeted area. Granada and Velencia Drives had a lot of septic problems. Maple Park has washer discharge issues. Lake Darby also has washer discharge issues. Where there is contaminated outfalls they are tracking it back to the houses that are causing the problems and contacting the owners to correct the problems. Last January the State of Ohio passed a new sewage law and rules and aerators are no longer acceptable and only acceptable if no other system is usable. Galloway is targeted to get sewers within the next ten years. Mr. Shockley was given permission to extend sewers to areas outside the City of Columbus for only a tap in fee. The Darby Accord will allow water from the City of Columbus without annexation along the Darby.

Mr. Jim Kennedy asked if they are going to do a dye test and have property owners fix septic systems. Mr. Wenning responded they will follow it back to the source.

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Mr. Kennedy stated he wanted everyone to be aware of the Rules for Public Comment at the meetings. The rules were adopted in February 2005. This is an election year and the rules will be strictly enforced tonight and through the election season. Political statements or attacks on township employees or elected officials will be deemed disruptive behavior and will be called out of order by the chair. If you are deemed out of order and continue you will be asked to leave the meeting. Refusal to leave the meeting when asked could result you being arrested by disturbing a lawful meeting under the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Montag presented a liquor permit transfer to Yash Market Inc. DBA Rome Hilliard Market 5460 W. Broad St.. No hearing requested.

Ms. Montag updated the Board on New Rome. The final entry has been signed and working with the Sheriff's Department to get rid of the mayor's court records. Peter Griggs recommended not dispersing any funds yet.

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 \$96,153.71 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board to hire six part-time firefighters Jason Caldwell, Brandon Harr, Christopher Lee, Kyle Righter, Jacob Rowe, Brad Sibley, at \$8.25 per hour, pending their physical and background checks.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to hire six part-time firefighters Jason Caldwell, Brandon Harr, Christopher Lee, Kyle Righter, Jacob Rowe, Brad Sibley, at \$8.25 per hour, pending their physicals and background checks. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve up to \$19,000.00 to purchase ten sets of turnout gear.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve up to \$19,000.00 to purchase ten sets of turnout gear. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to approve supplemental appropriation for \$20,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 to 2191-220-490-0000.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve supplemental appropriation for \$20,000.00 from 2191-220-599-0000 to 2191-220-490-0000. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Swisher reviewed the Franklin County Board of Health policies and procedures regarding rodents.
2. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to approve one year step raise for Assistant Zoning Inspector Molly Mooney to \$16.38 per hour effective August 4, 2007.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve one year step raise for Assistant Zoning Inspector Molly Mooney to \$16.38 per hour effective August 4, 2007. Vote; Aye.

3. Ms. Swisher requested the Board approve to refer the zoning cases involving 150 Lawrence Avenue and 265 Cole Road to the Prosecuting Attorney's office

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for filing at the Franklin County Environmental Court.

Mr. Kennedy asked what the process is after the prosecuting attorney sends out their letters. Ms. Swisher responded the prosecuting attorney's letter gives the property owner a dead line to contact them to resolve the situation. Sometimes the prosecuting attorney sends two letters. The files are with the prosecutor, the complaints would be filed with the Environmental Court for a hearing date. They would request a permanent injunction. It would go to court, if they do not agree to the permanent injunction it would go to trial so if they continue with violations it would be contempt of court.

Mr. Nunamaker stated something needs done now about 265 Cole Road. He stated on any given day there are two or three commercial vehicles parked outside. Mr. Kennedy asked if it was stipulated at the BZA meeting if all the vehicles were to be placed inside. Ms. Swisher responded there were six stipulations given to him 1. All trash and debris is to be removed from property. 2. No commercial trash dumpsters will be allowed on property. 3. All commercial vehicles must be stored in garage. 4. No fill allowed in the flood plain. 5. Property must be brought up to code by removing all violations from the property. 6. Clean up of property is to occur within 30 days. Mr. Nunamaker questioned the commercial vehicles that the property owner can not pick and choose when a vehicle is commercial and/or personal vehicle. Ms. Swisher stated the zoning code defines what a commercial vehicle is by use, size and exposed tools, which he agreed to remove all the tools. Ms. Schlosser stated he was given the stipulations April 10, 2008, he agreed to the stipulations, he had 30 days to clean up. Ms. Swisher responded he agreed to the stipulations in an effort to get the home based business. He stated he would work towards compliance, but that he did not agree with BZA and their stipulations and Ms. Swisher referred him to the prosecutor.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve to refer the zoning cases involving 150 Lawrence Avenue and 265 Cole Road to the Prosecuting Attorney's office for filing at the Franklin County Environmental Court. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board to approve to work with R.D. Zande and Associates to prepare Ohio Public Works Commission grant applications for improvements on S. Grener Avenue and Gladys Road at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve to work with R.D. Zande and Associates to prepare Ohio Public Works Commission grant applications for improvements on S. Grener Avenue and Gladys Road at a total cost not to exceed \$3,000.00. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Nunamaker asked if warehouses are going in on Grener, why put in new road and sidewalks. Mr. McAninch responded not aware of warehouses going in.

Ms. Williams asked if he was going to fog again this year. Mr. McAninch responded it depends on the Franklin County Board of Health recommendations.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions 8661 Brookcrest Court to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner on or after July 24, 2007.

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Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer