

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE REGULAR MEETING/SEPTEMBER 12, 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 tabled approving the minutes pending the changes. Vote; Aye.

Deputy Weiner reported to the Board there was a shooting in Lincoln Park. There have been a couple of suicides in the last couple of weeks. There has been an increase in accidents the last couple of weeks. They have made several domestic arrests. They have received a lot of information about different crimes on the street and they have been aggressively working traffic stops on Hilton Avenue.

Mr. Glen Hymer stated a week ago there was an accident in front of his house and one of the vehicles called 911 and a city police officer came out and said it was county, he called the County Sheriff and the dispatcher argued with him stating it was city. It took over two and a half hours before a Sheriff showed up. Deputy Weiner responded since it was not an injury accident it becomes a less priority.

Mr. Russ Pitts asked if he was aware of any problems of vehicles not displaying front plates, there are a lot of vehicles in Village Park with no front plates. Deputy Weiner responded he was not aware of any problems and would be probable cause to pull someone over.

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 \$115,198.46 and approve payment of the following bills. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

Mr. Kennedy stated if he received the letter he would have started investigating it from the get go. He asked if the February 19th date was correct. Ms. Montag responded yes, that is when she contacted the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Kennedy asked the Home Rule Resolution that was stated as being missing, what time frame was that document discovered as missing. Ms. Montag responded she did not recall, but there was a gentleman that came to the township requesting a copy of that resolution. Mr. Hatmaker had called Ms. Montag to find out if she knew where the document was. Mr. Kennedy stated on February 19th that is why you contacted the Sheriff's Department because of that document. Is that correct? Ms. Montag responded yes and the previous email that was sent to the Board of missing documents. Mr. Kennedy stated in the previous email it doesn't state that there is a missing resolution. Ms. Montag responded the things that were missing from her office and this was a second incident of missing documents. Mr. Kennedy asked if on February 19th that was when the document was missing or was it before then. Ms. Montag responded to check the public request file to see when it was requested. Mr. Kennedy said he did and there was nothing in the file. But there is documentation that the resolution was here, for sure, in the township on October 11, 2006. So I'm wondering if the document was here then, at what time frame did it come up missing. Ms. Montag stated she was not in the office when the request was made. Mr. Kennedy asked when she contacted the Sheriff's on the 19th, how did you do that. Did you make a phone call, were they here or did you contact the fire dispatcher to have them dispatched, do you remember how you contacted the Sheriff's office on that day. Ms. Montag responded she did not recall. Mr. Kennedy stated at the last meeting, we asked for a list but you added that there were three letters missing from the drainage file. One from the county engineer, one from soil and water and one from franklin county development office, do you still believe them documents are missing. Ms. Montag responded those documents were not in the file when the auditors were conducting their audit. Mr. Kennedy stated we take missing documents

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very seriously and number one these ultimately missing documents of any type fall under your statutory requirement of keeping the records. You made allegations that these documents were missing. We looked at the file, me, Tracy and Dave looked at the file today and it looks like it is in tact. I see no proof of anything that is missing. I also made a public request from the auditor's office back in January of 2006, and all the files are in that document. So I don't know when you made allegations that these documents were missing. And to my knowledge they never was. The last thing I want to say on this is, also at the last meeting you said you gave upon advice from Lieutenant Ganz from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, I'm notifying this Board of these discrepancies. I contact Major Mann and seems there no Lieutenant Ganz that has ever worked for the Sheriff's Department. So what did you get the name wrong. Ms. Montag responded that is the name that Deputy Meister gave her. He has an email from Major Mann stating that no one by that name has ever worked there. Mr. Kennedy stated that there is a whole bunch of allegations in this letter that I have not been able to turn facts too at all. Bottom line from these allegations after checking since last meeting the only thing I still see as missing is the Clerk's personal phone book and the business card notebook. Would you agree to that. The UAN manual has been replaced, the home rule resolution has been replaced and to my knowledge all the documentation are in the drainage folder. From investigating this as far as I have, it looks like them are the two things that are still missing. Ms. Montag responded she has not seen these documents, I'm assuming that all the documents the auditor requested that these are it, but were not in the file when the auditor was here.

Neil Distlehorst stated I assume section 1230 Political Signs is still in effect thirty days. Ms. Swisher responded no, that was changed and the website needs updated. Mr. Kennedy asked for the updated file.

Mr. Russ Pitts asked about recreational vehicles in a residential area. Ms. Swisher responded they have not changed and would be glad to look into his concern.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board authorize the use of up to \$4,500.00 to purchase Fire Prevention Month educational materials.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board authorize the use of up to \$4,500.00 to purchase Fire Prevention Month educational materials. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel requested the Board authorize the use of up to \$3,200.00 to purchase a set of four vehicle entrapment rescue air bags.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board authorize the use of up to \$3,200.00 to purchase a set of four vehicle entrapment rescue air bags. Vote; Aye.

3. Chief Feustel requested the Board to hire Kevin Shop as a part-time dispatcher pending successful completion of his background check and physical.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded Board to hire Kevin Shop as a part-time dispatcher pending successful completion of his background check and physical. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board adopt RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board adopt RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

2. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board set October 31, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m., as Prairie Township's trick-or-treat hours.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board set October 31, 2007, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m., as Prairie Township's trick-or-treat hours. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board reschedule its second meeting in November from Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board reschedule its second meeting in November from Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to Monday, November 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Virgil Hibbs asked who is responsible for cleaning up all the trash in front of the video store. Mr. Kennedy stated it is a private property owned by Wash-N-Tan and the property has recently changed hands. Ms. Schlosser stated to call zoning and report them as you would a residential property. Mr. Hibbs also stated the Township sign can not be seen. Mr. Hatmaker stated that was the most visible place to put the sign.

Old Business:

Neil Distlehorst asked at the last meeting you raised the issue of missing minutes from April 2005 has that been resolved. Mr. Kennedy responded not to his knowledge. Ms. Montag responded they are still working on it. Mr. Hatmaker responded he has background material, meeting notices, newspaper articles and resolutions that were adopted.

Mr. Stormont asked what the status is on WestPoint streetlights. Mr. Kennedy responded AEP is still working on the right-of-ways. AEP finished getting the right-of-ways in Young Estates and start laying cable in Young Estates in the first section. Hopefully there will be poles in the ground in three or four weeks, then they will start on the second section in Young Estates then move out to WestPoint.

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer