

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE      REGULAR MEETING/JANUARY 2, 2008

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

Mr. Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Kennedy, moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board dispense with the reading of the minutes of the December 19, 2007 and approve the minutes as submitted. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Kennedy moved Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board accept the Certificate of Election for Trustee Douglas Stormont. Vote; Aye.

Mr. Kennedy moved, Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board approve the bond for Trustee Douglas Stormont. Vote; Aye.

Deputy Weiner and Corporal Goodrich reported to the board they have been busy the last couple of weeks, domestic violence call have increased, working warrants, gasoline drive offs have increased.

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

\$1,386.61 from 2281-230-215-0000 to 2281-230-190-0000.  
\$63.73 from 1000-110-213-0000 to 1000-110-131-0000.  
\$315.00 from 2191-220-213-0000 to 2191-760-740-0000.  
\$1,119.51 from 2191-220-213-0000 to 2191-760-740-0000.

The Fiscal Officer conducted the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman as follows:

Mr. Kennedy nominated Ms. Schlosser for Chairman. Mr. Stormont seconded the nomination. Mr. Kennedy moved the nominations be closed. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Kennedy	Aye
Ms. Schlosser	Abstain
Mr. Stormont	Aye

Roll call vote on the nomination as Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Kennedy	Aye
Ms. Schlosser	Abstain
Mr. Stormont	Aye

Ms. Montag declared Ms. Schlosser the duly elected Chairman for the year 2008.

Mr. Kennedy nominated Mr. Stormont for Vice-Chairman. Ms. Schlosser seconded the nomination. Mr. Kennedy moved the nominations be closed. Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion.

Roll call vote on the motion to close the nominations resulted as follows:

Mr. Kennedy	Aye
Ms. Schlosser	Aye

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Mr. Stormont            Abstain

Roll call vote on the nomination for Vice-Chairman resulted as follows:

Mr. Kennedy            Aye  
Mr. Stormont            Abstain  
Ms. Schlosser            Aye

Ms. Montag declared Mr. Stormont the duly elected Vice-Chairman for the year 2008.

The Chair was turned over to Ms. Schlosser, Chairman to complete the meeting.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to retain Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2008.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board retains Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2008. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Schlosser appointed Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Stormont to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters Indemnity Board for the year 2008. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2008.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board to appoint Assistant Fire Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2008. A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser: Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to retain the Prosecuting Attorney as Law Director for the Board for the year 2008.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board to retain the Prosecuting Attorney as Law Director for the Board pending renegotiation and renewal of the existing agreement for the year 2008. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to continue the employment of Floyd Cochrun, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board continue the employment of Floyd Cochrun, Chain & Flag, Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board to rehire all township employees for the current year.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded, the Board rehires all township employees for the current year. Vote; Aye.

FIRE DEPT.                    Wages per negotiated contracts  
ROAD/CEMETERY DEPT. Wages per contracts and/or employee manual  
ZONING DEPT. Wages per contracts and/or employee manual  
ADMINISTRATION DEPT. Wages per contracts and/or employee manual

MISCELLANEOUS LABOR:  
Cemetery Chain-Alton            \$2,400/year, payable \$200 per month  
Cemetery Chain-Galloway \$1,800/year, payable \$150 per month

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DOUG STORMONT                      \$20,568.00 ANNUAL SALARY  
 STEVE KENNEDY                      \$20,568.00 ANNUAL SALARY  
 NICOLE SCHLOSSER                      \$20,568.00 ANNUAL SALARY

FISCAL OFFICER:  
 LORI MONTAG                      as per Section 507.09 of the ORC

Ms. Montag requested a motion from the Board the cemetery charges remain at present levels.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the cemetery charges remain at present levels as follows: Vote; Aye.

Graves:	\$600 per grave	
Township Residents:	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$300
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$400
	Opening & Closing Holidays until noon	\$500
Non-Resident	Opening & Closing Weekdays	\$450
	Opening & Closing Saturday until noon	\$575
	Opening & Closing Holidays until noon	\$700
Cremation:	Weekdays	\$150
	Saturday & Holidays until noon	\$300
Baby Burial:	36-40 inch	\$150
	Saturday & Holidays until noon	\$300
Foundations:	30 cents Per Square Inch	
Disinterment Fee:	Resident	\$800
	Non-Resident	\$1,150

Effective October 24, 2007 the following disinterment fee for cremation burials for Alton and Galloway Cemeteries will be:

Cremation:	Disinterment Fee	\$300
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St. James Cemetery Burial Fees:	Weekdays	\$450
	Saturday	\$575
	Holidays	\$700
	Baby Burial	\$300

No burials Sunday Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. All charges to be paid by cash, certified or cashier's check. Prices subject to change without notice.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 16, 2008 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the regular meeting times be set for every other Wednesday beginning with the next meeting on January 16, 2008 and every other Wednesday thereafter at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall 23 Maple Dr. Columbus Ohio. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board the allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and on the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at .34/mile for all travel outside of the township and further these expenses be allowed at the same rate and

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On the same basis for any other township employee authorized to travel on behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at a rate of .34/mile for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2008 as money becomes available.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded to authorize to request advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2008 as money becomes available. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$123,345.12.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the payment of the ADP payroll in the amount of \$123,345.12. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments through automatic withdraw from the checking account.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments automatic withdraw from the checking account. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve online payment of the Ohio Public Employee's Retirement payment automatic withdraw from the checking account.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve online payment of the child support payments automatic withdraw from the checking account. Vote; Aye.

Ms. Montag requested the Board to approve online payment of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund payments automatic withdraw from the checking account.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board to approve online payment of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund payments automatic withdraw from the checking account. Vote; Aye.

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

Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the schedule for the bidding and contracting phase of the demolition of the apartment building at Mix and Stiles Avenue as follows: Advertise 1-11-08 and 1-18-08; open bids 2-1-08, 2:00 p.m.; award buds 2-13-08; execute contracts 2-27-08; notice to proceed 2-28-08 and completion of the work 4-18-08.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the schedule for the bidding and contracting phase of the demolition of the apartment building at Mix and Stiles Avenue as follows: Advertise 1-11-08 and 1-18-08; open bids 2-1-08, 2:00 p.m.; award bids 2-13-08; execute contracts 2-27-08; notice to proceed 2-28-08 and completion of the work 4-18-08. Vote; Aye.

1. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve enter into an agreement with R.D. Zande for preparing the bid packet for the demolition of the Mix and Stiles Avenue apartment building in the amount of \$5,250.00 and authorizing Mr. Hatmaker, Administrator, to sign the agreement.

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Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve enter into an agreement with R.D. Zande for preparing the bid packet for the demolition of the Mix and Stiles Avenue apartment building in the amount of \$5,250.00 and authorizing Mr. Hatmaker, Administrator, to sight the agreement. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. McAninch requested the Board approve the 2008 government lease program with JD Equipment to trade the 2007 John Deere 5425 cab/tractor at a total cost of \$2,500.00.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the 2008 government lease program with JD Equipment to trade the 2007 John Deere 5425 cab/tractor at a total cost of \$2,500.00. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Chief Feustel requested the Board approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a Fire Instructor Course for all Fire Department Officers.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a Fire Instructor Course for all Fire Department Officers. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to re-appoint Jam Pitts to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2013.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded requested the Board to re-appoint Jam Pitts to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2013. Vote; Aye.

2. Ms. Swisher requested the Board appoint Pam Williams and Doug Owsley to the Board of Zoning Appeals as alternate members for the terms expiring on December 31, 2009. (Resolution 1-08 and 2-08)

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board appoint Pam Williams and Doug Owsley to the Board of Zoning Appeals as alternate members for the terms expiring on December 31, 2009. (Resolution 1-08 and 2-08). A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Ms. Schlosser; Aye.

3. Ms. Swisher requested the Board re-appoint Hulda Moffit to the Zoning Commission a five year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2013.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board re-appoint Hulda Moffit to the Zoning Commission a five year term commencing on January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2013. Vote; Aye.

4. Ms. Swisher requested the Board appoint Melinda Shoaf to the Zoning Commission as an alternate member for the term expiring on December 31, 2009. (Resolution 3-09).

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board appoint Melinda Shoaf to the Zoning Commission as an alternate member for the term expiring on December 31, 2009. (Resolution 3-09). A roll call resulted as follows: Mr. Kennedy; Aye, Mr. Stormont; Aye, Mr. Kennedy; Aye.

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5. Ms. Swisher requested the Board schedule a public meeting, to coincide with its January 30, 2008 regular meeting, to discuss and consider the recent Prairie Township Comprehensive Plan updates.
6. Ms. Swisher requested the Board to accept Mr. Bruce Whyte letter of resignation from the Darby Accord Panel.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board to accept Mr. Bruce Whyte letter of resignation from the Darby Accord Panel. Vote; Aye.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board authorize the Township Administrator to register members of the Board, the Fiscal Officer, the Fiscal Officer-elect and appropriate staff to attend the 2008 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and approve payment of appropriate registration fees.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board authorize the Township Administrator to register members of the Board, the Fiscal Officer, the Fiscal Officer- elect and appropriate staff to attend the 2008 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and approve payment of appropriate registration fees. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk