

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE

REGULAR MEETING/MAY 21, 2008

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

Ms. Schlosser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 7, 2008. Vote; Aye

Deputy Weiner highlighted the monthly statistics: 463 dispatched runs, 591 pick up runs, 26 domestic runs, 17 gun runs, 88 reports taken, 181 record checks, 198 business checks, 6 felony arrests, 32 misdemeanor arrests, 8 felony warrant arrests, 17 misdemeanor warrant arrests, 20 prisoners conveyed, 2 stolen vehicles recovered, 21 vehicles impounded, 20 total crashes investigated, and wrote 13 crash citations. Copies of the report are available at the Township Hall.

Deputy Weiner stated that the past couple of weeks have been pretty steady with nothing out of the ordinary, with the runs beginning to pick up which is normal for this time of year.

Mr. Stormont advised Deputy Weiner that residents on Village Park are complaining about speeders.

Deputy Weiner stated that he was not aware of Village Park complaints, but they will go out and address that.

A resident questioned if the Township would follow the same curfew policies as Columbus will soon be implementing.

Deputy Weiner responded that there already is a curfew for the Township that is enforced. He explained the curfew 16-18 year olds is midnight and for those under age 16 the curfew is an hour and a half after dark.

The resident asked if they would be held or detained as they are in Columbus.

Deputy Weiner stated that those breaking curfew would be taken to Juvenile Detention or they would try to contact their parents. In Columbus, they are taken to the YMCA.

Another resident addressed the Deputy with a question regarding the break-in at 215 Galloway Road. He asked if this break-in was done by the same people who had broken in to other homes around the Township.

Mr. Stormont responded that Columbus Police responded to that run.

Deputy Weiner agreed that Columbus Police did respond, however, there was also a deputy involved. Deputy Weiner will get together with the deputy that responded to find out more information.

A resident questioned if the cruisers in the Township were outfitted with the new technology that allows them to do drive by registration checks.

Deputy Weiner stated that the cruisers did not have this yet, but it would be a great tool to have.

The Fiscal Officer presented the following items:

After the Trustees reviewed the pending warrant list, Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve the pending warrant list of \$127,876.13 and the ADP payroll in the amount of \$101,684.23 for a combined sum of \$229,560.36. Vote; Aye. (See pending warrant list).

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker introduced Mr. Grooms from Stantec, the engineering firm providing assistance to the Township in managing the Inah Avenue Road Construction Project.

Mr. Grooms had several forms that needed to be executed in order to begin the Inah Road Project. The first form Mr. Grooms brought forth was the OPWC Request to Proceed to change the local officers' names on the forms.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the board approve and authorize the Chairperson sign the OPWC Request to Proceed. Vote; Aye.

The second form Mr. Grooms presented was the change order requested by George J. Igel and Company, for a decrease in the amount for \$10,600.00 due to going from concrete pipe to plastic pipe.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the board approve and authorize the Chairperson sign the Change order requested by George J. Igel and Company for a decrease in the amount of \$10,600.00. Vote; Aye.

The third item is Igel's partial payment estimate request for pay for a total of \$39,836.00 for the initial work performed last month.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve and authorize the Chairperson sign the Request for Payment in the amount of \$39,836.00 for work performed in April. Vote; Aye

Ms. Schlosser asked what the correlation is between the payment request and work completed.

Mr. Grooms answered 3.5% before laying the pipe.

The last form Mr. Grooms presented was the OPWC Disbursement Request Form for pay.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the board approve and authorize the Chairperson sign the OPWC Disbursement Request Form. Vote; Aye.

There was no standing business for the Road Dept.

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

1. Chief Feustel stated that there are three T-1 lines that have contracts that have come due. A price comparison for the T-1 lines to RoadRunner Commercial Account Service agreements shows T-1 lines at a cost of \$564.00, and for the RoadRunner System agreement is \$272.88. Chief requested a motion to approve two Time Warner Road Runner commercial service agreements to replace the T-1 line connections between the Inah Avenue and Hubbard Road Fire Stations and between the Inah Avenue Fire Station and the Township Hall. The third T-1 line will remain in place as it operates the 9-1-1 service.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board approve two Time Warner Road Runner Commercial Service Agreements to connect the Inah Avenue and Hubbard Road Fire Stations and the Inah Avenue Fire Station and the Township Hall.

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Each contract will be for 3 years at a cost of \$272.00 per month and authorizing the Chair to sign. Vote; Aye.

2. Chief Feustel announced that the Fire Department has completed the Spring Fire Hydrant flushing.
3. Chief Feustel announced that the Fire Department will be doing some training at the church located on the corner of Beacon Hill and Sturbridge. Fencing will also be going up as Doctor's Hospital is ready to begin demolition within the next couple of weeks.
4. Chief Feustel introduced Firefighter Jim Troesch, the Firefighter education officer.

Mr. Troesch announced that the Prairie Township Fire Department has finished teaching CPR to all of the sophomores at Westland High School as part of their Health class.

Mr. Troesch announced that EMS week is May 18th through May 24th. It was started by the hospitals as a way of honoring the frontline EMS people. Mr. Troesch invited residents to visit the fire houses in the Township on Inah or Hubbard Road. Residents are invited to take a look around, get their blood pressure checked, and ask questions.

Chief Feustel explained how the Prairie Township Fire Department is working with Doctor's Hospital to treat heart attacks more quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Troesch also explained some of the literature that will be passed out at the firehouse such as emergency preparedness, medical ID form, and first aid for children.

Mr. Hatmaker asked what times are available for residents to visit the firehouses.

Mr. Troesch answered that although this week is EMS week, residents are welcome to stop by anytime.

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

1. Mr. Hatmaker requested the board's guidance on several nuisance cases in the Township.

Extensions were granted for 317 Fernhill Avenue and 5011 Palmetto Street for grass and weed complaints.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 303 Fernhill Avenue, 62 Oxley Road, 200 North Murray Hill Road, 371 Lennox Avenue, and 717 Cordelia Drive to be a nuisance and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisance at the expense of the property owner as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Vote; Aye.

The property at 6677 Hall Road was granted an extension for the trash and debris complaint.

2. Mr. Hatmaker presented the pay request for Robertson Construction for the Mix and Stiles apartment demolition in the amount of \$67,850.00. This is 85% of the contract amount of \$79, 650.00.

Ms. Schlosser questioned what is still needed to be done to complete

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the project.

Mr. Hatmaker replied that the buildings are completely down. The grating still needs to be done.

Ms. Schlosser asked about how the Township will go about collecting the reimbursement from the county.

Mr. Hatmaker answered that the Township will invoice the county now that we have made the first payment.

Ms. Schlosser moved, Mr. Stormont seconded the Board approve the first payment for the Mix and Stiles Apartment Demolition to Robertson Construction in the amount of \$67,850.00. Vote; Aye.

3. Mr. Hatmaker announced the times for the Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 26, 2008 for the Galloway and Alton Cemeteries.

The Galloway Cemetery Service will be at 9:30 a.m. and will be conducted by Grove City Memorial Veteran of Foreign Wars Post # 8198. They will be placing flags on the veteran's graves.

The Alton Cemetery Service will be at 11:30 a.m. and will be conducted by Camp Chase Post #98 of the American Legion, VFW Post 6065 and Amvets Post 1928. They will also place flags on the veteran's graves.

4. Mr. Hatmaker presented the June 1st, 2008 thru May 31st, 2009 health insurance authorization for the renewal of the employee health insurance plan. The Township worked with Ohio Insurance Services as well as received quotes from two other brokers. The end result was an increase in just over 4%.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the board approve the premium rates included on the Rate Authorization for the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Lumenos H.S.A. Option P6 plan as presented by Ohio Insurance Services to become effective on June 1, 2008, and authorize the Chair to sign said Rate Authorization, a copy of Which will be included as a part of meeting minutes. Vote; Aye

5. Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to name him as the authorized agent for the public assistance grant that is being distributed by FEMA and the Ohio Emergency Management Authority with the help of the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency. FEMA has determined that Prairie Township expended \$16,080 in funds in labor, equipment and materials during the peak 48 hours of the March 7th through March 9th snow emergency. FEMA will reimburse 75% of this amount.

Mr. Stormont moved, Mr. Kennedy seconded the Board appoint Tracy Hatmaker as its Authorized Agent to act on its behalf in matters related to Public Assistance Grant FEMA-EM-3286_OH and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter informing the Ohio Emergency Management Agency of the appointment. Vote; Aye.

Old Business:
None

Public Comment:
None

Announcements:
Chief Feustel announced the dates for the Annual Fish Fry as June 27th, and June 28th. Additional parking should be available at the schools.

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The Senior Center will conduct an Open House on June 1st in the new building. All are invited

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Chairperson

Fiscal Officer