

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 12, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

23 MAPLE DRIVE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order on August 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Schlosser, and Mr. McCardle present. In attendance was Mr. Hatmaker, Township Administrator, along with Fire Chief Feustel (also see attached list).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Stormont moved, and Ms. Schlosser seconded the Board to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on July 29th. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye; Ms. Schlosser- Aye; Mr. Kennedy- Aye.

Sheriff's Report:

Franklin County Deputy Weiner reported to the Board that they have been very busy the last couple weeks. Several stolen cars have been recovered and a lot of warrant arrests have been made. A Drug arrest was made at a local hotel and a home invasion arrest was made on Hilton Avenue. Members of the audience voiced speed complaints on Lombard Avenue and South Lincoln Village. Deputy Weiner also went over July's crime stats. (A copy of the July crime statistics is available at the Township Hall Administration Office.)

Fiscal Officers Report:

Mr. McCardle requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$114,075.59 along with this week's payroll summing \$140,443.14 for a total cash disbursement of \$254,518.73.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the payment of this week's warrants and payroll totaling \$254,518.73. Motion was seconded by Ms. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont- Aye; Mr. Kennedy- Aye; Ms. Schlosser- Aye.

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve a move of \$10,500 from Administrator's Office Staff Salaries to Fiscal Officer's Staff Salaries to reflect the fact the office staff hours are split between these two offices. This amount represents a 50/50 split of salary and pension pickup benefits for the remainder of the 2009.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$10,500 from line item 1000-110-139-0000 (Salaries - Administrator's Office Staff) to 1000-110-122-0000 (Salaries - Fiscal Officer's Office Staff). Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Mr. McCardle then requested that the Board move \$1,837.00 from the Zoning Department property and liability insurance line item to the building department dues and fees line item and to also take a second action to move \$260.67 of those funds back from the building department dues and fees line item into the Zoning Department property and liability insurance line item. The initial request reflects the fact that all of the property and liability funds were moved out of that line item earlier this summer and the second request replaces some of the money in order to cover the Zoning Department's share of the property and liability insurance premium.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$1,837.00 from line item 1000-130-382-0000 (Liability Insurance Premium - Zoning) to 1000-190-510-0000 (Dues and Fees - Building). Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were: Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$260.67 from line item 1000-190-510-0000 (Dues and Fees - Building) to line item 1000-130-382-0000 (Liability Insurance Premium - Zoning).

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Mr. McCardle also asked the Board to approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$1,500 from Zoning's utilities line item and \$1,000 from Zoning's repairs and maintenance line item into Zoning's other expense line item. These supplemental appropriations are needed to cover the cost of legal notices, notice signs, maps, gasoline and other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$1,500 from line item 1000-130-359-0000 (Other - Utilities- Zoning) to line item 1000-130-599-0000 (Other – Other Expense - Zoning). Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$1,000 from line item 1000-130-323-0000 (Repairs and Maintenance - Zoning) to line item 1000-130-599-0000 (Other – Other Expense- Zoning). Motion seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Mr. McCardle asked the Board to approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$7,988.84 from the Palmetto Road Project Fund contract services line item to a new Palmetto Road Project Fund principle payment notes line item.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$7,988.84 from line item 4405-760-630-0000 (Contact Services - Palmetto) to line item 4405-820-820-0000 (Principle Payment Notes - Palmetto). Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were: Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Standing Business:

Road and Cemetery Department:

The Road Department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention so Mr. McAninch was excused from this meeting.

Zoning Department:

The Zoning Department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention so Ms. Swisher was excused from this meeting.

Township Resident Mr. Neil Distlehurst requested that the Zoning Board pass along a summary report of their meetings onto the Board to be shared with the public during these Board of Trustees meetings.

On a separate note, Mr. Distlehurst also requested that zoning signs be two sided and face parallel to the road.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Feustel requested that the Board approve the conversion of up to 120 hours of sick leave into injury leave for Fire Fighter Bryan Gibson.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the use of up to 120 hours of injury leave by Firefighter Bryan Gibson and that the sick leave that has been previously used will be credited back to Firefighter Gibson. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

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Administrator:

Mr. Hatmaker began by asking the Boards guidance on the nuisance cases from this meeting.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at 6355 Alkire Road, 215-219 Danhurst Road, 54 Lennox Avenue, 66 Amity Road, 274 Maple Drive, and 374 Kellybrook Place to be a nuisances and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate a said nuisances at the expense of the property owners as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Votes were Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board adopt Resolution 12-09 authorizing the Chair to apply for OPWC funding for Phase III of the South Grener Avenue project and to execute agreements related to that application. The application requests \$1,781,224 in grants and \$596,912 in no-interest loans to fund the project.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 12-09 "A resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, to seek financial assistance from the OPWC SCIP/LTIP for funding a capital infrastructure improvement project at S. Grener Avenue (PH III)". Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Roll Call votes were Mrs. Schlosser; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Hatmaker then requested that the Board adopt resolution 13-09 authorizing the Chair to apply for OPWC funding for the Woodlawn Avenue project and to execute agreements related to that application. The application requests \$1,874,572 in grants and \$628,195 in no-interest loans to fund the project. The Franklin County Sanitary Engineer will be participating in the project because we are replacing a water line. This agency will be responsible for \$76,304 of the loan repayment. Mr. Hatmaker added that it is possible that the township will receive up to \$250,000 in Safe Routes to School Grant funding to offset some of these amounts as well.

Mrs. Schlosser moved that the Board adopt Resolution 13-09 "A resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees, to seek financial assistance from the OPWC SCIP/LTIP for funding a capital infrastructure improvement project at Woodlawn Avenue." Motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. Roll Call votes were Mrs. Schlosser; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mr. Stormont; Aye.

Mr. Hatmaker asked the Board to approve the first disbursement request to reimburse the county engineer for the final design of the South Grener, Phase II project in the amount of \$79,505. The total cost of the final design work for this project will come to \$235,526. This project is slated for construction in 2010.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve disbursement request number 1 for the South Grener Avenue Street improvement project final design in the amount of \$79,505. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Schlosser. Votes were Mr. Stormont; Aye- Mr. Kennedy; Aye- Mrs. Schlosser; Aye.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Township Resident Mr. Neil Distlehurst shared his opinion that the three properties that are the biggest nuisance within the township are properties owned by the Township along Alton Road, property held by the City of Columbus, and property held by the Soil and Water Group. Mr. Distlehurst shared his concern that these properties need upkeep, warned that next year the properties will be in a worse state of condition, and further

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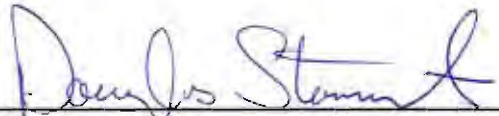
concern that the current nuisance policy does not apply to properties like these. He also stated that he has made personal phone calls but they have not been effective. Mr. Hatmaker stated that he recently provided the Soil and Water staff with phone numbers of mowing service companies. Ms. Schlosser added that she has received many complaint calls about the Soil & Water property also.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Chairman



Fiscal Officer