

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 13, 2010– REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

The regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees was called to order on January 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Stormont, with Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Ball, and Mr. McCardle present. Also in attendance were Mr. Hatmaker, Township Administrator and Fire Chief Feustel. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Acceptance of Certificates of Election and Bonds:

The Board accepted the Certificates Election of Ron Ball and Steve Kennedy.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the Certificate of Election of Ronald Ball. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the Certificate of Election of Stephen Kennedy. Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Abstained. The motion passed.

Acceptance of Bonds

The Board accepted the Bonds of Ron Ball and Steve Kennedy.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the Bond of Ronald Ball. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kennedy. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Abstained. The motion passed.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the Bond of Stephen Kennedy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ball. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye, Mr. Kennedy, Abstained. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Stormont asked the board to approve the meeting minutes for the December 30, 2009 regular meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Tuller went over the December crime statistic reports. There has been a rash of robberies in our local shopping plazas. Deputies are working diligently to apprehend the suspects involved in this theft ring. The Deputy recommended that residents talk through their doors (but do not open your doors) to any strangers. If an individual needs help, tell that person that you will call the local sheriff and a Deputy Sheriff will stop out to assist them. Also – the Sheriff's Department strongly recommends the use of home alarm systems.

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Reorganization Meeting for 2010

Election of Officers

Mr. McCardle conducted the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2010. Mr. McCardle began by requesting nominations.

Board Chairman

Mr. Stormont nominated Steve Kennedy for Board Chairman. Mr. Ball seconded the nomination. Mr. Ball moved that the nominations for Chairman be closed. Mr. Stormont seconded.

Mr. McCardle conducted a roll call vote to close the nominations for Board Chairman. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Abstained.

Roll call votes to elect Mr. Kennedy as Chairman of the Board for 2010 went as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Abstained.

Mr. McCardle then declared that Mr. Kennedy was the duly elected Chairman of the Board for the year 2010.

Board Vice-Chairman

Mr. Ball nominated Doug Stormont for Board Vice-Chairman. Mr. Kennedy seconded the nomination. Mr. Kennedy moved that the nominations for Vice-Chairman be closed. Mr. Ball seconded.

Mr. McCardle conducted a roll call vote to close the nominations of Board Vice-Chairman. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Abstained; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

Roll call votes to elect Mr. Stormont as Vice-Chairman of the Board for 2010 went as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Abstained; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

Mr. McCardle then declared that Mr. Stormont was the duly elected Vice-Chairman of the Board for the year 2010.

Registration for Ohio Township Association Winter Conference

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board allow all expenses for elected officials and the township administrator to attend the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference and Trade Show to be held on February 17, 2010 through February 20, 2010 at the Columbus Convention Center.

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Appointment of Fire Marshall

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board appoint Assistant Chief Mark Good as Fire Marshall for the year 2010.

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Stormont seconded. Mr. McCardle conducted a roll call vote. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

Appointment of Law Director

The contract with the Prosecuting Attorney's office automatically renews unless one of the parties terminates it.

Mr. McCardle requested a motion from the Board to retain the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney as the Law Director for the Board of the year 2010.

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Mr. Kennedy motioned "So moved". Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Cemetery Chain and Flag

Mr. McCardle requested a motion from the Board to continue the employment of Floyd Cochran, Chain and Flag, at Galloway Cemetery at a rate of \$150.00 per month and at Alton Cemetery at a rate of \$200.00 per month.

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". The motioned was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Township Employees

Mr. McCardle requested a motion from the Board to rehire all township employees for the year 2010.

- Fire Department personnel at wages per negotiated contracts
- Road & Cemetery personnel at wages per contracts or employee manual
- Zoning personnel at wages per contracts of employee manual
- Administration personnel at wages per contracts of employee manual
- Miscellaneous Labor personnel for the Cemetery Chain at Alton Cemetery @ \$2400 annually paid @ \$200 per month
- Miscellaneous Labor personnel for the Cemetery Chain at Galloway Cemetery @ \$1800 annually paid @ \$150 per month
- Trustees Steve Kennedy, Doug Stormont and Ron Ball as per Section 505.24 of the Ohio Revised Code
- Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle as per Section 507.09 of the Ohio Revised Code

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Cemetery Charges

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve that the cemetery charges remain at present levels.

<u>Product or Service</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Graves (each)	\$600
Township Resident's Weekday Opening & Closing	\$300
Township Resident's Saturday (until noon) Opening & Closing	\$400
Township Resident's Holiday (until noon) Opening & Closing	\$500
Non-Resident's Weekday Opening & Closing	\$450
Non-Resident's Saturday (until noon) Opening & Closing	\$575
Non-Resident's Holiday (until noon) Opening & Closing	\$700
Cremation during Weekdays	\$150
Cremation on Saturday or Holiday (until noon)	\$300
Baby Burial (36"-40") during Weekdays	\$150
Baby Burial (36"-40") on Saturday or Holiday (until noon)	\$300
Foundations – cost per square inch	\$0.30
Disinterment Fee for Residents	\$800
Disinterment Fee for Non-Residents	\$1150
Disinterment Fee for cremation burials held at Alton or Galloway Cem.	\$300
St. James Cemetery Burial Fee – Weekdays	\$450
St. James Cemetery Burial Fee – Saturday	\$575
St. James Cemetery Burial Fee – Holiday	\$700
St. James Cemetery Burial Fee for a Baby Burial	\$300

No burials will be conducted on Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day or Christmas Day

All charges are to be paid by cash, certified check or cashier's check
Prices are subject to change without notice.

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Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve the regular meeting schedule of every other Wednesday with the next meeting on January 27, 2010 and each meeting also be held at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall located at 23 Maple Drive, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Expense Reimbursements for Employees

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board allow administrative expenses at actual cost, including parking, meals and mileage at the standard mileage rates set by the Internal Revenue Service 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 of behalf of the township and that the Zoning Inspectors be allowed mileage at this same rate for all travel within the township if the zoning vehicle is not available.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. The motion passed.

Advance of Tax Monies

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board authorize requests for advances of tax monies from the Franklin County Auditor in 2010 as money becomes available.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Third Party Payroll Processing

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve the payment of Third Party (PAYCOR) payroll processing through automatic withdraw from the township checking account.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.

Child Support ACH Payments

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve online payment of child support payments through automatic withdraw from the township checking account.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Pension Fund ACH Payments

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve the online payment of both the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund (OPFPF) contributions and the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) contributions through automatic withdraw from the township checking account.

Mr. Kennedy motioned “so moved”. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

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This concluded the 2010 Reorganization Meeting.

The Chair was turned over to Mr. Kennedy to continue the Regular Board Meeting.

Volunteer Firefighters Indemnity Board Appointment

Mr. Kennedy appointed both Doug Stormont and Ron Ball to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters Indemnity Board for the year 2010.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Advance Monies to Greener Ph. II Fund

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board advance monies from the General Fund to the South Greener Avenue Phase II Fund in order to allow for payment for R.O.W. acquisition services. While the Board has authorized appropriations in this fund, no cash has been transferred into the fund because payments are typically made by the OPWC and then recorded in the Township UAN system. In the case of this R.O.W. acquisition, the township will expend the payment and will then be reimbursed by the OPWC.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the advance of \$15,000.00 from the General Fund, Fund 1000, to the South Greener Avenue Phase II Fund, Fund 4404. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle asked for the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$174,545.52 along with this week's payroll summing \$146,533.62 for a total cash disbursement of \$321,079.14.

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business

Roads 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.

Fire

Firehouse Software Licenses for Three Laptops

Fire Chief Feustel requested approval to purchase three additional licenses to cover the Medic laptops at a cost

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of \$990.00 per license for a total cost of \$2,970.00. These items had already been approved for payment during 2009, but the Township was not billed for the items until after January 1 of this year.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the purchase of three licenses for Firehouse software at a cost of \$990.00 each and a total cost of \$2,970.00. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

Administrator

South Greener Avenue Phases I and II Designated Local Official

Mr. Hatmaker requested that the Board designate the new Chairman, Steve Kennedy, as its designated official for the purpose of authorizing actions related to the Greener Phase I and II road projects.

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board designate Steve Kennedy as its designated local official for the South Greener Phase I and Phase II road reconstruction projects. Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.

South Greener Avenue Phase I Final Payment

Mr. Hatmaker recommended that the board approve the final pay request for the South Greener Issue II Phase I project in the amount of \$72,251.82. Mr. Stormont asked if there were any remaining funds being withheld for this project and Mr. Hatmaker replied no – this will be the final payment. This is pay request #6 and it takes the project to 100% completion. The township has received all the documentation necessary to close this project out.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the final payment of \$72,251.82 for construction of Phase I of the South Greener Avenue reconstruction project. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Greener Avenue Phase II – Additional Right of Way

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board's approval of an appraisal and acquisition cost of up to \$31750 for the permanent right of way needed for a box culvert on Greener Phase II.

Mr. Kennedy motioned "so moved". Mr. Ball seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

A township resident made the Board aware of a parking problem that is arising off of Bolingbrook Drive. Trustee Kennedy asked Chief Feustel to look into the parking problem. Mr. Kennedy also asked Mr. Hatmaker to check with the Road Superintendant for comment on the street parking situation. Trustee Stormont asked Mr. Hatmaker to ask the Sheriff to patrol the area and check for violations.

Public Comment

None

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Announcements

Mr. Hatmaker announced that on January 25th and 28th, there will be public meetings held at The Cedar Ridge Lodge @ 6:30 PM in the Battelle Darby Metro Park regarding The Big Darby Accord.

Mr. Kennedy announced that a PUCO Meeting will be held at the Harvest Assembly of God (8075 Dellinger Road) on January 21st @ 6:00 PM at for the West Point and Lake Darby water and sewer rate hikes. Mr. Kennedy also went over the recent OCC report regarding the water rate hike proposal. The OCC report recommended an 8% decrease in the current rates for residential customers.

Pam Williams, township resident, announced that the hearing for the dirt piled in the Galloway flood plain is set for February 11 at 1:30 PM.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer