

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 27, 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 27, 2010 at 7:00 PM by the Chairman, Trustee Steve Kennedy, with Trustee Doug Stormont, Trustee Ron Ball, and Fiscal Officer Dan McCardle present. Also in attendance were Tracy Hatmaker, Township Administrator and Fire Chief Stephen Feustel. (See attached sign in sheet for a complete list of additional attendees).

Mr. Stormont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kennedy asked the board to approve the meeting minutes for the January 13, 2010 regular meeting. Mr. Stormont seconded. **The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Sheriff's Report

Deputy Wiener briefly summarized the highlights of the 2009 (full year) crime statistics report. Copies of this spreadsheet summary report are available for pick-up at the township hall. It has been over two weeks since the Township has had a reported burglary. Nevertheless, the deputies have been fairly busy as they have been addressing speed complaints and any other issues that have been called in to the department.

### Fiscal Officer's Report

#### Supplemental Appropriations

Mr. McCardle requested that the Board approve supplemental appropriations in order to facilitate the anticipated purchase of a new truck for the road department. The request entails moving cash in three separate funds from each fund's respective salary line item to its machinery, equipment and furniture line item. The funds and amounts are: Road and Bridge (\$27,000); Cemetery (\$26,100); and Permissive Motor Vehicle License (\$20,400).

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$27,000 from line item number 2031-330-190-0000 (Road and Bridge Salary) to 2031-760-740-0000 (Road and Bridge Machinery, Equipment and Furniture). Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$26,100 from line item number 2041-410-190-0000 (Cemetery Salary) to 2041-760-740-0000 (Cemetery Machinery, Equipment and Furniture). Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a supplemental appropriation moving \$20,400 from line item number 2231-330-190-0000 (Permissive Motor Vehicle License Salary) to 2231-760-740-0000 (Permissive Motor Vehicle License Machinery, Equipment and Furniture). Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Mr. McCardle then requested the Board's approval for payment of this week's warrants summing \$115,653.00 along with this week's payroll summing \$195,187.15 for a total cash disbursement of \$310,840.15.

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

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### Standing Business

#### Roads and Cemetery Department

Mr. McAninch was previously excused from attending this meeting.

#### Zoning Department

Ms. Swisher was previously excused from attending this meeting.

#### Fire Department

The Fire Department did not have any items to bring to the Board's attention. Chief Feustel however was in attendance to answer any questions that may have been raised.

#### Administrator

#### Nuisances Cases

Mr. Hatmaker asked for the Board's guidance on the nuisance cases at 78 Evergreen Terrance and 324 Hubbard Road which were forwarded in advance of the meeting.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Prairie Township Board of Trustees find the conditions at both 78 Evergreen Terrance and 324 Hubbard Road to be nuisances and that the Board hereby directs staff to abate said nuisances at the expense of the property owners as per the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

#### Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Appointments

A committee consisting of Neil Distelhorst (township resident), Steve Kennedy (township Trustee) and Tracy Hatmaker (Township Administrator) has recently met with the individuals that had expressed interest in the one BZA seat and two BZA alternate seats that are to be appointed this month. This committee has recommended that the three current occupants of these seats be reappointed to their positions. The returning Board member is Bill Gallaer and the returning alternates are Pam Williams and Doug Owsley.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board appoint Bill Gallaer to the Prairie Township Board of Zoning Appeals for a term ending December 31, 2014. Mr. Stormont seconded this motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Resolution passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 01-10, "A Resolution Appointing Alternate Member to the Prairie Township Board of Zoning Appeals." Mr. Stormont seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Resolution passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 02-10, "A Resolution Appointing Alternate Member to the Prairie Township Board of Zoning Appeals." Mr. Stormont seconded. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. Resolution passed.**

#### Catch Basin Cleaning

Mr. McAninch, Township Road Superintendant, has recommended that the Board approve \$15,000.00 for the annual catch basin cleaning program that is required by NPDES Phase II. The contractor that would be providing

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this service is Metropolitan Environmental Services Inc. The \$140.00 price per hour is the same rate that was charged during 2009. The township is required to clean all of our catch basins on an annual basis. This request is only an estimated cost for this project.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$15,000.00 for the township's annual catch basin cleaning program and authorize that Metropolitan Environmental Services be hired to perform these services at a rate of \$140.00 per hour. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Street Sweeping

Mr. McAninch has recommended that the Board approve two separate street sweepings during 2010 for the township roads that have curbs and gutters. The cost for each street sweeping is \$4,018.00 for a total annual cost of \$8,036.00. This is the same cost as the two sweeps completed during 2009. The contractor is Contract Sweepers and Equipment and the sweeps have been tentatively set for the week of April 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 and the week of September 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 (which is the Tuesday after Labor Day).

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$8,036.00 for two street sweepings during 2010 and authorize that Contract Sweepers be hired for perform this service and also authorize the township administrator to sign the contract. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Truck Purchase for Road Department

Mr. McAninch has recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a 2010 International 4400 Dump Truck and the sale of a 2005 International 4300 Dump Truck to Green Township of Ross County. The breakdown of the purchase and sale is as follows:

- 1) Purchase of 2010 International 4400 cab and chassis off of the ODOT contract from Miami Valley International Trucks for \$68,448.00
- 2) Purchase of Dump Body, fender mounted plow lights, pull tarp and other miscellaneous items from America's Body Company for \$15,555.00
- 3) Purchase of under tailgate stainless steel salt spreader off of the ODOT contract from Swenson Spreader LLC for \$2,053.00
- 4) Purchase of Pengwyn Series 485 Central Hydraulic System and 140 Gallon Tailgate pre wetting system off of ODOT contact from Pengwyn for \$13,079.00
- 5) Purchase of 9' Monroe plow, plow frame, installation of plow, plow frame, hydraulic system, wetting system, under tailgate spreader and road watch from Pengwyn for \$12,111.00
- 6) Purchase of Whelen Super-LED lighting system and installation of lighting system from Parr Public Safety Equipment for \$2,379.00
- 7) Purchase of JOMA Blade system for snow plow from Winter Equipment Company Inc. for \$1,603.46
- 8) Sale of 2005 International 4300 Dump Truck along with snow plow and under tailgate spreader to Green Township of Ross County for \$50,000.00.

In summary, the fully equipped new truck's purchase cost of \$115,228.46 will be reduced to a net cost of \$65,228.46 after the disposal of our existing truck for \$50,000.00. Mr. McAninch has a letter of intent to purchase for \$50,000 signed by the Fiscal Officer of Green Township, Ross County.

Mr. Kennedy stated that because we rely on the trucks for public safety, we need to keep updated equipment on hand to perform during times of need. No other issues were raised.

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the purchase of a new 4400 dump truck and related accessories as follows:**

- **2010 International 4400 cab and chassis from Miami Valley International Trucks at the ODOT contract price of \$68,448.00**
- **Dump body, fender-mounted plow lights, pull tarp and miscellaneous items from America's Body Company at a price of \$15,555.00**

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- **Under tailgate stainless steel salt spreader from Swenson Spreader at the ODOT contract price of \$2,053.00**
- **Series 485 central hydraulic system and 140 gallon tailgate pre-wetting system from Pengwyn at the ODOT contract price of \$13,079.00.**
- **Monre 9-foot plow, plow frame, installation of plow, hydraulic system wetting system under tailgate spreader and road watch from Pengwyn at a price of \$12,111.00.**
- **Whelen Super-LED lighting and installation of lighting system from Parr Public Safety Equipment at a price of \$2,379.00.**
- **JOMA blade system from Winter Equipment Company at a price of \$1,603.46.**

**Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye. The motion passed.**

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the sale of a 2005 International 4300 dump truck, snow plow and under gate spreader to Green Township, Ross County, Ohio at a price of \$50,000.00. Mr. Stormont seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye. The motion passed.**

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Public Comment

None

### Announcements

Mr. Kennedy announced that the Ohio American Water Company is now in the middle of the PUCO meetings/hearings. Mr. Kennedy, as Chairman of "Fight the Hike" will be participating in an on air debate regarding the water and sewage rate hikes on a local radio station next Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

Pam Williams, township resident, announced that the trial for the Galloway Dirt Pile will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm – Room 15c @ Franklin County

Mr. Hatmaker announced that upcoming public meetings for the Darby Accord will be held at the Cedar Ridge Lodge in Battelle Darby Metro Park on both January 25 and January 28 at 6:30 PM.

### Executive Session

**Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board go into executive session at 7:35 PM in order to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public**

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employee as per Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Stormont seconded this motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

No decisions were made during this executive session.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board return from executive session at 9:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stormont. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Ball, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Handwritten signature of Steve Kennedy in blue ink.

Chairman

Handwritten signature of M. L. McCord in blue ink.

Fiscal Officer