

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 8, 2023 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Trustee Doug Stormont called the meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees to order on March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall with Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Rod Pritchard, Fiscal Officer Natalie McKay, Township Administrator James Jewell, Road Superintendent Dave McAninch, Recreation Director Michael Pollack, Zoning Director Dana Scott, Fire Chief Allen Scott, and Sheriff Deputy B. Haren 1078 present.

### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Stormont opened the meeting and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Trebel - Aggregation Program Presentation** - Scott Belcastro with Trebel was in attendance to present the rates for electric and gas aggregation programs, so the Board could decide if they wanted to take action on new suppliers, new rates or both.

Mr. Belcastro said Trebel's approach to aggregation is focused on our customers and ensuring that the **communities we serve are protected. This is done through extensive contract negotiation with suppliers,** resulting in terms and conditions that shift risk from the residents to the supplier and/or utility. Trebel's customer focused approach also includes an education campaign to make sure that residents are making informed decisions, as well as in-house customer service to address community questions and concerns throughout the life of the program.

Mr. Belcastro describe the energy market as a "heck of a ride" lately, given all the fluctuations, and was happy to report they are getting some programs back up and running which they haven't been available to do for a while. He shared a visual of the price of gas, showing massive volatility following an extended period of stability. As a result, Mr. Belcastro said Trebel changed the way they do business with the townships. He said they needed to move faster because suppliers do not hold rates--some change rates multiple times throughout the day. As a result, Trebel updated their management energy agreement to included having the Township appoint Trebel as their attorney in fact, so Trebel can work on behalf of the Township, instead of bogging down Township staff with the activities.

Mr. Pritchard questioned whether the Township could do that (appoint Trebel as attorney in fact), and advised getting confirmation from the Township's legal counsel.

Mr. Belcastro said that he hasn't been to see the Board in a while because he didn't think it was in the best interest of the township to lock in at the higher rates. He believes that because the price of electric has been going up, now is the right time to lock in. He shared a price list of showing what the default provider was charging and said that come the first of June, anyone using the utilities default rate should expect to pay something north of \$0.115 per kilowatt hour for electric. Mr. Belcastro presented a contract to the Board locking in a fixed rate of \$0.0699 per kilowatt hour thru May 2025, an expected savings to resident of \$.04 cents per kilowatt hour. A second contract, also thru May 2025, locks in a natural gas fixed rate of \$0.599 per ccf.

Mr. Belcastro said that Archer Energy out of Powell Ohio would be the provider and there would be no risk to the residents in opting into the program as there is no early terminate fee.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve an Energy Consulting and Management Agreement with Trebel, LLC pending approval of the Township 's legal counsel. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

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Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve a 24-month agreement with Archer Energy, LLC for the electric aggregation program beginning June 1, 2023 at a fixed rate of \$0.0699 per kwh and authorize the Chair to sign the necessary documents. Mr. Pritchard seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board approve a 24-month agreement with Archer Energy, LLC for the gas aggregation program beginning May 1, 2023 at a fixed rate of \$ 0.599 ccf and authorize the Chair to sign the necessary documents. Mr. Pritchard seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes** - February 22, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont made a motion to approve the February 22, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

### Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Sheriff Deputy B. Haren 1078 gave the Sheriff's report for the last two weeks.

From date - To date	Total	Change
Total Calls for Service/Self-Initiated Runs	490	-75
Total Reports Taken	52	-9
Arrests/Citations	42	-5
Thefts	4	-1
Suspicious Activity Stops / Calls	65	-6
Traffic Stops	55	-13
Stolen Vehicles	2	
Recovered Vehicles (with the help of the Flock cameras)	4	
Drug Related Arrests	2	
Overdose	2	
Sexual Assaults	2	

- Third shift deputies are wearing their body cameras; the entire patrol will follow suit soon.
- On 02/25/2023 Deputy S. Brintlinger located and executed a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling west bound in the east bound lanes of W. Broad St. Deputy Brintlinger and Deputy McDowell were able to take both occupants into custody. Inside the vehicle fentanyl, white powder methamphetamine, brass knuckles and a replica BB gun were found. Both occupants were arrested on multiple charges.
- On 03/05/2023 Deputies Ball and C. Brintlinger located an ATV traveling through Lincoln Village North on the roadways and without any illuminated lights. The Deputies attempted to execute a

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traffic stop on the vehicle, but it traveled into Carl Frye Park. Deputy Ball was able to get a good view of the rider of the ATV as he exited the park and knew where the individual lived on Musket Way. Deputy Ball waited in the area of the individuals address with all of his lights off and witnessed the ATV return to a residence on Musket Way. Deputy Ball was able to take the individual into custody but only after a short foot chase and after a taser deployment. The individual was charged with 14 different offenses and taken to jail.

- Deputy B. Haren along with the other deputies from the liaison unit participated in the Reach Out and Read initiative at Darby Woods Elementary this week. We read books to two different classes and answered questions from students.

Discussion:

Ms. Debra Kurtz of 217 Evergreen commented that she was concerned there was a fire last Sunday at Fernhill and Palmetto, because she saw a lot of smoke. When the smoke cleared, she huge black marks on the road. Deputy Haren said he's had other complaints of cars speeding up and down the street. He said he would have the crime analysts get on social media and see if they can find out where the car clubs might be next.

### **Fiscal Officer 's Report**

#### **Approval of Warrants and Payroll**

Ms. McKay reported this week's warrants list detailed payments to 85 vendors totaling \$238,343.79. She requested request the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$238,343.79 along with the 3/10/23 payroll of \$216,669.05 for a total cash disbursement of \$455,012.84.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont motioned "so moved". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion . The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### **Standing Business**

#### **Fire Department**

**Open Burn Ban Announcement** : Chief Scott announced a Statewide Open Burn Ban March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, between 6am and 6pm. He reminded residents that fines are extremely heavy during this time.

**Sale of Equipment** : Chief Scott asked the Board's permission to sell 3 used Dell laptop computers and 2 used docking stations to Jefferson Twp. Fire (Madison Co.) for a total cost of \$900.00. These are older units that were used in our vehicles and have been replaced with much more efficient and less expensive tablet devices.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the sale of 3 Dell laptop computers and 2 docking stations to Jefferson Township Fire Department, Madison County, Ohio in the amount of \$900.00. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye;**

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Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

**Discarding of Electronic Equipment and Ice Machine (Res. 08-23 ):** Chief Scott asked the Board to authorize the disposal of a miscellaneous lot of obsolete electronic equipment that was recently found in a storage area at station 243, along with a non-operable ice machine.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 08-23, "A Resolution authorizing the discarding of miscellaneous electronic equipment and a non-operable ice machine ". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

**March Fuel Bill :** Chief Scott asked the Board to authorize the Fiscal Office to issue a check on Thursday, March 9, 2023 to US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems for the Fire Department fuel bill at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. The statement does not close until the 8<sup>th</sup> of each month and the bill is not available until the 9<sup>th</sup> which is after this Trustee meeting. If we wait to pay at the next Trustee meeting we risk our cards being declined due to the current limit set on the account and we would be unable to purchase fuel for our vehicles. US Bank has still not adjusted our line of credit. We have been in contact with them.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to issue a check on Thursday, March 9, 2023 to US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems for fuel at cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

**EMS Billing :** Chief Scott asked the Board to consider a 10%, across the board increase, in our EMS billing rates, saying we have not raised our rates since 2019. Our rates are currently 10% or more below the updated rates of comparable departments in our area. The current rates and proposed increased are listed below. This is not an attempt to increase revenue. This is our responsibility as a Medicare/Medicaid provider to attempt to show that the cost of providing prehospital emergency medical transport services far exceeds the allotted rates. Because most insurance companies are increasing out of pocket spending and because 70% of our revenue comes from Medicare and Medicaid, we will experience reduced EMS billing revenue unless the Federal Government and the insurance industry increase their funding. These increases will not impact our township residents because we do not send bills to our residents. We bill their insurance only. We only bill non-residents for the balance. The following graphs and statistics show the cost of providing EMS in Prairie Township as well as the revenue we receive from EMS billing.

Current Rates	Adjusted Rates
Mileage= \$14.61	+10%= \$16.07
BLS= \$699.13	+10% = \$769.04
ALS1= \$849.08	+10%= \$933.99

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**ALS2= \$1,201.81**

**+10% = \$1,321.99**

Mr. Pritchard thanked Chief Scott for taking the Board through his prepared presentation and said it explained a little more why the Chief is asking for the increase. Mr. Pritchard and Ms. Schmelzer asked for the Fiscal Officer's opinion and Ms. McKay commented that she hadn't seen the presentation materials before the meeting tonight. Mr. Pritchard stated that he doesn't have an issue and understands the goal, but wants the Fiscal Officer's opinion.

The Board tabled the request until the next meeting.

Before Chief Scott gave his monthly report, he commented that Galloway Village continues to have violations, and due to financial issues, they have no intention of correcting them at this time. Chief Scott said that the Fire Marshal will begin the citation process. The Chief also commented that several fire department personnel will be volunteering to read to the kids at Darby Woods Elementary this week, a unique school in that it sits half in the city of Columbus, and half in Prairie Township.

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Copy (10) of Annual Performance Report with Monthly Breakdowns

Date: Thursday, March 2, 2023  
Time: 12:15:08 PM

Alarm Date between 2023-02-01 and 2023-02-28

### Incident Count By NFIRS Code

Incident Type Group	2023-02-01	Total
300 - EMS	253	253
600 - Series	62	62
700 - False Alarm	9	9
500 - Service Call	21	21
100 - Fire	4	4
400 - HAZMAT	4	4
<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>353</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>EMS</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>253</b>

### Incident Count by Station

Station	2023-02-01	Total
Prairie Township Fire Station 241	286	286
Prairie Township Fire Station 243	67	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>353</b>

Aided Agency Name	Details
Columbus	76
Franklin County Sheriff	1
Franklin Township	3
Jackson Township	1
Jefferson Township	2
Norwich Township	1
Pleasant Valley Township	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>

2 Alarm fire on N. Murry Hill  
138 Hours of training  
54 Inspections  
30 Fire Investigation Hours  
Chief Scott and Marshal Powers attended the Fire Code Academy

Discussion: None

### Community Center

**Personal Service Contract (Res. 09-23)** : Mr. Pollack asked the Board to approve Resolution 09-23, which authorizes the Community Center to enter into a contract with the following:

Contractor	Instruction	Effective Date	Rate
Mike Crosky	Soccer Instructor	3/7/23 - 12/31/23	\$20 per participant not to exceed

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			\$2,500
LaShonda Jackson	Volleyball Instructor	3/7/23 - 12/31/23	70% of total registration fees not to exceed \$3,000

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 09-23, "A Resolution authorizing a Personal Service Contract for Contractors in the Recreation Department". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

**OneField Use Guidance** : Mr. Pollack asked for the Board's guidance on locking the One Field, requiring a permit for use of the field, or leaving it open for use now that the fence (surrounding it) is complete.

Ms. Schmelzer looked to Mr. Jewell and Mr. McAninch for their recommendation. Mr. Jewell explained that there are very strict maintenance requirements for the OneField, in order to maintain its ADA accessibility, and commented that he's seen people walking dogs and riding bikes on the field, and movement of the goals. Putting up signage will help, but its usage needs to be monitored. Mr. Jewell said that Mr. Pollack is exploring the use of QR codes to socialize the availability of the field.

Mr. Pritchard commented that if there are locks on the gates and the field is empty, why did we build it? Mr. Jewell reminded the Board there are locks on the two big gates but they haven't been locked yet. Someone suggested using a keypad with expiring codes might be a good idea.

Mr. Stormont asked, "If it's locked, are we going to charge people for it?" Mr. Pollack said that he would like to charge for it, especially when in use for organized events from outside the township. There was some discussion about how to charge organizations and non-residents without charging the residents.

Tony Self of 372 Fernhill suggested having outside residents put a deposit down and give it back if there's no damage.

Mr. Pollack said that he visited some fields over the weekend and from what he's seen, groups are scheduled in.

There was some discussion about the number of grass fields available for use, which wouldn't be locked. Mr. McAninch said five grass fields can be set up, but they are usually only striped for planned recreation programs. Mr. McAninch suggested keeping the 5 grass fields striped and available for general use, and scheduling the use of the OneField.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve locking the gates around the OneField. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. Pollack gave the Community Center report.



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<b>Community Center Monthly Report - as of February 28, 2023</b>		
Total Current Community Center Members	7,089	
Total Members who are Prairie Township residents	2,169	30.60%
Total Members who are Non-Residents	4,920	69.40%
Total Members who are JEDZ	161	2.27%
Total Members who are Senior Citizens	4,784	67.48%
Total Unique Senior Citizen Visits	7,012	
Number of new members/renewals since last report		196
Number of Membership that expired and were not renewed		11
Retention rate percentage		97
Events or significant programs		1,097
Group Fitness Classes		
Basketball		817
Pickleball		179
Swim Lessons		227
Skyhawks Tots Programs		14
Sporties for Shorties		10
Valentines Day Wreath		10
Karate		
Homeschool Gym		
Jr. Cavs youth basketball League		
Senior Social Programs (Lunch & Learns, Bingo, Euchre, Wii Bowling, Potlucks, etc.)		242
Parent's Night Out		20
Youth Photography		7
Speed and Agility		10
Science Squad		10

**Discussion:**

Voytek Zaleski of 4756 Hilton Avenue asked, "What is Science Squad?" Mr. Pollack replied that it is a program where kids do science projects. Mr. Zaleski also asked how the OneField is different from other sports fields. Mr. Pollack replied that the OneField has a unique turf designed to allow wheelchairs to move freely over it and therefore the field is suitable for all abilities.

Ms. Schmelzer asked for confirmation of the date of the "touch a truck" event. Mr. Pollack said it is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department**

**2023 Sidewalk Program (Res. 10-23)** : Dave will ask the Board to adopt a resolution declaring its intent to proceed with this year's sidewalk program, setting a public hearing for the program and approving advertisement of the hearing. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 17, 2023. The program will include voluntary and involuntary participants.

Comments/Issues: None



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**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 10-23 "A Resolution declaring intent to repair certain sidewalks and levy special assessments, to set a public hearing at which the Board will hear comments about said repairs and to authorize advertisement of the public hearing ". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Sale of 2019 Freightliner** : Mr. McAninch recommended the Board approve the sale of our 2019 SD108 to Union Township in Carroll County for \$120,000.00. Dave has a letter of commitment from the Union Township Trustees and a copy of the purchase order. They understand that they will not receive the truck until our new truck, if approved, is delivered. The Board approved Dave to advertise this truck at their December 14, 2022 regular trustee meeting.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the sale of a 2019 SD108 freightliner to Union Township, Carroll County, Ohio in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorize the Road Superintendent to execute the necessary documents. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. McAninch gave the Roads, Cemeteries and Parks Department report.

Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Monthly Report - January 2023
8 graves sold
9 funerals
Chipped tree limbs at 13 addresses
Cut down 2 trees at 8592 Major Place
Trash, weeds W. Broad Street
Groom OneField once
Patching Potholes with Hot Mix 1 day
Nuisance abatements at 9 properties
Install 1 military marker
Truck and equipment maintenance
0 snow and ice events
Finish Station 243 put in pad for dumpster and driveway to cell tower
Continue 2023 sign list 4 days
Start tile job Evergreen and Owen going north 8 days
Clarke Property 3 days cleaning up trash from property and creek
Fix ADA ramp SE corner Beacon Hill and N Murray Hill

Discussion:

Mr. Pritchard asked Mr. McAninch to take a look at the fallen tree branches on the west side of Hiler Road, and evaluate whether or not clean-up is needed. Mr. Self asked when the speed detecting pucks in his neighborhood will be working and Mr. Jewell said he's hoping they will be working by next week. Ms. Kurtz asked what the Roads Department is doing with the tile on Evergreen and Mount Royal and Mr. McAninch they are getting rid of it in anticipation of Evergreen getting resurfaced this year. He also said

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it has been there since he started working with the Township and he wants to get it cleaned up.

### Commercial Building and Zoning Department

Ms. Scott gave the Commercial Building and Zoning Department report:

<b>Zoning Monthly Report - January 2023</b>	
Development / Information Meetings	146
Nuisance Inspections	95
Declared Nuisances	22
Junk Motor Vehicle Inspections	
Trash Resolution Inspections	27
Trash Citations Filed	4
Zoning Inspections	192
Zoning Violations	89
Exterior Property Maintenance Inspections	3
Property Maintenance Violations	3
Property Maintenance Citations Filed	13
Do Not Knock Registries	1
Contractor Registrations	4
Zoning Compliances (Permits)	20
MS4 Land Disturbance Permits	1
Open Space Permits (Hunting)	
Commercial Permits	2
Transient Vendor Permits	
Variance Applications	
Zoning Revenue	
Commercial Building Revenue	
Contractor Registration	
Citation Revenue	\$0.00
Zoning Revenue	\$2,523.00
Commercial Building Revenue	\$12,875.79

Discussion:

Mr. Self asked for an update on the Fernhill proper and Ms. Scott said it is a court case that goes to the Franklin County Common Pleas court on April 6th.

### Administration

#### Nuisance Assessments :

None

Nuisance Resolutions : Mr. Jewell presented the nuisances to be declared tonight.

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### Galloway Village Trash & Debris Nuisance locations :

Address	Parcel Number
4960-4982 Medfield Way	240-004837
111 Schoolhouse Lane	240-004825
44 Sturbridge Rd	240-004839

\*strike-through addresses not declared

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-0 9-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Other Trash & Debris Nuisance locations :

Address	Parcel Number
4852-4904 W Broad Street	240-004285
454 Hiler Road	240-004533
4930-4936 W Broad Street	240-005196
4655 Hilton Avenue	240-004321
4773 Hilton Avenue	240-004309
512 Lombard Road	240-004732
54 S Murray Hill Road	240-004264

\*strike-through addresses not declared

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU- 10-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

There was some discussion about the repeated nuisances at 4930-4936 W. Broad Street and Ms. Scott said that Legal counsel informed her that they don't want to take just trash violations to court, rather, trash violations should be combined with other violations. Mr. Pritchard expressed concern about passing the [property management] code if counsel isn't going to help enforce it. Ms. Scott said she is working with Legal Counsel on dumpster enclosures for the property, and thought a letter was sent last year about his enclosure. She reminded the Board their permits are good for one year and it's up for renewal in the fall. Legal Counsel sent the demand letter and the next step is to go to court, but Counsel doesn't want to go to court just for trash. Asked what other violations could be combined with the trash violations, Ms. Scott listed graffiti, signage, outdoor storage, and outdoor seating as possibilities to evaluate.

**ODOT Agreement - First Amendment/First Renewal:** Mr. Jewell asked the Board to approve a first amendment and first renewal to the Maintenance Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of

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Transportation (ODOT) and Prairie Township. The existing agreement was effective in November 2013 and addresses the West Broad Street project. Amendments include the Township maintaining the landscaping, streetlights, and other aesthetic enhancements in the highway ROW. The Township will also need to handle routine maintenance of sidewalks, curbs, landscaping, lighting, and retaining walls. The agreement renewal is effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. I will also ask the Board to authorize myself, the Township Administrator, to sign the amendment and agreement renewal.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a first amendment and first renewal to the Maintenance Agreement between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and Prairie Township and authorize the Township Administrator to sign the necessary documents. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

**Concession Stand Agreement (Res. 11-23):** Mr. Jewell asked the Board to a Concession Agreement with the Galloway Snack Shack LLC for concession services at the Galloway Road Sports Complex. This agreement is valid from May 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Changes to the new agreement include the same rate for the 2023 season as 2022 (\$350.00 monthly) and a \$50.00 increase to the 2024 season (\$400.00 monthly). I will also ask the Board to adopt Resolution 11-23 which approves the agreement and authorizes the Township Administrator to execute the lease agreement.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a Concession Stand Agreement with Galloway Snack Shack LLC and adopt Resolution 11-23, "Resolution approving the terms and conditions of a lease with Galloway Snack Shack LLC and authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the lease". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The roll call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Old Business

Ms. Kurtz asked for an update on CIC rebranding effort. Mr. Jewell said he met earlier in the day with the CIC Chairman with the company who will do the branding; the CIC has to meet with their attorney; there should be a meeting in two weeks to start reviewing the interview questions.

Kate Martinez of 445 Emmit advised that the meeting scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective has been postponed. She said they are planning to meet before the end of the month.

Mr. Jewell reminded everyone of the upcoming Open House on 3/15/2023 at the Community Center, to discuss the proposed park at Hubbard Road and Dellinger Road.

### New Business

None

### Public Comment

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Mr. Zaleski commented that March 8 is International Lady day and he wanted to wish Ms. Scott, Ms. McKay, and Ms. Schmelzer a very happy International Lady day.

### **Announcements**

None

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Stormont declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Natalie McKay