

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 5, 2021 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 123 INAH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

Due to the current COVID-19 Health Emergency and limited space at the Township Hall, the meeting was moved to Fire Station 241 and livestreamed via Webex on the Township's website.

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Steve Kennedy, Vice Chair Doug Stormont, Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Township Administrator Rob Peters and Fire Chief Allen Scott were all in attendance at 123 Inah Avenue. All other Department Heads were excused in advance from tonight's meeting.

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board appoint Rob Peters as Fiscal Officer Pro Temp. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Sidewalk Public Hearing (Res. 13-21)

The Board will hear comments regarding the 2021 sidewalk program. This year's program includes voluntary properties where the abutting sidewalk will be repaired as per criteria adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 13-21. "A Resolution ordering repair of certain sidewalks and levy of special assessments". Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes - April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy motioned "So Moved". Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. The meeting minutes for the April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved.

Swearing In of Firefighter Logan Spieles

Chief Scott swore in Logan Spieles as a full-time firefighter / No Board action was required

Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Deputy Hamilton reported 569 runs during the last two weeks, 68 reports, 88 suspicious persons, 32 traffic accidents, 6 OVIs, and a noise complaint on Brookcrest Court in Lake Darby.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrants and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 64 vendors totaling \$332,599.85.

Mr. Peters requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$332,599.85 along with the 4/26/21 payroll of \$240,584.94 for a total cash disbursement of \$573,184.79.

Comments/Issues: None

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

Approval to Process 5/10/21 Payroll Related Payments

Mr. Peters asked the Board for approval to process 5/10/21 payroll related warrants once payroll is finalized for Deferred Compensation and Flexible Spending.

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Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to process payroll related warrants. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Advance

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve advancing \$110,000 from the General Fund to the FEMA Fund for the purchase of the last home as part of the grant. These funds will be repaid when we receive reimbursement through the grant.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to advance \$110,000 from the General Fund (1000) to the FEMA Fund (2902). Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

ESO Second Half Payment

Chief Scott asked the Board to authorize a payment of \$14,421.61 ESO. This will be the second half of our annual payments that include all of the fire department's software applications. The first half was paid in January of this year.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve the second half payment to ESO Software in the amount of \$14,421.61 for annual reporting, scheduling and training fees. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Reallocation for Overtime Expenses

Chief Scott asked the Board to reallocate \$50,000.00 from line 2191-220-190-0012 Salaries Payouts to line 2191-220-190-0001 Salaries Overtime. We continue to have a member on extended illness which is increasing our OT costs.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to reallocate \$50,000 in the Fire Fund from the Salaries Payout line (2191-220-190-0012) to Salaries Overtime (2191-220-190-0001). Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Black Top Repairs for Station 243

Chief Scott asked the Board's permission to hire Sheedy Paving, INC. to perform blacktop repair and sealing at station 243 at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve black top repairs and sealing at Station 243 by Sheedy Paving, Inc at a cost not to exceed \$9,000.00. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Chief Scott shared the Fire Department's monthly report for April 2021.

Community Center

No items.

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Roads, Cemeteries and Parks Department

Hiring Part Time Employee

Mr. Peters recommended the Board approve hiring Ryan W. Ennis starting on May 6, 2021 at step one of the current part time pay scale of \$14.00 dollars per hour. He will be subject to the new employee drug screen. He is a college student and plans to work until he goes back to school in August

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring Ryan Ennis as a part-time road laborer at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective May 6, 2021. Mr. Kennedy seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

No Parking - Owen Street

Mr. Peters recommended the to adopt Resolution 14-21 establishing No Parking Anytime on both sides of Owen Street from Norton Road to Inah Avenue. Mr. McAninch has seen enough evidence that he believes this area of Owen should be No Parking. Mr. McAninch provided some photographs of cars parked on Owen as well as cars parked in an already established No Parking on Baker Ridge and Maple Valley. The HOA is getting frustrated with the vehicle not being ticketed.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 14-21, "A Resolution for a No Parking area on both sides of Owen Street from Norton Road to Inah Avenue, as per Section 505.17 of the Ohio Revised Code". Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Commercial Building and Zoning

No items.

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-34-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4852-4904 West Broad Street. " Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-35-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 305 Lawrence Avenue. " Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-36-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 476 Lawrence Avenue. " Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-37-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 98 Lennox Avenue. " Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-38-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 395 Danhurst Road." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-39-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4701 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

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Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-40-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 356 Celina Road ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-41-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4750 Henley Avenue ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-42-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 445 Woodlawn ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-43-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6493 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-44-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6551 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-45-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001619 West Broad Street ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-46-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6624 Maple Park Way ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-47-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 6630 Maple Park Way ." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Nuisance Assessments

Mr. Peters asked the Board to execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting assessments totaling \$8,016.70 for removal of trash and debris at (8) properties from January, 2021 through April, 2021. There were no high grass/weed assessments this quarter.

Comments/Issues: None

Kennedy moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners " requesting assessments totaling \$8,016.70 for removal of trash and debris at (8) properties from January, 2021 through April, 2021. Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

MORPC Membership

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve payment of \$9,735.33 to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2021 membership dues.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve payment of \$9,735.33 to the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission for 2021 membership dues . Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

FEMA Grant Acquisition - 6505 Tamara (Res. 15-21)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to adopt Resolution 15-21 allowing the Township to proceed with acquiring 6505 Tamara Avenue with a purchase price of \$110,000.00 as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. This property is being acquired voluntarily and was appraised by an independent appraiser, and the appraisal was reviewed by the state prior to the offer letter being sent.

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Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 15-21, "A Resolution authorizing the closing of the acquisition of property as part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program ", and authorize the Township Administrator to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Yard Sale Permits

Mr. Peters asked the Board to authorize/not authorize the issuance of yard sale permits in the Township. The issuance of yard sale permits was put on hold last March due to COVID. The Lincoln Village Residents Association has contacted the Township in regards to their Spring Yard Sale that is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 22, and 23. Franklin County Public Health has allowed sales since May 2020 in accordance with COVID guidelines.

Comments/Issues: None

Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the issuance of yard sale permits in Prairie Township. Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Property Transfer 463 Woodlawn

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve transferring 463 Woodlawn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Parcel Number 240-001945-00) to Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation and authorize the Township Administrator to sign the deed.

Comments/Issues: None

Kennedy moved that the Board to approve transferring 463 Woodlawn Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Parcel Number 240-001945-00) to Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation and authorize the Township Administrator to sign the deed. Mr. Stormont seconded. Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Solar Panel Intervener (Res. 16-21)

Mr. Peters asked the Board to adopt Resolution 16-21 allowing the Board of Trustees to intervene in the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) Case Number 20-1679-EL-BGN in regards to the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project. This resolution will allow the Board to represent the Township and its residents and authorizes the participation in any proceedings before the OPSB.

Comments/Issues: None

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution 16-21, "A Resolution to intervene in Ohio Power Siting Board Case Number 20-1679-EL-BGN regarding an application filed by Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy LLC". Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

Prairie Pleasant Solar Project

Rod Pritchard of 955 Murnan Road expressed that there has not been any public meetings with the Trustees to discuss the positions of the residents. Mr. Kennedy explained that he has stated publically that he is staying in a neutral position. Rod feels the agreements are worthless and thinks there needs to be a formal meeting with Trustees to hear resident's concerns.

Squire Galbreath of 925 Darby Creek Drive explained 10-15 of 18,000 people are against this project. Squire explained that storm water is a valid concern, but the land is vacant 6 months out of the year when farmed for crops and sod. OPSD is one of the stringent bodies in the U.S. for approving solar power projects. He explains a lot of scientific studies and efforts go into it.

Scott Newbury asked what the plan to get public input is and how the legal representation is going to mesh together the opinions of each Trustee. Mr. Peters explained the purpose of the Resolution and Mr. Kennedy explained that he is willing to listen to all sides and set up meetings.

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Ms. Schmelzer stated that she is abstained on this.

John Harrison of Murnan Road explained an issue is only addressed if by the majority. 10% do the work for the other 90%. Many in the villages are against this but they do not have a say.

Jill Drexler explained there are 18,000 residents but very few will be affected. She explained that her property will not be worth anything in an industrial park. She has concerns with tax money, radiation, chemicals in ground water and the safety of the residents.

Larry Krist of 635 Murnan Road explained there are rules and regulations on everything in the Township. He has attempted to understand the project proposal from Invenenergy and asked what is needed from the citizens in order for the Trustees to make a decision.

Janine Lovejoy of Cabin Croft Drive stated she has lived here for 35 years. She expressed that she loves the Township and the schools and really wants to stop this and would like to see the project moved out 100 miles.

Josh with Invenenergy explained that he took some notes on the topics presented tonight and can work to get the comments presented. He explained OPSD had environmental staff and he will make himself available. Mr. Kennedy asked Rod how would they proceed with a public meeting to hear public concerns and asked how many would attend. Rod explained public notice would be made and to expect about 60-70 attendees.

Voytek Zaleski of 4756 Hilton Avenue explained he thinks more is needed besides Resolution 16-21 such as water runoff, electromagnetic pulse, and thinks a public meeting is a good idea. He believes there are more concerned residents.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Chairman Steve Kennedy

Fiscal Officer Pro Temp Rob Peters