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PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 19, 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, Fire Chief Allen Scott and Recreation Director Michael Pollack were all in attendance at 123 Inah Avenue. All other Department Heads were excused in advance from tonight's meeting.

Trebel Presentation - Aggregation Rates

Scott Belcastro from Trebel presented an overview on how the rates were determined and the increase based on the current gas rates. If the price or settlement comes down in rate, we will get reimbursed for that decrease. The current natural gas program is set to expire in July. The current rate is \$.388 per Ccf. Electric is coming up for an agreement soon and Scott Belcastro will be bringing that back to the Board.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a 24 month agreement with Eligo for the natural gas program at a fixed rate of \$0.4506 and authorize the Township Administrator to sign any agreements. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes - May 5, 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 May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved.

Franklin County Sheriff 's Office

Chief Gilbert was present during the meeting.

Deputy Hamilton reported 645 runs, 65 reports, 20 arrest, 61 traffic, 7 were ATV, 76 suspicious vehicles, 37 accidents, 8 burglaries, 10 OVI's, 16 thefts, and 16 alarms.

Deputy Wood is the evening deputy on duty and was just awarded Officer of the Year by the American Legion.

Fiscal Officer 's Report

Approval of Warrant s and Payroll

This week's warrants list detailed payments to 73 vendors totaling \$199,625.72. The large payments are the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for \$83,237.48 and DSS Services for \$20,300.00 is for Demolition of two Tamara homes that was funded by FEMA.

Ms. Henning requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$199,625.72 along with the 5/10/21 payroll of \$275,015.76 for a total cash disbursement of \$474,641.48.

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 5/25 /21 Payroll Related Payments

Ms. Henning asked the Board for approval to process 5/25/21 payroll related warrants for Deferred Compensation, Flexible Spending, Metlife and Dearborn life insurance once payroll is finalized.

Comments/Issues: None

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.

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Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Transfers

Ms. Henning asked the Board to approve the following transfers:

\$10,000 from the JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Sports Complex Fund (2906)
\$100,000 from the JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Community Center Fund (2905)

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board authorize the Fiscal Office to transfer funds as submitted. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Standing Business:

Fire Department

Resignation of Part Time Firefighter

Chief Scott asked the Board to accept the resignation of Phillip Cavinee as a part-time firefighter.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board accept the resignation of Phillip Cavinee as a part time firefighter effective May 6, 2021. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Presentation of Cardiac Arrest Protocol

Chief Scott introduced and announced Rob Cloud, EMS Coordinator. Rob Cloud has worked to create an EMS committee for the Southwestern area. Rob Cloud and the EMS committee has been working to reduce the cardiac response time by tracking key cardiac indicators from April 2020 to April 2021 with great success. Rob Cloud was invited to sit on the national board to work with them to help others increase their reporting systems.

Question from Sherry Henning- What are the needs of the EMS department to obtain these goals? Technology is holding them back, machinery is better. Currently the equipment is 11 years old and only have two machines. New equipment and more are needed to keep improving and keeping up with technology.

STRYKER Agreement

Chief Scott asked the Board to approve the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with STRYKER, our cardiac monitor vendor. This agreement will last for a period of 10 years at a cost of \$42,250.00 per year, or a total of \$422,500.00. This agreement will include 3 new cardiac monitors, 3 automatic defibrillators, 2 Lucas (automated CPR) devices, all of the necessary software, and maintenance for all the devices. This agreement also guarantees that any new editions to any of the devices or software that is released during the 10 year agreement will be free to our department. If we were to purchase all of these components individually, the cost would be \$581,100.00.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve a 10 year agreement with STRYKER at a cost of \$42,250.00 per year and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

Community Center

The monthly report for April was presented.

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Numbers as of
percentage

Total Current Community Center Members	5,057	
Total Members that are Prairie Township Residents	1,479	29.25%
Total Members that are Non-Residents	3,578	70.75%
Total Members that are JEDD/JEDZ	107	2.12%
Total Members that are Senior Citizens	3,744	74.04%
Total Unique Senior Citizen Visits	3,927	
Number of new members/renewals since last report	95	
How many memberships that expired that were not renewed	73	
Retention rate percentage	99	
Events or significant programs		
Group Fitness Classes	794	
Basketball	190	
Pickleball	149	
Youth Soccer	35	
Youth Volleyball	15	
Homeschool Gym	14	
Bird Watching	7	
Zumba Kids	10	
Karate	17	

Options are still be considered on how to safety open the pool.

Roads, Cemeteries and Parks Department

Part Time Pay Increase

Mr. Peters asked the Board to approve increasing Jarrett Story's pay to \$16.00. Jarrett has passed his CDL license requirements on May 13. He has work for the Township since November 2020.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve increasing Jarrett Story 's rate to \$16.00 per hour effective May 13, 2021. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

The monthly report for April was presented.

7 Graves sold
 10 funerals
 Chipped tree limbs at 79 address's
 Took Holiday flowers off graves in the cemeteries and got them ready to mow.
 Install new storm sewer on N. Grener
 Mulched Center Islands and Streetscape trees.
 Pothole Patched the entire Township
 Storm sewer Repair on 8645 Edgewater
 Hosted annual Spring cleanup
 Street Sweeped Entire Township

Commercial Building and Zoning

Office Re-Opening

Mr. Peters asked the Board to consider re-opening the Commercial Building and Zoning Department

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office to the public beginning June 1, 2021.

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board approve re-opening the Commercial Building and Zoning Department Office to the public beginning June 1, 2021. Mr. Stormont seconded. The votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

The monthly report for April was presented.

Zoning Monthly Report - APRIL 2021

Development/Informational Meetings	196
Nuisance Inspections	188
Declared Nuisances	7
Zoning Inspections	81
Zoning Violations	16
Do Not Knock Registries	13
Contractor Registrations	8
Zoning Compliances (Permits)	48
MS4 Land Disturbance Permits	3
Commercial Permits	9
Variance Applications	1
Zoning Revenue	\$6,526.00
Commercial Building Revenue	\$7,487.22

Administration

Nuisance Cases

Kennedy moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-48 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002877 North Greener Ave." 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-49 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 80-160 Old Village 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-50 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 4935 Taunton 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-51 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 465 Amity 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-52 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-005852 Hubbard 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-53 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-002118 Evergreen Terrace ." 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-54 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 460 Fernhill 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-55 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 165 Gladys 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-56 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and

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ordering abatement at 32 Inah 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-57 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 40 Inah 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-58 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000808 Inah 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-59 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000809 Inah 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-60 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000811 Inah 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-61 -21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000812 Inah 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-62-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000813 Inah 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-63-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-000816 Inah 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-64-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 345 Lombard 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-65-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 5011 Palmetto 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-66-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 362 South Murray Hill 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-67-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001826 Woodlawn 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-68-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 240-001990 Woodlawn 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-69-21 "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at 250 Emmet Avenue." Mr. Stormont seconded. Roll Call Votes were as follows: Mr. Stormont, Aye; Mr. Kennedy, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye. Motion passed.

New Business

Noise Ordinance

Dave Birlthelmer, 6362 Clover Meadow Court, had a noise ordinance request. There is constant noise up and down the street. He is requesting it to stop and for the Trustees to assist. A business is being ran on that street that is causing the noise. Mr. Peters has recently discussed this problem with the business to reduce the noise and keep the noise only from 10am-4pm. At this time, the resident has indicated the noise has reduced lately. It is requested to the resident to allow more time to determine if this is still a problem. Mr. Kennedy stated this area is zoned as manufacturing. Mr. Kennedy has requested some kind of compromise. Mr. Stormont recommends giving these reduced hours a chance, then if that doesn't work they would consider extending the noise ordinance.

Mrs. Schmelzer and the trustees received an email to read into the public meeting for public record from a

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resident that lives on Clover Meadows, Renae Rice. "I would appreciate this being read into the public record for the meeting that I am unable to attend. Would you please address the extensive noise coming from Lundsford Performance. We would like them to be a good neighbor for our residential area in Clover Estates. If you play the video with sound, you can clearly hear how excessively loud this business is. This is over 50 feet away. You can't even see the business!! Imagine trying to sleep during the day after working nights with this noise which can also be heard inside the residence. Please either amend the zoning, address the current ordinance to include businesses, at least, or do something to address this ongoing issue which has been going on for years!! Two of our neighbors moved recently a result of this ongoing issue! An ordinance implemented which encompasses hours, distance, and unreasonableness is a compromise for both residents and businesses. Thank you!" Mrs. Schmelzer played the recording attached to the email of the noise.

Pleasant-Prairie Solar Project

Janine Lovejoy asked the trustees regarding the Pleasant-Prairie Solar Project, May 25th public meeting notice to be mailed out. Mr. Peters stated the special meeting is posted on Facebook, the township website and at the library. If a mailing went out to all township residents would cost approximately \$5,000. Mrs. Schmelzer thought it should go out to people that are impacted on certain streets to keep costs reasonable.

The residents want the township trustees to support them in fighting this Solar project in their neighborhood. Mr. Kennedy stated from the Invenergy agreements, if the resident hires an attorney, the company will pay for it for them to have their attorney review it for them. Why isn't Pleasant Township and Prairie Township coming together?

Question on the intervener status: Mr. Peters stated the township is registered with an intervener status. There will be a hearing on July 2nd, July 6th the project will prepare for stipulations, July 19th, local public hearing on 6pm Webex, July 20-21 settlement, and August 2 is the deadline for testimony for the review.

Mrs. Daniels doesn't believe they should send a postcard to the whole township, but to only send it to the residents in the area.

Mr. Kennedy's personal opinion and understanding of what he has read is there are three types of residents indirectly affected where they can see it, directly affected where their property line touches the project, and all others. If the property line touches the resident's property, then Invenergy will go out to negotiate with the homeowner. The townships role is to work with the residents and Invenergy to make it appealing for the project. Invenergy is paying for their attorney fees. Mr. Kennedy hopes that Invenergy shows up to the May 25th public meeting to explain the whole project and then open it up for questions. Mr. Kennedy said they seemed reasonable to him. Residents need to work together to get things moving forward and to provide letters to what they wanted to let Invenergy and others to know their position.

Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, May 25th from 6-8p.m. at the Community Center (5955 West Broad Street) to hear public comments regarding the Pleasant Prairie Solar Project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Chairman Steve Kennedy

Fiscal Officer Sherry Henning