

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 14, 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 June 14, 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.

### Approval of Minutes - May 31, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont made a motion to approve the May 31, 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 as follows:

05/31/2023 - 06/14/2023	Total	Change since last report
Total Calls for Service/Self-Initiated Runs	500	-116
Total Reports Taken	61	+2
Arrests/Citations	34	+4
Thefts	13	+5
Suspicious Activity Stops / Calls	73	-6
Traffic Stops	42	-7
Stolen Vehicles (recovered)	1	-3
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	1	
Drug Related Arrests	2	-2
Overdose (no fatalities)	4	+2
Burglaries / B&E	5	
Robberies	1	

- FCSO detectives are still investigating a robbery that occurred during the early morning hours of June 1st at 4797 W. Broad St. (Speedway). Detectives are looking for a suspect described as a younger, possibly teenage, male black. The suspect was carrying a gun and fired a round into the floor of the business.
- Hilton Ave. was the location of a shooting/robbery and a homicide in the last two weeks. Detectives do not have any suspects out of the shooting/robbery due to an uncooperative victim, but a firearm was recovered near the scene which was a reported stolen firearm.
  - Detectives do have two suspects related to the homicide, but it is still an active investigation.

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- Deputy B Haren recognized Deputy Viers and Deputy Shukri. These two deputies responded to a call of a suspicious person on Inah Ave. The individual was found to be under the influence of alcohol, and during a pat down, was also found to have a firearm in a holster on his hip. The individual was arrested, and the firearm was impounded.

Comments/Issues:

Cheryl Cornelius of 203 Sturbridge Rd asked if there are any plans to purchase additional Flock cameras or shot spotters. Deputy B Haren said that the Township purchases the equipment and the Sheriff's Department monitors the activity once the equipment is installed. He advised directing the question to Mr. Jewell.

Bob Voss of 249 Emmit Ave commented that he's been hearing a lot of negative things about the Sheriff's Department. He said that it's been a miserable past two weeks in his neighborhood; he's called the Sheriff's Department at least five times and multiple cruisers responded each time—at one point, eight or nine cruisers responded. Mr. Voss said they have a vacant house in their neighborhood that outsiders frequent; they get a lot of people walking through yards and down driveways in the middle of the night. He held up a picture for all to see and said it was an example of someone with a gun in his hand walking through his neighborhood.

A resident asked why there are no streetlights in the neighborhood. Mr. McAninch said that lighting requires residents to petition for the installation, and that more than half of the property owners would need to come together to petition the lighting, and then all owners would bear the cost of the lighting.

Debra Kurtz of 217 Evergreen said she was sitting on her front porch with her family, late into the evening of Friday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and heard a lot of gunshots and sirens between 11pm and 1am. She asked what happened. Deputy B Haren couldn't be sure of the exact event to which she was referring, but said he was aware of multiple calls of shots fired in the area, and a robbery/shooting around the same timeframe. Ms. Kurtz said it was a really scary time for their family.

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

Approval of Warrants and Payroll: Ms. McKay reported this week's warrants list detailed payments to 70 vendors totaling \$193,797.41. She requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling the same, 6/10/23 payroll of \$256,656.14 for a total cash disbursement of \$450,453.55.

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.**

Fund Transfers: Ms. McKay asked the Board to approve transferring funds as follows, to cover operating expenses:

- Transfer \$100,000.00 from JEDZ Fund (2903) to the Community Center Fund (2905)
- Transfer \$250,000.00 from the General Fund (1000) to the Commercial Building and Zoning Fund (2181)

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**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the transfers as presented. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Liquor Permit: Ms. McKay asked the Board if they would like to request a hearing on a liquor permit for the business located at 4764 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43228 (Joseppi's Pizza).

Comments/Issues: The Board agreed it was not necessary to request a hearing. Following a question from a resident, Mr. Pritchard clarified the liquor permit request is related to a change of ownership.

**Ms. Schmelzer moved that the Board does not request a hearing on the advisability of issuing a liquor permit to an establishment located at 4764 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43228. Mr. Pritchard seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Standing Business

#### Fire Department

Purchase of Ford Truck: Chief Scott asked the Board to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 from Byers Commercial Sales at a cost of \$47,335. This vehicle will replace the 2009 Tahoe which will soon be placed on Gov Deals. This purchase has been in the approved budget for 2 years but has not been completed for many reasons, including availability. We have been very fortunate recently with cost saving on other purchases and this project will be well within our budget.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F150 from Byers Commercial Sales at a cost of \$47,335.00, approve placing the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe on GovDeals, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute any necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter: Chief Scott will ask the Board to accept the resignation of Part-time FF LaEisha Jones, effective June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. She has accepted a position with Columbus Fire and will begin the academy asap. We wish her well.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board accept the resignation of part-time firefighter LaEisha Jones, effective June 23, 2023. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Injury Leave Request: Chief Scott asked the Board to place FF. Sam Cook on Injury Leave, effective June 7, 2023.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve placing full-time firefighter Samuel Cook on injury leave, effective June 7, 2023. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Annual Reading with a Firefighter: Chief Scott asked the Board's permission to hold the annual Reading with a Firefighter event on July 11th, 18th, and 25th, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, at Station 241. He said the

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last time they tried to hold events at station 243 they had very low attendance. This event at Station 241 is always well attended.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve holding the annual Reading with a Firefighter events on July 11, July 18, and July 25 from 7pm-8pm at Station 241. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Recognitions:

- Chief Scott passed along thanks from Ohio Health who recognized our members for their life-saving efforts at Norton Middle School on April 4<sup>th</sup> of this year. On Monday, June 12, 2023, 2 members of the unit were recognized, along with The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, for successfully resuscitating a teenager who was found in cardiac arrest in the restroom. The victim has made an amazing recovery.
- On behalf of the Fire Department, Chief Scott thanked Jay Johnson, manager at Home Depot on Grener Rd, for the donation of 16 smoke detectors. Those detectors will be available on a first come first basis from the Fire Marshal's office.

Monthly Report: Chief Scott gave his monthly report:

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Incident Type Group	Incident T	Incident Type	
100 - Fire Total			9
300 - Rescue & EMS Total			312
400 - Hazardous Condition Total			2
500 - Service Call Total			27
600 - Good Intent Call Total			96
700 - False Alarm Total			17
900 - Special Incident	900	Special type of incident, other	1
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>464</b>
<b>Fire Total</b>			<b>152</b>

Station 241	328
Station 243	70

MUT MUTUAL AID	
BROWN FRA	6
Pleasant Valley	1
COLUMBUS	101
FRANKLIN FRA	4
JEFFERSON MAD	14
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>126</b>

Aid Received by Agency	
COLUMBUS DIVISION OF FIRE	20
FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPAR	1
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE	18
NORWICH TOWNSHIP FIRE	3
PLEASANT TOWNSHIP FIRE	3
PLEASANT VALLEY JOINT FIRE	1
WEST JEFFERSON FIRE	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>30</b>

Working Fires	1	Idlebrook Ct.
Major Accidents	2	West Broad St.
Training Hours	111	Including hands-on vehicle extrication @ Eitel's
Norton Middle School Field Day		
Touch a Truck		
Memorial Day Services		
Inspections	24	
Fire Scene Investigations	1	Idlebrook Ct.
Fire Marshal		Investigations training, 2 weeks @ OFA

### Community Center

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

Contractor	Instruction	Effective Date	Rate
Scott Pealer	Golf Instructor	6/8/2023 - 12/31/2023	70% of registration fees not to exceed \$2,000

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution 23-23, "A Resolution authorizing a Personal Service Contract for Contractors in the Recreation Department ". Ms. Schmelzer seconded the**

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**motion. The Roll Call votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Monthly Report: Mr. Pollack gave the Community Center report as follows:

<b>Community Center Monthly Report - as of May 31, 2023</b>		
Total Current Community Center Members	7,235	
Total Members who are Prairie Township residents	2,170	29.99%
Total Members who are Non-Residents	5,065	70.01%
Total Members who are JEDZ	138	1.91%
Total Members who are Senior Citizens	4,868	67.28%
Total Unique Senior Citizen Visits	6,115	
Number of new members/renewals since last report		132
Number of Membership that expired and were not renewed		107
Retention rate percentage		99
Events or significant programs		
Group Fitness Classes		1003
Basketball		603
Pickleball		115
Touch a Truck		500
Sporties for Shorties		7
Science Squad		7
Summer Day Camp		150
Senior Social Programs (Lunch & Learns, Bingo, Euchre, Wii Bowling, Potlucks, etc.)		310
Parent's Night Out		

Discussion:

Mr. Pritchard asked if Mr. Pollack is able to report on the number of groups renting the ball fields, which fields are getting use, and the number of participants involved. Mr. Pollack said he'll look into the request.

Free Outdoor Movie in the Park: Mr. Pollack announced there will be a free outdoor movie at the Sports Complex on Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. The movie will be Puss in Boots, The Last Wish, and concessions will be available for purchase. Mr. Pollack invited everyone to attend and bring their kids.

The Farmer's Market: Mr. Pollack reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market begins June 19<sup>th</sup>. It is held on Monday afternoons from 4 - 7 pm, rain or shine, June 19<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Prairie Township Community Center, located at 5955 West Broad St., Galloway, OH 43119. Note: NO MARKET ON August 28 and September 4.

### **Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Department**

Hiring of Part-Time Road Laborers: Mr. McAninch recommended the Board approve hiring Samuel Stump to a part-time road laborer position. This hiring would be contingent on Samuel passing a pre-employment drug screen. Samuel's starting pay would be \$15.00 per hour based on the part time scale approved by the Board of Trustees on December 15, 2021. Samuel's start date would be June 16, 2023.

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**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring Samuel Stump as a part-time Road Laborer at a starting rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective June 16, 2023, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screening. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed .**

Hiring of Part-Time Road Laborers: Mr. McAninch recommended the Board approve hiring Braydon Schafer to a part-time road laborer position. This hiring would be contingent on Braydon passing a pre-employment drug screen. Braydon's starting pay would be \$15.00 per hour based on the part time scale approved by the board of trustees on December 15, 2021. Braydon's start date would be June 16, 2023.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve hiring Braydon Schafer as a part-time Road Laborer at \$15.00 per hour effective June 16, 2023, contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment drug screening. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

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

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks Monthly Report - May 2023

- 4 Graves sold
- 7 funerals
- Chipped tree limbs at 96 address's
- Trash, weeds W Broad Street
- Groom OneField 2 times
- Nuisance abatements at 3 properties
- Worked Township cleanup 3 days
- Mow ROW with Flail Mower 4 days
- Pull behind mower big properties 2 days
- Mow parks, cemeteries and GRSC
- Speed trailer out 4 weeks
- Edge trees Beacon Hill 1 day and mulch 2 days
- 1 W Broad Street Sweep
- Worked Touch a Truck event
- Dig footers for Monuments 4 days Alton and Galloway
- Pour footers 1 day Alton and Galloway
- Trim Alton and Galloway 6 days
- Spray weeds flower beds Alton and Galloway and mulch them
- Edge and mulch all trees Alton and Galloway 2 days
- Cut off graves topsoil, seed fertilize and straw Alton and Galloway 3 days
- Trim and get trash walkway between Buena Vista and Deerfield
- Hometown Hero Banners install 2 days

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- Patch potholes 1 day
- Paint curbs 2 days
- Put together and install 4 benches GRSC
- Startup both irrigation systems
- Topsoil, seed fertilize and straw Evergreen Tile Job
- Install Catch basin 284 Maple Drive for gutter and sump pump connection
- Fix catch basins 8651 Fairbrook, 318 Pasadena, 207 Evergreen and 240 Postle
- Sewer Jet and Root cut storm tile 4622 Henley

Discussion: None

### Commercial Building and Zoning Department

Monthly Report: Ms. Scott gave the Commercial Building and Zoning Department report as follows:

<b>Zoning Monthly Report - May 2023</b>	
Franklin County Courthouse	2
Development / Information Meetings	169
Nuisance Inspections	325
Declared Nuisances	81
Junk Motor Vehicle Inspections	
Trash Resolution Inspections	51
Trash Citations	2
EPMC Com+MFR12 Inspections	6
EPMC Com+MFR Citations	2
Zoning Inspections	212
Zoning Violations	72
Property Maintenance Inspections	
EPMC Citations	
Permit Inspections	82
Do Not Knock Registries	13
Contractor Registrations	6
Zoning Compliances (Permits)	51
MS4 Land Disturbance Permits	1
Open Space Permits (Hunting)	
Commercial Permits	3
Transient Vendor Permits	3
Variance Applications	1
Zoning Revenue	
Commercial Building Revenue	
Contractor Registration	



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Citation Revenue	
Zoning Revenue	\$2,531.00
Commercial building Revenue	\$2,126.66
Contractor Registration	\$600.00

Voytek Zaleski of 4756 Hilton Avenue asked Ms. Scott to tell him more about what’s happening at the courthouse. Ms. Scott said they are pursuing two cases in the environmental court for property maintenance violations—one against Galloway Village and another against 454 Hiler Rd.

Ms. Kurtz asked about Jana Auto Sales and Ms. Scott said they are working several avenues against Jana Auto Sales. Ms. Scott said the back section of the site was rezoned EU—exceptional use—which requires the owners to maintain the shrubbery and fence, limit the number of cars on the lot, and park the cars in a specific direction.

Tony Self of 372 Fernhill asked for an update on 400 Fernhill and Ms. Scott said a court date has been set for July 17<sup>th</sup>. He also asked her to investigate the driveway extension at 368 Fernhill.

### Administration

Nuisance Assessments: None

Nuisance Resolutions: Four Nuisance Resolutions were presented tonight:

#### 1. Galloway Village Refuse & Debris:

Declared	Address	Parcel Number
X	4951-4973 Eastham Way	240-004822
X	4820 Medfield Way	240-004847
	4960-4982 Medfield Way	240-004837
X	111 Schoolhouse Lane	240-004825
	44 Sturbridge Road	240-004839

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-29-23, “A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris .” Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion . Roll Call votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms . Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

#### 2. Uncontrolled vegetation:

Declared	Address	Parcel Number
X	8565 Canyon Cove Road	240-005266
X	8497 Conbrook Court	240-005449
X	763 Hubbard Road	240-000452
X	424 Stonecrop Court	240-006366

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X	162 Inah Avenue	240-002434
X	6409 O'Harra Road	240-001770

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-30-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with uncontrolled vegetation ." Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion . Roll Call votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

### 3. Refuse and Debris:

Declared	Address	Parcel Number
X	434 Smith Road	240-002322
	4811 Taunton Way	240-003872
X	4600-4676 West Broad Street	240-004015
X	4930-4936 West Broad Street	240-005196
X	8627 Brookville Road	240-006417
X	801 Lakefield Drive	241-000306
X	128 Darien Avenue	240-004378
X	150 Fernhill Avenue	240-003332
X	454 Hiler Road	240-004533
X	4678-4688 Hilton Avenue	240-004278
X	577 Emmit Avenue	240-001445
X	2511 Kunz Road	240-000165

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-31-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion . Roll Call votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms . Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

### 4. Uncontrolled vegetation and refuse and debris:

Declared	Address	Parcel Number
	396 Celina Road	240-004631
	500 Celina Road	240-004643

Comments/Issues: None

Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-32-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with uncontrolled vegetation and refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. Roll Call votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer,

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**Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Nuisance Assessments - Galloway Village: Mr. Jewell asked the Board to execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessments totaling \$977.89 for high grass and weed abatement at (1) property between March - June 2023 as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting assessments totaling \$13,595.82 for removal of trash and debris at (12) properties in March - June 2023.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting the assessments totaling \$977.89 for high grass and weed abatement at (1) property in March - June 2023 as well as execute a "Return and Statement to County Commissioners" requesting assessments totaling \$13,595.82 for removal of trash and debris at (12) properties in March - June 2023. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Mr. Jewell commented that the business is filing for bankruptcy and he wanted to get these in as quickly as possible. He will have more ready for approval at the next meeting.

Nuisance Tree Assessment (Res. 24-23): At the April 5, 2023 meeting, the Board declared a tree located at 331 Hiler Road a nuisance tree and ordered the homeowner to remove the dead limbs on the tree. Peterman Tree and Lawn service removed the dead limbs for \$307.00, paid for by the Township. The Township was never contacted by the owner for voluntary participation. Mr. Jewell asked the Board to approve the assessment of \$307.00 for the nuisance tree to be paid over a five-year, interest free period.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve Resolution 24-23, "A Resolution to levy a special assessment for the removal or maintenance of a nuisance tree in Prairie Township." Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The Roll Call votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Property Bidding Schedule Update: At the last Trustee meeting, the Board approved a schedule for the bidding process of parcels 240-001467 and 240-001468. Mr. Jewell said he had to push the advertisements in the Daily Reporter due to their deadlines and the advertisements needing to be on the same day two consecutive weeks in a row. The advertisements are set to run Thursday, June 15 and Thursday, June 22. This has pushed the bid opening to Thursday, June 29 at 12:00p.m. and will delay the need for the Board's approval for the sale of the property to the July 12, 2023 meeting. Mr. Jewell asked the Board to approve these revisions to the bidding process schedule.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the revised bidding process schedule for parcels 240-001467 and 240-001468 as presented. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Traffic Circle Cost Update: Mr. Jewell presented to the Board quotes received relating to the traffic calming on Beacon Hill Road. The first quote from Peterson Highway Safety, Inc. is for \$2,398.80 and includes signs for Beacon Hill at Lawrence Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue. The second quote from Griffin Paving Striping includes edge, crosswalk, and dotted line painting, removal of pavement markings, and maintaining traffic during the work. This quote is \$4,684.20.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the two quotes, one from Peterson Highway Safety, Inc at a cost of \$2,398.80 , and one from Griffin Paving Striping at a cost of \$4,684.20, for work related to**

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**traffic calming on Beacon Hill Road. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

COTA Letter: Mr. Jewell provided the Board with copies of a letter of interest for the West Broad Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor, intended to extend 9.3 miles from Rockbrook Crossing in western Franklin County to Washington Avenue in downtown Columbus. He noted that he previously shared the same letter with the attorney. Upgrading the West Broad Street corridor to Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) increases access to jobs, businesses, schools and healthcare for all members of the community, including seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, students and working families, making Central Ohio a more affordable and equitable community. Mr. Jewell asked the Board to review his letter and provide feedback so that he can bring a final version to the next meeting for approval.

DLZ Contract: Mr. Jewell asked the Board to approve a contract with DLZ to survey parcels 240-001317 and 240-000968 on Mix Avenue. DLZ will create a boundary survey that conforms with the Minimum Standards for Boundary Surveys in Chapter 4733-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Franklin County requirements. The contract is at a cost not to exceed \$8,400.00.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve a contract with DLZ for the survey of parcels 240-001317 and 240-000968 on Mix Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$8,400.00 and authorize the Township Administrator to sign the necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded the motion. The votes were as follows : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Cheryl Cornelius of 203 Sturbridge Rd asked if there are any plans to purchase additional Flock cameras or shot spotters. Mr. Jewell said that he is studying data and plans to propose some sites where Flock cameras would be beneficial, and he has scheduled a phone call with the shot spotter vendor to discuss possibilities. Tony Self of 372 Fernhill Ave asked where the shot spotters will be placed. Mr. Jewell said that he's considering three areas in particular—Hilton Avenue, the Sports Complex on Galloway Road, and the parcels recently cleared.

A resident commented about the number of single family residences included in the Nuisance Resolutions and asked if the number included tonight is typical at every meeting. The Board confirmed the number is typical, and said that there are regular repeat violators.

Trustee Pritchard asked for an update regarding a recent incident at the Galloway Road Sports Complex. Administrator Jewell stated that there was a fight in the parking lot the evening of Thursday June 8th and Franklin County deputies responded. Deputy Haren stated that a report was taken and there is a video of the brawl that he has seen. The case has been turned over to the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. No individuals at the scene requested charges be filed. The baseball league commissioner was contacted, and the individuals involved have been notified that they are banned from attending future games. There is a meeting set for Thursday, June 15th with Deputy Haren, Administrator Jewell, Trustee Pritchard, and the league commissioner to acquire the names of those involved and have them banned from any future activities at the sports complex.

### **Old Business**

Debra Kurtz of 217 Evergreen asked if the AEP electric aggregation program has begun. Mr. Jewell said that unless a resident opted out, residents were automatically enrolled into the program which began in early June. Mr. Zaleski commented that the program affected only the generation cost.

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### **New Business**

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Cornelius of 203 Sturbridge Rd thanked Chief Scott for the demo he provided her recently, and praised him for being up to speed on technology. She also thanked the Board for upgrading the Fire Department with needed equipment.

### **Announcements**

Free Outdoor Movie in the Park: Mr. Pollack announced there will be a free outdoor movie at the Sports Complex on Friday **June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**. The movie will be Puss in Boots, The Last Wish, and concessions will be available for purchase. Mr. Pollack invited everyone to attend and bring their kids.

The Farmer's Market: Mr. Pollack reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market begins **June 19<sup>th</sup>**. It is held on Monday afternoons from 4 - 7 pm, rain or shine, June 19<sup>th</sup> through September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Prairie Township Community Center, located at 5955 West Broad St., Galloway, OH 43119. Note: NO MARKET ON August 28 and September 4.

Fish Fry: The Prairie Township Firefighter's Association Annual Fish Fry & Friday Cruise-In will be held **June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>** from 11am - 10pm.

Know Your Home Value: Every three years the Franklin County Auditor's Office is required by law to update the appraised value of all properties, and their 2023 mass reappraisal process is underway. Expect to receive a mailing in **August** showing your updated appraised value. If you agree with the updated value, no action is needed after receiving the mailing. If you disagree with the updated appraised value or if you wish to discuss the new value, you need to reply to the mailing or contact the Franklin County Auditor before the end of **September**. Taking no action before the end of September equates to agreeing with the updated appraisal value.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Stormont declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Natalie McKay