

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 18, 2023 - REGULAR MEETING 7 :00 PM 23 MAPLE DRIVE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Doug Stormont called the Prairie Township Board of Trustees regular meeting to order on October 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall. In attendance were Trustee Rod Pritchard, Trustee Cathy Schmelzer, Trustee Doug Stormont, Fiscal Officer Alec Milam, Township Administrator James Jewell, Assistant Township Administrator and Road Superintendent Dave McAninch, Zoning Director Dana Scott, Recreation Director Michael Pollack, Fire Chief Allen Scott, and FCSO Deputy Dan Adkins.

Mr. Stormont led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes - October 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont made a motion to approve the October 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes : Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye . Motion passed.**

### Franklin County Sheriff's Office

FCSO Deputy Dan Adkins gave the Sheriff's Office report for the period October 4, 2023 through October 18, 2023.

**Total Calls for Service/Self-Initiated Runs: 505**

**Total Reports Taken: 65**

**Total Arrest/Citations: 47**

**Thefts: 4 (-2)**

**Suspicious activity stops/calls: 58 (-32)**

**Traffic Stops: 57 (-38)**

**Stolen Vehicles: 1 Recovered 1 (80 Block of Woodlawn KIA) /Stolen Vehicle recovered out of a**

**FLOCK Camera Hit (-2)**

**Drug-Related Arrests: 1 (-2)**

**Overdose: 0**

**Burglaries/B&E: 1 (4700 Block of Tarryton)**

**OVI: 1**

- On 10/05/2023, FCSO Patrol responded to a report of vandalism to a business in the 5000 Block of W. Broad St. Working with several witnesses, Patrol identified a suspect and located the individual in the area. The investigation is currently ongoing.
- On 10/14/2023, There was a Shooting in the 4800 Block of W. Broad St. The victim was transported in critical condition and later upgraded to stable. Warrants were filed for one suspect. The investigation is currently ongoing.
- Friendly reminder that Halloween is quickly approaching. Over the next few weeks, there are several events for children in the area. Please be extra careful while driving in the neighborhoods.

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- Also, a reminder that hunting season is here. Battelle Darby Metro Park does have several tracks of land open to the public for hunting purposes. For the residents who utilize this park, please be careful and to report any suspicious activity.
- Finally, as the weather gets colder and people start to warm/defrost their vehicles, please do so cautiously. Law Enforcement routinely witnesses increased vehicle thefts during the early morning hours once colder weather sets in.

Deputy Adkins briefly discussed the results of a traffic survey conducted on Galloway Road.

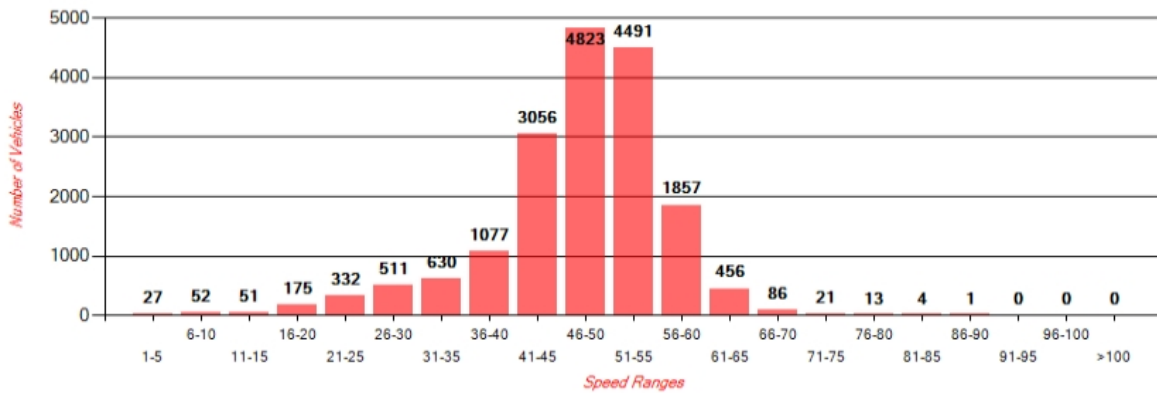
### Traffic Survey for Galloway Road N/O Alkire:

FCSO placed our Speed Monitor Trailer on Galloway Road just north of Alkire Road due to multiple complaints from residents and SWCSD Bus drivers. The Trailer was set up to monitor southbound traffic on 10/04/23 through 10-/2/2023. The trailer was moved to collect northbound traffic from 10/12/23 through 10/18/2023.

**Total Vehicles monitored traveling southbound** : 17,663

**Average Speed range** : Between 46-50 MPH

**Top Speed** : 89 MPH



**Total Vehicles Monitored traveling northbound** : 18,689

**Average Speed Range** : 26-30 MPH

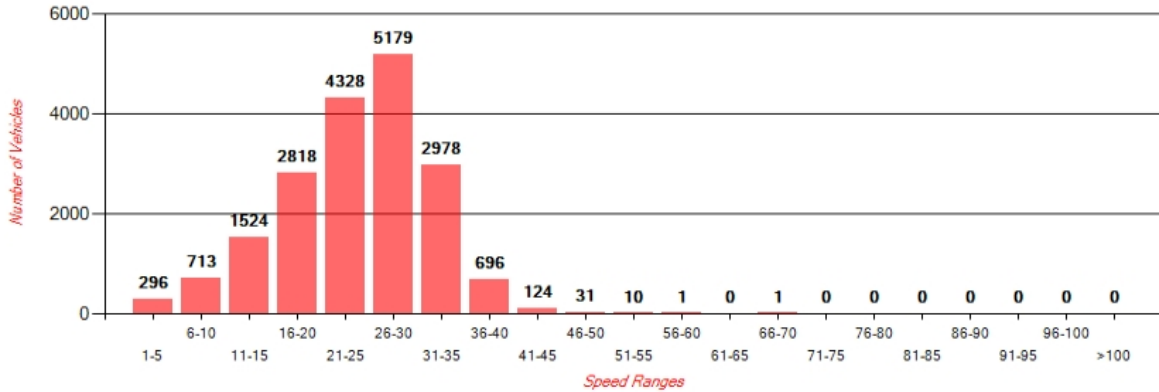
**Top Speed** : 70 MPH

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Goals (As a result of the Traffic Survey):

- Increase Patrol and speed enforcement in the area, especially during hours with higher traffic volume.
- Work with the SWCSD Transportation Department to report/record violations involving school buses/children.

Comments/Issues: Mr. Zalenski asked about the vandalism on the 5000 block of W. Broad Street. There was also a question from the audience about the shooting in the 4800 block of W. Broad Street.

### Fiscal Office r's Report

Approval of Warrants/Payroll: This week's warrants list detailed payments to 84 vendors totaling \$322,250.65. Mr. Milam requested the Board's approval to pay all items on this week's warrant list totaling \$322,250.65.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont motioned "so moved". Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Letter to Budget Commission and Transfer: Mr. Milam asked the Board to approve sending a letter to the Budget Commission establishing Fund 2908 - Opioid Settlement Fund with a revenue budget of \$7,000.00. Mr. Milam also asked the Board to approve transferring \$6,975.68 that we have already received in opioid funds this year from the General Fund (1000) to the Opioid Settlement Fund (2908).

Comments/Issues: Mr. Pritchard asked about the use of funds within the Opioid Settlement Fund (2908). Mr. Jewell stated that conversations were still ongoing, and hopes are to have something prepared soon. Payments will continue annually for the distant future.

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**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board approve sending a letter to the Budget Commission establishing the Opioid Settlement Fund 2908 and authorize transferring \$6,975.68 from the General Fund (1000) to the Opioid Settlement Fund (2908) . Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

### STANDING BUSINESS

#### Prairie Township Fire Department

Associations Annual Christmas Party: The Firefighter's Association is requested Board permission to hold their annual Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Station 241.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board allow the Firefighter 's Association to hold their annual Christmas party on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm - 4pm. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Diesel Exhaust Removal System Contractor: Chief Scott asked the Board to award the Diesel Exhaust Removal System project to MagneGrip. This was not the least expensive bid that we received, however it included a longer warranty period and allowed for project expansion. The bid price was \$131,129.00, which is \$11,000.00 less than the total amount awarded in the federal grant. Chief Scott would like to include the expansion and approve the project for \$139,398.00. This amount is nearly \$3,000.00 less than the grant award. In accordance with the federal grant, the township is responsible for \$7,142.86 (5% of the awarded amount). This represents a total project savings of \$132,255.14.

Comments/Issues: Mr. Pritchard asked about the expansion.

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board award the Diesel Exhaust Removal System project to MagneGrip at a cost not to exceed \$139,398.00 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter: Chief Scott asked the Board to accept the resignation of Part-Time Jonathan DeLeon effective October 18, 2023.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board accept the resignation of part-time firefighter Johnathan DeLeon effective October 18, 2023. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Chief Scott brought along the new Grass Fighter to the meeting. He announced that upwards of \$40,000.00 was saved on the new medic and around \$35,000.00 was saved on the Grass Fighter. The grass fighter was an old pick truck used by the Roads Department. The grass fighter will be used by

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several Township departments in the future.

### Community Center

Member Only Gym Access: Mr. Pollack asked the Board to only allow annual members to access the gymnasium on Saturday and Sundays from 2-6 pm for the remainder of the year due to incidents in the gym with fighting and gambling mostly involving individuals who have purchased a day pass instead of an annual membership.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve annual member access only to the gymnasium on Saturdays and Sundays from 2pm-6pm for the remainder of the year. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Trick or Treat Trail: Mr. Pollack announced The Trick or Treat Trail event is on October 21 from 4-6 pm at Westland High School. There will be upwards of 40 groups, organizations, and businesses passing out candy along with Food Trucks.

Comments/Issues: None

### Roads, Cemeteries, and Parks

Purchase of 2025 Freightliner SD-108 Cab and Chassis: Mr. McAninch recommended the Board approve the purchase of a 2025 108SD Freightliner from FYDA Freightliner under the state of Ohio co-op purchasing agreement contract # 023-24 for \$98,074.00. Mr. McAninch also asked the Board to authorize the Road Superintendent to sign all necessary documents relating to this purchase. This truck would replace our 2020 108SD Freightliner. This winter will be the fifth winter of snow and ice control for this vehicle. This is a continuation of our program of replacing trucks while they still have value and keeping up with current technology.

Comments/Issues: An audience member asked a question about the axle type of the new Freightliner.

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of a 2025 108SD Freightliner from FYDA Freightliner under the state of Ohio co-op purchasing agreement contract #023-24 at a cost of \$98,074.00 and authorize the Road Superintendent to sign the necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Purchase of Dump Body and Snow/Ice Equipment for 2025 Freightliner: Mr. McAninch recommended the Board approve the purchase of the dump body, hydraulic system, snowplow, salt spreader and miscellaneous equipment from Henderson Products under the NPPGOV co-op purchasing agreement for \$126,850.00. Mr. McAninch would also like the Board to authorize the Road Superintendent to sign all necessary documents relating to this purchase.

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Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve the purchase of dump body, hydraulic system, snowplow, salt spreader and miscellaneous equipment from Henderson Products under the NPPGOV co-op purchasing agreement at a cost of \$126,850.00 and authorize the Road Superintendent to sign the necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Sale of 2020 Freightliner: Mr. McAninch asked the Board to authorize the Road Superintendent to put the 2020 108SD Freightliner in the OTA magazine to sell to another government entity, Mr. McAninch believes this truck is worth \$140,000.00. Mr. McAninch has already spoken with several government agencies that are interested in this truck, so if we can come to an agreement with one of them there will be no need to advertise it in the magazine. If I can't get at least that amount for the truck I will come back to the board for their approval.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Road Superintendent to put the 2020 108SD Freightliner in the OTA magazine to sell to another government entity . Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Commercial Building and Zoning

No items.

### Administration

Nuisance Resolutions: State for the record any addresses that will not be declared (if any).

Galloway Village:

Address	Parcel Number
4912-4934 Medfield Way	240-004820

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-62-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Remaining Nuisances:

Address	Parcel Number
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8489 Dovercrest Court	240-005779
4781 Frost Avenue	240-004672
165 Gladys Road	240-002465
121 Redmond Road	240-004205

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-63-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with uncontrolled vegetation. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Address	Parcel Number
8582 Abbot Cove Avenue	240-005234
8484 Blue Lake Circle	240-005437
62 Fernhill Avenue	240-002324
72 Fernhill Avenue	240-002327
400 Fernhill Avenue	240-002416
212 Oxley Road	240-002658
274 Woodlawn Avenue	240-001873
284 Woodlawn Avenue	240-001874
514 Mix Avenue	240-001428
6585 West Broad Street	240-001620

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-64-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Address	Parcel Number
6800 Alkire Road	240-002553

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont** moved that the Board adopt Resolution NU-65-23, "A Resolution declaring nuisance and ordering abatement at properties with uncontrolled vegetation and refuse and debris. " Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.

Junk Motor Vehicles (Res. 37-23): I will ask the Board to approve Resolution 37-23. This resolution authorizes the Board to determine that motor vehicles, which may be generally described as a red Chevrolet Silverado extensively damaged, badly wrecked, no engine, no windshield, no wheels, a black Chevrolet Monte Carlo extensively damaged, door not able to be closed, broken windshield, a red truck cab with animal and insect nests inside, a red truck front end including only front axle, grill, etc. and a ford excursion extensively damaged with no headlights, no grill and burnt front end ("Junk Motor Vehicles"), are three model years or older, apparently inoperable and located at 36 Center

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Street, Parcel # 240-000122, as junk motor vehicles and order the property owner to remove such junk motor vehicles from the property within 14 days of written notice. If the property owner fails to remove or to cause the removal of the junk motor vehicles from the property within said 14 days, the Board may proceed to remove, or cause the removal of, the junk motor vehicles from the property and, if necessary, enter the cost upon the tax duplicate for the property.

Comments/Issues: Mr. Glen Jamieson addressed the Board that he needed 2 weeks to get the situation handled. He acknowledged that one of the vehicles is his but is unsure of the ownership of the remaining vehicles.

**The Board TABLED Resolution 37-23 until the next Board of Trustees meeting on November 1, 2023.**

Mix/Stiles Plat Update: Mr. Jewell asked the Board to approve moving forward with the proposed plat. I will move forward with Zoning to make sure we are in compliance and I will proceed with the appropriate signatures from other required agencies.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board approve moving forward with the proposed plat along Mix and Stiles Avenue as presented and authorize the Township Administrator to move forward with the next steps of the process. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

Columbus Foundation Funds: Columbus Foundation Funds: I will ask the Board to authorize myself, the Township Administrator, to forward with collecting funds from the Columbus Foundation and putting those funds towards an ADA compliant stadium seating at the One Field.

Comments/Issues: None

**Mr. Stormont moved that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to move forward with collecting funds from the Columbus Foundation for the purpose of purchasing ADA compliant stadium seating for the One Field and authorize the Township Administrator to execute any necessary documents. Ms. Schmelzer seconded. Roll Call Votes: Mr. Pritchard, Aye; Ms. Schmelzer, Aye; Mr. Stormont, Aye. Motion passed.**

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Public Comment



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Mr. John Griffith addressed the Board.

### **Announcements**

The next regular meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees will be on November 1, 2023 at 7 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Stormont declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Chairman Doug Stormont

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Fiscal Officer Alec Milam