

Held: April 21, 2014

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:37 P.M.in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Joseph Martin called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Joseph Martin

Present

Ms. Pamela Sayre

Present

Mr. Gary Dever

Present

Mr. Gregory Ruwe

Present

Also in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth Clark (Executive Assistant to the Trustees) and Ms. Barbara Hoover (Asst. to the Fiscal Officer).

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2014 Regular Session. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

Bills were presented for payment. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the April 2014 payroll report. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting reports for the month of March 2014. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Ted Kienzle was in attendance representing the Norwich Township Fire Department. He reported that Chief Jeff Warren does not have the monthly Fire Report ready at this time. Chief Warren will make the report available in the near future. Chief Kienzle also reported that Station 82 responded to a ground fire in Brown Township today – April 21st. A homeowner's brush fire spread to his lawn. The fire was quickly extinguished. The Trustees expressed their sincere thanks to Chief Kienzle for the NTFD participation in the Station 82 Open House held on April 12th.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

Sergeant Charles Brown was in attendance and made a presentation. He reported that the FCSO responded to nine incidents in Brown Township between the period March 1 – April 21, 2014. These incidents include the recovery of a stolen ATV, and a theft from an unlocked vehicle in the Darby Knolls area. Sgt. Brown reported that in the near future, he will have access to three new unmarked Sheriff's vehicles that will be used to help patrol Brown Township.



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Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Town Center Implementation

The Town Center implementation consultant's work continues and will provide a blueprint for the first phases of Town Center development by mid-summer. Intensive discussions have taken place in the last month among representatives of the jurisdictions, the consultants, and the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer's Office in an effort to forge a joint preliminary engineering effort dealing with both Town Center sewer and water issues and sewer and water issues outside the Town Center. A resolution is expected by the end of the month.

Public Health Regulations

Franklin County Public Health has drafted and released for public review several sections of regulations. The proposed changes involve definitions, collection vehicles (such as commercial waste haulers), and property health and sanitation (property maintenance). A conference call to explain the changes is scheduled for April 23 with second reading by the Board of Health anticipated on May 13. Comments and questions may be directed to Franklin County Public Health.

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security

At your request, on April 2, I attended a briefing/annual report by Mike Pannell, director of Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security. I will leave the handout materials in the work room for your examination.

Coming Events:

 Open Space Advisory Council, 9 a.m., new offices of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, 1404 Goodale, #100

Big Darby Working Group, 9 a.m., Lazarus Bldg.

Scheduled Agenda Item: Franklin County Drainage Engineer

Franklin County drainage Engineer, Jim Ramsey attended the meeting and made a presentation regarding NPDES requirements. NPDES, which stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System is administered within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Water Permit Division. Mr. Ramsey is the program's liaison for Franklin County.

Mr. Ramsey stated that NPDES issues five-year permits for jurisdictions and the current plan in effect in Franklin County was to expire on 01/29/2014. The expiration has been extended and Jim expects a new permit will be approved later this year. He stated that home sewage systems are the primary NPDES concern for townships. As such, the inspection of aerator systems and discharge of home sewage are priorities. Also, the mapping of storm sewer systems is a priority. Jim noted that Trustee Dever has helped in mapping the storm drainage in Brown Township. Other NPDES priorities include storm water management and housekeeping requirements for salt/fuel storage.

Trustee Dever inquired as to the status of the Morris Ditch clean-out project. Mr. Ramsey said that the Morris Rd to Walker Rd. section has been completed and that the Walker Rd. to Davis Rd. section should be addressed this year.



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Audience Participation:

A Roberts Rd. resident was in attendance and asked for help in locating the map which shows where the access road to be built to Bradley High School is planned in relation to her property. Beth Clark said that she knows the map in question and will email the resident instructions on how to access it.

There were several other residents from Morris Rd. in attendance. Their concern is addressed in the "Morris Road Curve" item below.

Old Business:

Safety First Committee Report

The Safety First Chair was not able to attend the meeting. A short general discussion was held regarding the April 12th Open House for Station 82 and ongoing activities of the Safety First Committee.

Morris Road Curve

Residents owning property on Morris Rd. were in attendance to report their concern regarding drivers "cutting the corner" on the first curve on Morris Rd. and doing damage to their front yard by driving in and around their seedling trees. The main concern of the property owner was the danger to the residents and their pets as the autos sometimes approach them unexpectedly as they stand in their yard. Several neighbors were also in attendance to lend their support. Sergeant Charles Brown remained at the meeting and listened to the residents' concerns.

The Trustees discussed various options for making the corner safer. Franklin County will be contacted for their input. Sgt. Brown said that the resident should continue to report incidents to the FCSO. Trustee Martin said that he would update the property owners as more information is gathered.

New Business:

Power Washer

Trustee Dever reported that there is an interested buyer for a power washer that the Township no longer uses. He inquired if there were any objection to selling the item. No objection was raised and the value of the power washer will be researched.

Newsletter Publishing

Trustee Martin reported that we have received approximately ten requests to have a paper copy of our quarterly newsletter mailed to residents. He said that the sign-up for electronic delivery so far has been modest. The issue of sending the newsletters by mail or electronically was discussed. It was agreed that the newsletter publications in 2014 will be treated as a test period. The topic was tabled until later in the year.



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Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion.

Voting results: Ms. Pamela Sayre, Aye, Mr. Gary Dever, Aye, Mr. Joseph Martin, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Joseph Martin, Chair

Gregory Ruwe, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.