

Held: May 19, 2014

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:16 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. Barbara Hoover (Asst. to the Fiscal Officer). Ms. Elizabeth Clark (Executive Assistant to the Trustees) was unable to attend.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2014 Regular Session and the Special Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2014. 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 May 2014 payroll report. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Dever 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 April 2014. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Jeff Warren was in attendance representing the Norwich Township Fire Department. He provided a revised format "Total Incidents by Jurisdiction" report for January through May (to date) 2014. The report reflects that year to date; Brown Township has had 63 EMS runs and 19 Fire runs. For the same period, Norwich Township has had 72 EMS runs and 17 Fire runs. Chief Warren emphasized that he is committed to make sure Brown Township is covered with Fire and EMS protection while the Fire Levy situation is worked out. Chief Warren reported that the ISO rating for the area served by the NTFD ranges between 3 and 9 depending on the distance the property is from a water source (e.g. hydrants). NTFD is ranked in the top 50 of the ISO rated Fire Departments in the State of Ohio. ISO is a for profit company started in 1972 as Insurance Services Office. Property Insurers use ISO ratings for pricing homeowner's insurance. Chief Warren also explained that there are three rating levels for certified firefighters. The Basic rating requires 36 hours of training. Professional Firefighters receive Level 1 and Level 2 training. 100% of the NTFD firefighters are certified Level 2.



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Franklin County Sheriff Report

Deputy Cora Brunotte was in attendance and made a presentation. She provided a report that listed six incidents that the FCSO responded to in Brown Township between the period April 1 – May 15, 2014. She said that the numbers for the period were not bad considering that there were 176 reports in Prairie Township during the same period. Deputy Brunotte said that she received emails from the Brown Township Block Watch captains last month which were forwarded to the appropriate officials and checked out. The Sheriff's Office plans to install new signs on our Block Watch locations. She requested we let them know if signs were wanted in any additional locations

Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Town Center Implementation

The Town Center implementation consultant team has begun work on a study to resolve water and sewer issues for the Town Center. The work should be complete in about six weeks. The study is being funded by Prairie Township and the City of Columbus. The participation agreement among the Town Center implementation client group jurisdictions needs to be modified to reflect this change. A resolution is on your agenda this evening.

Open Space Advisory Council

The Big Darby Accord Open Space Advisory Council met on May 2 at the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District's new offices at 1404 Goodale Blvd. A report outlining 2013 activities is being prepared. Discussion continued on the subject of what organization would be available to hold and manage small pieces of open space in the Big Darby Accord area. An OSAC member requested BDAWG issue a statement of intent focusing on the objective of having all open space held and managed by a governmental entity or an acceptable conservation entity. The statement is being drafted.

Big Darby Accord Working Group

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on May 9 and discussed the statement of intent requested by OSAC as well as the group's expectations of OSAC in the future. Concerning conservation development, BDAWG members agreed to meet on May 23 to have a specific discussion of density in conservation developments using Accord and 208 plan guidance.

Coming Events:

• Big Darby Working Group, 9 a.m., June 13, Lazarus Bldg.

Scheduled Agenda Item: Third Modification of the Town Center Implementation Participation Agreement

Fiscal Officer Ruwe presented Resolution 3-2014 (05-19) seeking approval for the Third Modification of the titled agreement.

The Agreement is between the City of Columbus, Prairie Township, and Brown Township. The parties have determined a need to have preliminary engineering analysis performed at an additional cost not to exceed \$42,000. The additional funding will come equally from Prairie Township and the City of Columbus. No additional funds are required of Brown Township.



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Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve Resolution 3-2014. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Resolution 3-2014 approved.

Audience Participation:

Three township residents were in attendance and spoke regarding the failure of the Issue 20 Fire Levy. They commented that they were surprised the levy did not pass. They also commented on possible financial issues for township residents on fixed incomes.

Old Business:

Safety First Committee Report

The Safety First Chair was not represented at the meeting. The Board reported that the May 6th primary election results have yet to be certified by the Franklin County Board of Elections, but the latest numbers reported indicate that Issue 20 (Fire Levy) lost by eight votes: 339 – 347.

Morris Road Curve

Trustee Martin reported that he has made multiple inquiries regarding the Morris Road homeowner's problems with drivers cutting the corner or driving in his yard from the curve in his front yard. Trustee Martin spoke to the property owner and recommended that he check the closing documents from his purchase of the property to determine the exact easement set-back so that he will know where he can install a fence. Trustee Martin said that he will continue to help the property owner with this issue.

New Business:

2015 Tax Budget

Fiscal Officer Ruwe informed the Board that the Brown Township 2015 Tax Budget must be received by the Franklin County Auditor on or before July 21, 2014. This is also the date for our July Regular Session. In order to comply with the required advertising and Public Meeting requirements prior to adoption, a Special Meeting is needed to go over the draft of the budget. Fiscal Officer Ruwe stated he has the draft completed. A Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 for this purpose. The required Public Hearing will be the June Regular Session on June 16, 2014. Barbara Hoover will arrange the notice in "This Week" to appear in the June 5, 2014 publication.

Public Meeting re Fire Levy – June 12, 2014

The Trustees agree that a Public Meeting will be held at the Brown Township Fire Station on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00p.m. It was agreed that the fire station marquee would be updated at this time to announce the meeting. A letter to the editor will be submitted to "This Week" by May 30 to notify the residents of the meeting. The Trustees will develop a postcard to mail to all residences announcing the meeting and containing a returnable survey to collect information prior to the meeting. Residents will also be able to post their thoughts and concerns at Fire@browntwp.org.



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Franklin County Townships SWACO Representative Appointment

Fiscal Officer Ruwe read Resolution 4-2014 (05-19), a resolution approving the nomination of Tim Guyton of Franklin Township as the representative of the Franklin County Townships on the SWACO Board of Trustees. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Resolution 4-2014 approved.

Franklin County Engineer's quote for Crack Sealing

Trustee Martin presented a quote from the Franklin County Engineer's office to seal the cracks on Golfview Place, Hardwood Dr., Woodsend Ct., and Morris Rd. for \$20,784. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the bid. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Damaged Mailbox Reimbursement

Trustee Martin reported that he has received a request for reimbursement for damage to a Morris Rd. resident's mailbox, which the Trustees determined was likely caused by direct contact with our snow plow. The total amount of the reimbursement claim is \$87.56. The Trustees noted that it was determined that the maximum reimbursement we would pay for a mailbox is \$75.00 as discussed at the February 2014 Regular Session. The fiscal office will issue the \$75.00 warrant when the June bills are presented for approval.

Adjournment

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

Voting results: Ms. Pamela Sayre, Aye, Mr. Gary Dever, Aye, Mr. Joseph Martin, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Joseph Martin, Chair

regory 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.