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BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 15, 2014

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, September 15, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. to 8:31 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 Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2014 Regular Session. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

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

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

Norwich Fire Department Report

The NTFD was not formally represented at the meeting, although two of its members were in attendance as residents. The day after the session, Chief Warren sent the Incident Report for August 2014. The Report reflects that Station 82 (Brown Township) had eighteen EMS runs and two Fire runs during August. For the year to date, there have been 112 Fire runs and 31 Fire runs in Brown Township.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

Deputy Cora Brunotte was in attendance and made a presentation. She provided copies of several reports which reflected that in the last reporting period, 50 calls were dispatched for Brown Township, an unusually high number. During August 2014, there were 19 crimes committed in Brown Township, although many were related to a break-in on Patterson Rd. The Deputy provided a write-up regarding the regulations for the discharge of firearms on private property as written by Cpl. Shawn Pak C-14. These regulations will be published in the soon

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to be distributed Fall Brown Township Newsletter. Trustee Dever told the Deputy of autos with very loud mufflers in the Township. A resident reported that a BMW has been traveling at very high speeds on Amity Rd. during the morning commute time. Deputy Brunotte said that she would look into these issues.

Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Town Center Implementation

The Town Center implementation consulting team has finalized a preliminary engineering report that provides specific alternatives on drinking water and wastewater services and facilities for the Town Center. It is hoped that this work is being used by the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer's Office as that office's larger Darby study proceeds. They are also finalizing a discussion paper intended to serve as a briefing document for elected officials on what will be required to move the Town Center from studies to implementation of Phase I. Drafts of that document are being discussed by City of Columbus officials.

Newsletter

The Fall 2014 issue of the Brown Township newsletter has been prepared and is awaiting finalization.

Coming Events:

- Big Darby Working Group, 9 a.m., September 19, Lazarus Bldg.

Scheduled Agenda Item: Representatives from Franklin County Auditor's Office

George Mance from Community Relations and Margie Betts from the CAUV section of the Franklin County Auditor's Office were in attendance to make a presentation regarding the recent Triennial Update to property values in Brown Township. They were also available during and after the meeting to answer questions. Mr. Mance stated that Franklin County was divided into 194 "Neighborhoods" to facilitate the property value update. Brown Township was deemed to be one neighborhood in its entirety for purposes of the review. A 5% increase in property value was then applied across the board to Brown Township properties. Mr. Mance said that the 5% increase was determined in part by the analysis of 65 property sales within the Township since the last update. He also informed us that properties with wells and septic systems are valued differently than properties with utility services.

Trustee Dever and residents in attendance then held a discussion regarding the valuation of farm and woodlands with Margie Betts. Ms. Betts stated that CAUV values are determined through the use of a statewide formula which includes soil type and drainage factors along with capitalization rates. Due to the complexity of these issues, the representatives encouraged residents to contact their office and provided a contact number: 614.525.7394. They also left stacks of three pamphlets which residents can obtain upon request.

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Audience Participation:

A resident from the Roberts & Amity Road area was in attendance and asked about the status of the Comprehensive Plan update project. Trustee Martin explained that the project was postponed last year for several reasons including the need to place a Fire Levy on the ballot. He stated that it is the intent of the Trustees to revisit the Comprehensive Plan update project early next year. The other residents in attendance asked questions regarding property valuations of the Franklin County Auditor representatives.

Old Business:

Safety First Committee

The Trustees reported that Jeff Smith has agreed to serve as the Treasurer of the Safety First Committee again for the November 2014 ballot initiative. There remains a question as to whether a Chair will be named. Trustee Sayre said that it would be helpful for the Committee to have a Facilitator and mentioned that Beth Clark would be a good candidate. After further discussion, Trustee Sayre made a motion to name Beth Clark as the Facilitator for the Safety First Committee. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Beth Clark was in attendance and accepted the position. She stated that she is filling the role as a volunteer. Ms. Clark said that the initial meeting for the Committee will be on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

New Business:

Resolution 8-2014, Accepting the Amounts and Rates – Franklin County Budget Commission

Fiscal Officer Ruwe notified the Board of the need to pass and submit a Resolution accepting the amounts and rates of 2015 revenue as determined by the Franklin County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. He explained the projected amounts generated by the levies in effect for the various funds receiving property tax revenue. Trustee Sayre made a motion not to allow for the placement of the recycling collection box. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Resolution 8-2014 (09-15) approved.

Residents Complaint Letter to the Franklin County Board of Health

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that six property owners on Patterson Road submitted a complaint letter to the Franklin County Board of Health dated 09/11/2014, regarding failure of the owner of Property ID 120-000929-00 on Patterson Rd. to keep the property clear of overgrown brush and weeds. The letter lists several problem issues that the lack of maintenance is creating. Trustee Dever said that by procedure, the Board of Health will send the property owner two citation letters. Brown Township will receive copies of the notices. If the property owner fails to comply, the Township can have the needed work performed and bill the cost to the property owner through his/her real estate taxes. This issue will be reviewed after the Board of Health makes a determination.

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Road Salt Report for the Franklin County Engineer

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that he and Don Williams (Road Crew) have discussed the Township's need for road salt with the FCE representatives. The FCE was informed that the Township will not store salt at the Brown Township garage. The Township placed an order for 225 tons of road salt with FCE for the 2014-15 winter season. The FCE representative stated that there is no penalty if too much salt is reserved.

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 8:31 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.