

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 15, 2013

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, July 15, 2013 from 7:30 P.M. to 8:50 P.M. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Ron Williams called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Ronald Williams	Present	Mr. Gary Dever	Present
Mr. Joseph Martin	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

Chair Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2013 Regular Session and a Special Meeting held on July 11, 2013. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the July 2013 payroll report. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting reports for the month of June 2013. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Bob Kaufman and newly promoted Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Warren were in attendance. The Brown Township Monthly Summary report for June 2013 was provided. The report and supporting detail reflect that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on fourteen EMS runs and four Fire runs in Brown Township. The Chief and Assistant Chief stayed and answered multiple questions posed by the residents in attendance.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

No representative attended.

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Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Brown Township Comprehensive Plan

A well attended second public meeting for the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan was held at Bradley High School on June 25. The purpose was to gather feedback on the draft policy recommendations. The Working Committee met on July 9 to discuss the meeting and its results and to provide direction to the Franklin County planning staff on moving forward with the plan preparation. A final public meeting to discuss the draft plan is expected to be held in November.

Big Darby Accord Town Center Master Plan Implementation

The City of Columbus and Prairie Township have committed an additional \$15,000 each to the Town Center Master Plan implementation project. No additional funding is expected from Brown Township. A second modification of the participation agreement is necessary to memorialize this change and is on the Board of Trustees meeting agenda tonight.

Upon the concurrence of the client group (staff representatives of Prairie Township, City of Columbus, and Brown Township), Prairie Township has entered into a contract with Development Concepts, Inc. as the lead consultant with RCLCO and Squire Sanders as subconsultants.

The client group held a project kick-off meeting with representatives of the three firms on July 12. Interviews with some property owners and other stakeholders are expected to begin in early August. The consultants' work will include an updated market analysis, review and recommendations of the implementation tasks identified in the Town Center Master Plan and, depending on the results of the first phase, developer solicitation in a second phase. Phase I should be completed by the end of January.

Sewer/Water Service to the Big Darby Accord Area

No progress has been reported on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to be issued by the Franklin County Sanitary Engineer for a Utilities Concept Plan for sewer and water services in the Big Darby Accord Area. The schedule calls for the RFQ to be issued August 1.

Newsletter

Content is being developed for Summer and Fall issues of the Brown Township newsletter.

Miscellaneous

Franklin County Planning Administrator Lee Brown has resigned and his last day in the position will be August 2.

Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, July 17, 9 a.m., 150 S. Front St., FSL
- Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel, August 13, 1:30 p.m., 363 S. High St., Conference Room B, 25th Floor

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Trustee Martin commented regarding the farmland preservation portion of Beth Clark's report. He recommends that the Agriculture Preservation Plan be preserved as previously drafted and suggests that the working committee use that Plan as a guideline.

Audience Participation:

Two Township residents were in attendance and participated in the general discussion of the proposed additional Fire Fund levy described below. One of the residents commented on "dark sky lighting" which deals with light pollution. The resident also commented on agricultural zoning.

Scheduled Agenda Items:

Brown Township Fire Fund Levy

After a general discussion of the Township's necessity and intent to place a Fire Levy on the ballot for November 05, 2013, Fiscal Officer Ruwe did a public reading of Resolution 5-2013 (07-15). The amount of the proposed levy is 4.66 mills. Following open discussion, Trustee Dever made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Resolution 5-2013 (07-15) approved.

Brown Township 2014 Tax Budget

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that the Officers held a Special Meeting on July 11, 2013 and reviewed the draft of the Brown Township Tax Budget for 2014. After open discussion regarding the fiscal health of the Township, Fiscal Officer Ruwe did a public reading of Resolution 6-2013 (07-15), titled 2014 Tax Budget Resolution. Trustee Martin made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Resolution 6-2013 (07-15) approved.

Old Business:

Notice from Franklin County Public Health re Sewage System

The work on the aerator and mound system has been completed. The Township has received a complimentary follow-up report from Franklin County Public Health. A Warrant has been issued to pay for the repair. Due to a question regarding receipt of the invoice, Fiscal Officer Ruwe will check with Norwich Township before mailing the payment to insure a double payment is not made.

New Business:

Town Center Implementation Agreement

Executive Assistant Clark reported that the Town Center Implementation Agreement previously entered into by Brown Township and the other parties now needs to be reauthorized. Two of the four parties to the agreement have agreed to make additional contributions to the agreements start-up financing. Brown Township will not make any additional contribution under this second modification.

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Trustee Dever made a motion for Brown Township to agree to this second modification. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Correspondence re Langton Road

The Township received a letter from resident C.D. Morelock this month regarding certain conditions involving Langton Road. A request was made to make sure a mound along Langton Road is mowed and that some trash resulting from fence removal from the easement be removed. The Trustees will evaluate the situation and resolve the issues if appropriate.

Other Correspondence

Trustee Martin made a brief presentation regarding a piece of correspondence received from "The Chair of Saint Peter."

Adjournment

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

Votes were: Mr. Gary Dever, Aye; Mr. Joseph Martin, Aye; Mr. Ronald Williams, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.


Mr. Ronald Williams, Chair


Mr. 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.