

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 18, 2013

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2013 from 7:30 P.M. to 8:53 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. 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 February 18, 2013 Regular Session. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from March 07, 2013 and March 11, 2013. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

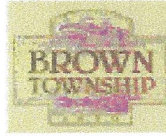
The Trustees previously reviewed the March 2013 payroll report. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

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

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Jeff Warren was in attendance and made a presentation. He provided the Brown Township Monthly Report for February 2013. The report and supporting detail reflects that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on thirteen EMS runs and two Fire runs. Chief Warren stated that the firemen at Station 82 would volunteer to repair the section of fence in front of the Firehouse that was damaged this winter if materials were provided. Trustee Dever said that he will also obtain an estimate from Yoder's Fence Co.

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Franklin County Sheriff Report

No representative in attendance. Trustee Dever stated that he was hoping to address a representative of the Sheriff's office tonight. He said that he wants to ask about recent calls to the Sheriff's office related to drinking at parties on Roberts Road. Trustee Williams said that he will arrange to have the Sheriff's office contacted to request that a representative of the Sheriff attend our next meeting.

Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Ms. Clark was unable to attend this evening, so Trustee Williams read her report.

Heritage Preserve

On February 25, Hilliard City Council enacted legislation to rezone 418 acres of property near Davis and Alton-Darby Creek roads for a 687-unit residential development to be known as Heritage Preserve. On February 21, Brown Township Trustees meet with Hilliard Mayor Don Schonhardt, City Councilmember Albert Iosue, and Hilliard staff to discuss the city's interpretation of the Big Darby Accord Watershed Master Plan with regard to this development proposal.

Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update

At the request of the Brown Township Trustees, Franklin County staff has agreed to rework the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan process to improve the ability of township residents to fully understand the recommendations being put forward. The public meeting, originally scheduled for March 12, will be rescheduled in the future.

Conservation Development Regulations Working Group

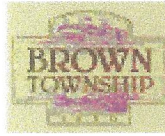
The Conservation Development Regulations Working Group met on February 21 for a discussion of density. Little consensus was achieved and the staff agreed to prepare additional materials.

Big Darby Accord Working Group (BDAWG)

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on February 20 and heard the following updates:

- Franklin County is preparing a Request for Proposals for legal services to implement the revenue provisions of the revenue agreement. The County has authorized \$50,000 for this work. Prairie Township has agreed to provide an additional \$30,000.
- Columbus and Prairie Township are proceeding with a Request for Proposals for Town Center implementation work. Each has committed \$50,000.
- Prairie Township Administrator Tracy Hatmaker, BDAWG's liaison to the Open Space Advisory Council (OSAC), will follow up with Kyle Wilson of the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (FSWCD) for an update on OSAC's progress on the subject of creating a land trust to hold public open space. FSWCD coordinates OSAC on behalf of BDAWG.

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- There was preliminary discussion of what would be required to create a regional sewer district to manage alternative wastewater treatment systems in the conservation development areas, given the Franklin County Engineer's reluctance to engage on this topic.

Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, March 20, 9 a.m., 150 S. Front St., FSL
- Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel, April 9, 1:30 p.m., 373 S. High St., 25th Floor, Meeting Room B

The Trustees briefly discussed the proposal that Brown Township contribute some funding to help start the Town Center Project. It was decided to table the discussion until further details and information is available.

Audience Participation:

Mike Harrold was in attendance and stated that he was interested in hearing Beth Clark's report as to the developments regarding Heritage Preserve. A further discussion was held regarding the Trustees' meeting with Hilliard officials. Adjustments to the plan have been proposed as to a reduction in the number of apartments and an increase in the number of single family homes.

Scheduled Agenda Item:

Fiscal Officer Ruwe read Resolution No. 1-2013 (03-18), the Brown Township Annual Permanent Appropriation Resolution. The Resolution seeks approval of appropriations totaling \$1,647,740 spread over six Funds. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2013. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye; Williams: aye. Resolution 1-2013 approved.

Old Business:

Brown Township Hall Rental

Trustee Dever made a Motion that civic groups (4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts) be allowed to use the Township Hall for meetings without charge and that Church groups be charged based upon their usage and frequency of use; to be determined by the Fiscal office. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye; Williams: aye. Motion approved.

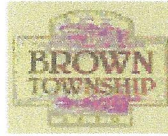
Heritage Preserve Proposed Development

This topic was covered during the audience participation session.

Mail Box – Carter Road

Trustee Williams reported that the mail box at 8631 Carter Rd. has been replaced to the owner's satisfaction. The mail box was apparently damaged by contact with the Brown Township snow plow.

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New Business:

Drainage on Hardwood Dr.

Trustee Martin brought a drainage issue at 6877 Hardwood Dr. to the Board's attention. He presented pictures of an area that is not draining properly and which may become a bigger problem according to the homeowner. Trustee Dever said that he will arrange to have the location inspected.

Publishing Costs

Fiscal Officer Ruwe made a presentation regarding the costs of publishing, printing and mailing the newsletter and other communications. After discussion, the Board agreed that this was an item that should be evaluated for possible cost savings. Publishing an electronic newsletter was suggested and discussed. It was agreed that the members of the Brown Township Comprehensive Planning Committee would be asked for their opinion of the possible electronic newsletter. This topic will be re-visited at later Regular sessions.

Ohio Auditor's Local Government Officials Conference

Fiscal Officer Ruwe notified the Board that the LGOC would be held on April 3 and 4 at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Columbus. No member stated an interest in attending this year.

Health Insurance Reimbursement Program

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve Resolution 2-2013 (03-18) revising the maximum amount of reimbursement per Officer per month for Health Insurance premium out-of-pocket costs from \$700 to \$500. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Resolution 2-2013 (03-18) approved.

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 8:53 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.