

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 20, 2013

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2013 from 7:30 P.M. to 8:36 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	Absent
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 Martin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2013 Regular Session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from May 06, 2013. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: 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 Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Martin: aye, Williams: aye. Motion approved.

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

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

### Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Jeff Warren was in attendance and made a brief presentation. He provided the Brown Township Monthly Summary report for April 2013. The report and supporting detail reflects that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on six EMS runs and two Fire runs. Chief Warren stated that April is typically a slow month for some reason for all the stations. He stated that Ted Kienzle was recently promoted to Battalion Chief and would be serving at Station 82.

### Franklin County Sheriff Report

Deputy Theresa Devine was in attendance and made a brief presentation. She noted that recent actions through the cooperation of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, the Madison County Sheriff's Office, and the Hilliard and Columbus Police Departments, a total of eight arrests were made for burglaries in and around the Brown

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Township area. She noted that the law enforcement offices are not permitted to comment at times while conducting investigations, but that some of the information provided by the Block Watches has led to such arrests.

### Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

#### Brown Township Comprehensive Plan

The Planning Services Agreement, used to guide the conduct of the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan, has been amended to provide for a slightly longer process, after a successful Education Session and Working Committee meeting in April. The next public meeting is being scheduled for late June.

#### Big Darby Accord Town Center Master Plan Implementation

The Town Center Master Plan implementation participation agreement has been modified to account for Brown Township's participation. Columbus and Franklin County approved the amendment last week. A copy of the executed modification is being prepared.

Five proposals were received in response to the request for proposals issued in March. Staff members of the participating jurisdictions have begun their review.

#### Newsletter

Content is being developed for the Spring 2013 newsletter, with major focus on the Comprehensive Plan and its process.

#### Open Space Advisory Council

The Open Space Advisory Council met on May 9 and approved its 2012 annual report to the Big Darby Accord Working Group. Additionally, there was continued discussion about a potential role for the Appalachian Ohio Alliance in holding open space within the Big Darby Accord area.

#### Big Darby Accord Working Group

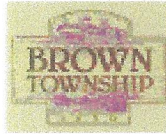
The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on May 15 and:

- Continued its exploratory conversations on sewer and water service for Town Center and conservation development.
- Heard a report from Franklin County that the legal services needed for revenue administration will be postponed until some in-house work is done.
- Heard a report from Prairie Township that its efforts to codify riparian setbacks will not occur before 2014.

#### Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, June 19, 9 a.m., 150 S. Front St., FSL
- Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel, June 11, 1:30 p.m., 373 S. High St., 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Meeting Room B

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### Audience Participation:

The three members of the Franklin County Planning Department who have been working on the Brown Township update to the Comprehensive Plan were in attendance to answer any questions regarding the project. They are: Matthew Brown, Scott Ulrich, and Lee Brown.

Brown Township residents Diana and Joe Frole and Steve and Kasondra Marcus were in attendance and commented about the Comprehensive Plan project. Mr. Marcus came with a prepared written statement which he summarized for the Board and provided copies. Mr. Marcus is opposed to bike paths in general and in particular, to one located on the east side of the Big Darby Creek along Amity Rd. He supports the concept of Brown Township as an open and rural area and opposes commercial development and medium density housing. Mr. Marcus said that he is not in favor of planning concepts for Brown Township being dictated by the State of Ohio.

The Trustees stated that the Franklin County Planning Department is working for Brown Township and that the final plan will reflect the input of the residents and its Board. The planners remarked that all land use planning is conducted at the local (township) level and that Brown Township initiated this project and has adoption authority. Therefore, the residents do not have to be concerned with the State of Ohio overriding the plan.

The planners stated that they have not proposed any bike paths for Brown Township in their draft – they are neither encouraging nor recommending bike paths. They stated that a small potential commercial zone near Bradley High School is discussed in the draft of the plan. This is included so that if there is a future need or reason for commercial development, the township will have an existing plan governing its scope.

### Old Business:

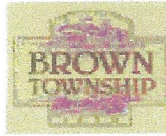
#### Reported Drainage Issue – 8300 Roberts Road

Trustee Dever previously contacted Franklin County Drainage regarding this matter. They were to look at the Roberts Road drainage conditions at that location. This message has been conveyed to Mr. Wilgus, the resident that raised the issue.

#### Township Audit

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that the auditor has not requested any further information. It is not known at this time when the audit will be completed. The Trustees stated that they would like to take advantage of the offer of a post-audit conference with the auditor. There is no additional charge for this meeting.

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### New Business:

#### MORPC Survey Request

Trustee Williams will contact MORPC to discuss whether the township should participate in a new survey request recently received.

#### Brown Township Fire Levy

The Norwich Township Fire levy which was placed on the May 2013 ballot was passed, resulting in a 4.12 mill increase in their fire district assessment. Per the terms of Brown Township's contract for fire protection and emergency medical services, Brown Township must now attempt to bring the amount of the effective tax rate for these services in Brown Township to a "roughly equivalent" amount to that of Norwich Township. Fiscal Officer Ruwe will prepare a Resolution of Necessity and Certification for the Trustees' consideration and potential submission to the Franklin County Auditor. This is the initial step in the process of placing a fire levy on the November 2013 ballot. The proposed Resolution will be brought to a vote in June.

#### Morris Road Surface Maintenance

Trustee Williams reported that he recently inspected the surface conditions on the Morris Road roadway. He said that it appears that some "crack fill" maintenance is warranted. He will also inspect the other township roadways.

#### Ohio EPA Letter

Executive Assistant Clark stated that she will review a letter recently received by the Trustees from Ohio EPA. She will make sure that the Township remains in compliance with any new provision.

### Adjournment

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

Votes were: Mr. Joseph Martin, Aye; Mr. Ronald Williams, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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.