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BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 18, 2013

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2013 from 7:30 P.M. to 9:24 P.M. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Gary Dever called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever	Present	Ms. Pamela Sayre	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

Trustee Dever led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2013 Regular Session and the two Special Meetings held on November 13, 2013. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the November 2013 payroll report. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Sayre 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 October 2013. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye, Martin: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Lieutenant Vic Lantz was in attendance and made a presentation. The Brown Township Monthly Summary report for October 2013 was provided. The report and supporting detail reflect that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on fifteen EMS runs and five Fire runs in Brown Township. The report also contains monthly totals for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. Lieutenant Lantz remained at the meeting and helped answer questions regarding the Fire Department operation during audience participation.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

No representative was in attendance.

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Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

Brown Township Comprehensive Plan

At the October meeting, the Trustees passed two motions concerning the Comprehensive Plan. The first requests that work on the Plan be suspended by Franklin County to allow progress to be made on several areas of uncertainty (alternative wastewater treatment, conservation development regulations, transfer of development rights, stormwater management, and agricultural preservation district regulations). The Trustees will revisit the status of progress on these items in a year and determine future action. The second motion set a date for a special meeting to discuss and define aspects of the Plan that the Trustees wish to pursue as a township in the intervening year and to develop the structure to be used for such pursuit. That special meeting was subsequently cancelled to allow the Trustees to focus on the township's responsibilities under the fire contract.

Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel

At the October meeting, the Trustees appointed John Lux as the township representative to the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel, to replace Joe Martin who will step down at the end of the year. Mr. Lux's term will expire in June 2015.

NPDES Permit

With the assistance of Jim Ramsey from the Franklin County Drainage Engineer's Office, Brown Township has sent a letter to Ohio EPA responding to a staff member's comments evaluating our stormwater program. Brown Township and the other 16 townships are co-permittees with Franklin County on this permit.

Mr. Ramsey has asked for an opportunity to speak briefly at a future Trustees meeting about the permit, the partnership, and responsibilities associated with it.

Economic Development

Representatives of several townships met on November 14 with Alex Beres, the new economic development coordinator working at Franklin County. Mr. Beres is interested in reaching out to townships and to existing businesses to make them aware of the services provided by his office. He emphasized that a variety of programs exist to assist even very small businesses. He expressed an interest in visiting the township, perhaps at a Trustees meeting.

Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, 9 a.m., December 18, Lazarus Building

Audience Participation:

Three residents were in attendance. A resident of Roberts Rd. east of Walker described continued farm animal problems stemming from her neighbors' property, a rental property. It was described that goats, chickens and other animals are allowed to roam free. The animals are damaging the resident's property and landscape plants. Trustee Sayre will accompany the resident on a visit to the landlord's office to register the complaints. All three residents in attendance participated in the discussion of the failed fire levy and how to proceed as described below.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Atlas Butler Service Proposal

The Trustees agreed that a thermostat should be installed in the maintenance garage. Fiscal Officer Ruwe will accept the proposal and schedule the work to be completed.

Documentation for Officer Health Insurance Reimbursement Program

The Trustees were asked to provide verification of their 2014 medical insurance premiums for the Township file.

Notice of Recoupment Assessment

Franklin County sent the Township a Notice of Recoupment Assessment in the amount of \$1,320.43 stemming from the 2012 acquisition of the four acres adjacent to the Firehouse. When land is converted from agricultural use, a recoupment charge equal to the tax savings for the previous three years is assessed. Fiscal Officer Ruwe will review the closing documents to verify that the recoupment was factored into the closing payoff amount.

Renewal of Ohio Plan Insurance Policy

Correspondence has been received from our insurance provider asking that we review the language and item descriptions before the policy renews. The Trustees said that they will provide their input.

Township Road Inspection

Trustee Martin said that he and former Trustee Ron Williams accompanied the representative of Franklin County on the required road inspection since our last meeting. Trustee Martin described a possible issue with our snow plow blade (cracked support on side) that should be evaluated. Trustee Dever will check with Don Williams regarding the issue.

School Bus Traffic on Morris Road

Trustee Martin described an unusual amount of school bus traffic on Morris Road. He said that the school had agreed that they would use Roberts Road. A Township representative will contact the Hilliard City Schools Transportation Director.

Scheduled Agenda Items:

Fire Levy Discussion

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Fire Levy's defeat and proposals on how to proceed. Fiscal Officer Ruwe relayed the position of Norwich Township as provided by NTFO Jamie Miles. Norwich Township's stated opinion is that additional revenue is still due them to offset the revenue the Fire Fund would have received in 2014 if the levy had passed. Norwich Township states that they believe Brown Township owes \$400,000; calculated as the gross revenue proposed in the levy minus estimated collection fees. They propose that Brown Township pay Norwich Township \$200,000 by July 15, 2014 and \$200,000 by January 2015.

Fiscal Officer Ruwe stated strong reservations regarding depleting the Brown Township's General Fund by that amount, and offered an alternative proposal. He suggested that Brown Township could add additional millage in an amount to pay back Norwich Township over a period of time to the 4.66 mill (adjusted with 2014 effective tax

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rates) that the Township plans to place on the May 2014 ballot. He provided a work paper with additional mills of varying amounts factored in. FO Ruwe said that it was his recommendation that the Township add an additional .5 mill. That would result in total requested millage in the amount of 5.16 mills assuming the effective tax rate difference between townships does not change. The additional half mill would generate additional revenue of approximately \$44,097.19 each year resulting in full payment of the 2014 deficiency in 9.32 years.

Trustee Martin said that he is in favor of FO Ruwe's proposal for several reasons. He said that collecting the additional revenue in this manner is entirely within the conditions outlined in the Fire Contract. He stated that paying Norwich Township from our General Fund for Fire and EMS protection would possibly set a precedent that he thinks should be avoided. For this reason, Trustee Martin stated that he would not consider accepting the proposal Norwich Township offered. The other Trustees agreed.

The Trustees reviewed the various amounts of additional millage outlined in FO Ruwe's analysis and stated that they wish to initially proceed with the half mill amount.

The residents in attendance voiced their concerns and suggestions regarding the Fire Levy failure. One resident pointed out that the Brown Township voters were not made aware of the reason that the 4.66 mills requested was higher than the Norwich Township amount (4.12 mills). He also pointed out that no campaign was run to pass the levy and many voters were unaware of the issue. The other residents echoed the comments regarding the lack of a campaign and lack of information as to why the additional tax millage in the amount requested was needed. After a general discussion with the Township Officers, this resident agreed to help with a future Fire Levy campaign to assist in getting our needed information.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Trustees requested that FO Ruwe contact FO Miles and relay the alternative proposal. They also asked that FO Ruwe relay their concern regarding the use of the General Fund to pay the 2014 deficiency. FO Ruwe will confer with FO Miles and report back.

Adjournment

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

Votes were: Mr. Gary Dever, Aye; Mr. Joseph Martin, Aye; Ms. Pamela Sayre, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.



Gary Dever, 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.