

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 19, 2012

The Trustees and the Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session on Monday, November 19, 2012 from 7:30 P.M. to 9:24 P.M. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Gary Dever called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever	Present	Mr. Ron Williams	Present
Mrs. Pam Sayre	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 Dever led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2012 Regular Session and the Special Meeting held on October 23, 2012. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

### Fiscal Actions

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

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the July payroll reports. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation, bank statements, receipts and expenditure reports for the month of October. Trustee Williams made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation as reported. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Dever: aye; Williams: aye, Sayre: aye. Motion approved.

### Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Joe Russell was in attendance and made a presentation. He provided the Brown Township Monthly Report for October 2012. The report, with supporting detail, reflects that during the month, Station 82 (Brown Twp.) responded on twelve EMS runs and four Fire runs. He noted that the 2012 year is shaping up to be a busier year for Station 82 than 2011. He also noted that October was National Fire Prevention Month.

### Franklin County Sheriff Report

No representative in attendance.

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### Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

#### Heritage Preserve

The Hilliard Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of Heritage Preserve development proposal at its meeting on November 8, after two hours of presentation, testimony, and discussion. The major objection by those testifying in opposition was the density of the residential project. With 405-single family homes and 282 multi-family units, the proposal contains a total of 687 residential units for an overall density of 1.64 units per acre, far exceeding the density recommended in the Big Darby Accord and the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan of 1 unit per acre. The next steps are some administrative adjustments to the plan requested by Hilliard staff and the Commission and consideration by Hilliard City Council.

#### Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Update

The first meeting of the Brown Township Comprehensive Plan Working Committee was held November 5. It was an orientation meeting designed to familiarize members with the Planning Services Agreement, the process, and schedule. The first substantive working committee will be held next week.

#### Town Center Master Plan Implementation

Representatives of Columbus, Franklin County, Columbus, and Brown and Prairie townships met November 1 to discuss implementation of the Town Center Master Plan.

Columbus and Prairie Township will proceed yet this year with a participation agreement encumbering funds in both jurisdictions intended to lead in 2013 to the preparation of a request for proposals for Town Center implementation including the search for a master developer. All jurisdictions participating in the conversation agreed that the participation agreement should be amendable as to partners, scope, and funding.

Assuming a favorable budget position, Franklin County will move ahead in early 2013 with a request for proposals for legal services associated with the mechanics of collection and distribution of revenues from the three revenue sources proposed in the Town Center Master Plan.

#### Conservation Development Regulations

A renewed process and working committee to prepare conservation development regulations for use in the Franklin County portion of the Big Darby watershed is underway. The group met November 8. There will be three additional meetings of the Working Committee. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring, followed by briefings of elected officials and an adoption process.

#### Fall Newsletter

The fall newsletter is complete and should be in residents' mailboxes soon. Articles cover recycling, review of the annexation law and its implications for townships, a map and explanation of the Hilliard service area, and an update on the Heritage Preserve project.

#### Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, November 21, 9 a.m., 150 S. Front St., FSL

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### Scheduled Agenda Items

#### Heritage Preserve

A continued discussion regarding the Heritage Preserve was held following Ms. Clark's presentation. It was decided that one or more representative from Brown Township will attend the Hilliard City Council Meeting to oppose the currently proposed development when the issue is placed on the agenda. Township attorney Don Brosius may be asked to attend the meeting as our representative.

#### Audience Participation:

Sandy Andromeda was in attendance and voiced his concerns regarding a certain identified individual who has been involved in multiple break-ins in Brown Township. Mr. Andromeda will follow-up with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

Cindy Jacobson was in attendance and commented on the Heritage Preserve issue and Time Warner Cable service.

Mike Harrold was also in attendance. He inquired as to whether Brown Township has ever applied for Federal grants. The Trustees responded that there have been no Federal applications.

#### Old Business:

##### Green Property Purchase

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that Brown Township has received the recorded Deed for the 4.301 acres of land purchased from Dianna J. Green on October 1, 2012 and recorded on November 15, 2012. The transaction is now finalized.

#### New Business:

##### Review of the Norwich Township Fire & Emergency Services Contract

In August, a meeting was tentatively planned for year-end by representatives of Norwich and Brown Townships. The purpose of the meeting will be to come to an agreement regarding how the accounting for certain expenses of Fire Station 82 will be handled beginning in 2013.

Fiscal Officer Ruwe will prepare an analysis of all such expenses so that the Trustees can review and discuss the issue before the meeting with Norwich Township. A Special Meeting was set for December 10, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

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### JEDD with Prairie Township

Trustee Sayre stated that Brown Township needs to come to an understanding with Prairie Township regarding how any future JEDD revenue will be split between the two townships before we invest funds in the project. It was agreed that Trustee Williams will contact attorney Donald Brosius to discuss the matter.

### Miscellaneous Matters

Republic Services will be contacted for information regarding placing a lock on the Township Dumpster to discourage illegal dumping.

Fiscal Officer Ruwe suggested that the requirements of the Franklin County Zoning policy regarding storing (junk) vehicles on Brown Township properties be printed in the next township newsletter to inform the residents.


### Executive Session

At 8:53 p.m., Trustee Dever requested that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss an employee appointment. The roll call was taken: Dever, aye; Williams, aye; and Sayre, aye. The remaining audience member left the room. The Board ended the Executive Session at 9:05 p.m., arriving at no decision. The Trustees then began signing payment and report documents.

### Adjournment

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

Votes were: Mr. Gary Dever, Aye; Mr. Ron Williams, Aye; Mrs. Pam Sayre, Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

  
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Mr. Gary Dever, Chair

  
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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.