

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 15, 2017

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, May 15, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:24 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Joseph Martin called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ms. Pamela Sayre	Present	Mr. Joseph Martin	Present
Mr. Gary Dever	Present	Mr. Gregory Ruwe	Present

Also in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth Clark (Executive Asst. to the Trustees) and Ms. Barbara Hoover (Clerical Asst. to the Trustees.)

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2017 Regular Session and the Special Meeting held on May 08, 2017. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the May 2017 payroll report. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting financial reports for the month of April 2017. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

Sgt. Byrd, Head of FCSO Community Relations was in attendance. He summarized the FCSO reports received for Brown Township since our last meeting through May 11, 2017. The Township has received digital copies of the reports. Sgt. Byrd described a high speed chase that started in Columbus with the Columbus Police Department and ended with the party being chased shooting himself before crashing in Brown Township at Amity and Scioto Darby Roads.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Joe Russell and Captain Mike Isham were in attendance. Chief Russell presented the Incidents Report for April 2017. During April, there were (15) EMS runs and (7) Fire runs in Brown Township. Chief Russell reported that to date, 2017 has been a very busy year for the NTFD. There have been 100 additional total runs for the fire department compared to the same time in 2016. One of the light fixtures in the fire bays needs to be replaced. Chief Russell will obtain an estimate from R.T. Yoder Electric to replace the fixture with LED lights. He will also obtain an estimate for replacing the remaining fixtures in the bays with LED lights. Chief

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Russell reported that with the exception of a couple remaining small issues, the kitchen remodeling project by SemBro is finished. He was very complimentary regarding the upgrades and invited the Board to stop in to inspect the improvements. Captain Isham made a presentation regarding the prescription narcotic doses that the NTFD now carries to treat narcotic and opiate overdoses. The drug has no major side effects.

Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

BIG DARBY ACCORD WORKING GROUP

The Big Darby Accord Working Group is scheduled to meet on June 1 to discuss revenues that have been generated from projects developed within the Big Darby Accord geography, with the obvious exception of those in Hilliard. Hilliard elected not to participate in the multi-jurisdictional revenue sharing agreement.

WEBSITE CONTENT REVIEW

I have completed the website content review. Trustees held a special meeting last week to discuss the suggestions and recommendations. Phase I contains a list of items that need to be added to the new website from the existing one. Phase II contains a list of recommendations for adjustments to the material on the proposed new website.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

At the Board's request, I conducted research on the issue of medical marijuana in Ohio, documented in my memo to the Board of April 27. On the agenda this evening is a resolution on that subject.

HOUSE BILL 69

House Bill 69, that would exempt some township fire and EMS districts from municipal Tax Increment Financing, has been voted out of the State and Local Government Committee and will soon be scheduled for a vote by the full House.

NEWSLETTERS

The Spring newsletter should be delivered to mailboxes soon. Content for the Summer newsletter includes:

- Article on chickens and ducks (held over from Spring issue)
- Public Safety summary
- Article on Norwich Township Fire Department's Focus Hilliard initiative
- Krishna temple project timeline
- Article on geocaching in the Metro Parks
- Article on Jonathan Alder
- Time Warner update (if available)

Deadline is May 26, except for Public Safety data, which is due as soon as possible after June 1.

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Scheduled Agenda Items:

None scheduled.

Audience Participation:

Two residents were in attendance. One merely attended to observe and the other inquired as to recent activity in the Roberts Rd. area near the Brown Township/Hilliard dividing line. Executive Assistant Clark will research the resident's questions.

Old Business

Morris Road Ditch Project

419 Contracting and Design LLC has nearly completed the project. Eight hundred feet of 12" field tile has been installed along Morris Rd. along with six risers. The final fill with gravel and dirt will be finished in a few days along with grading. A cover crop will be planted until the final seeding is made in the fall. The Township is issuing full payment for our portion of the project.

House Bill 69 - re TIF Financing

A general discussion was held regarding the merits of this House Bill. Trustee Dever made a motion that the Township should submit a letter of support to the proper authorities considering the bill. Executive Assistant Clark will draft and submit the letter for the Board. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

New Business:

House Bill 49 - re Water & Sewer Rates

The Board requested that Executive Assistant Clark research the details regarding HB 49, a budget bill currently undergoing testimony in the Ohio House. The Trustees will decide at the June meeting whether to submit a Letter of Support for the bill.

Davis Road Closure

The Township was notified by Trucco Construction that Davis Road will be closed for sixty days beginning May 30, 2017. The closure is for the purpose of building a round-a-bout at the intersection of Davis Rd. and Audubon Ave. Trustee Martin reported that he was able to get the notice inserted into the Newsletter being mailed to Brown Township residents later this week. He also posted the notice to the Township's social media sites.

2018 Tax Budget

The Board will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the 2018 Tax Budget on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the administration offices. Notice of the Public Hearing will be published at least ten days before the meeting.

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Firehouse Fence Repair

Fiscal Officer Ruwe will contact Yoder's Vinyl Fencing and arrange to have the sections of fence damaged last winter by the snow plow repaired.

Resolution 3-2017 re Marijuana Production

Executive Assistant Clark, at the request of the Board, adapted a resolution initially drafted by the Franklin County Prosecutor for possible adoption by Brown Township. The proposed resolution prohibits the cultivation, dispensing, and/or processing of marijuana in Brown Township per R.C. Section 3796.29. The Trustees previously reviewed the draft resolution. After discussion, Trustee Sayre made a motion to adopt Resolution 3-2017. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Resolution 3-2017 approved.

Additional Morris Road Drainage Issue

Trustee Martin reported that he was contacted by a resident of Morris Rd. regarding another potential drainage issue. Trustee Dever stated that he is familiar with the area and the issue. He said that a Franklin County Drainage Engineer crew recently jetted the drain line along that specific section of the road. Trustee Dever thinks that the standing water is caused by tree roots in the line in the resident's yard not near the township's easement. Trustee Dever will contact the resident.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Joseph Martin, 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.