

Held: October 16, 2017

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, August 21, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Vice-Chair Pamela Sayre called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Ms. Pamela Sayre

Present

Mr. Joseph Martin

Absent

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 Dever made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular Session and a Special Meeting held on September 27, 2017. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: 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. Motion approved.

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting financial reports for the month of September 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

Deputy Jessie Hatfield was in attendance and reported on FCSO activity in the township since our last meeting. He said that the FCSO received four reports during that period of time; all for the same address on Patterson Rd. Deputy Hatfield said that he received a response to his request to have a speed trailer put in place on Amity Road to monitor vehicle speed near Patterson Road. The placement has been approved, but it will probably be April 2018 before the trailer can be placed in Brown Township.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Ted Kienzle was in attendance and presented the Incidents Report for September 2017. During the month, there were (18) EMS runs and (8) Fire runs in Brown Township. Chief Kienzle reported that Fire Chief Jeff Warren is sending out postcards to all property owners served by the NTFD. The purpose of the postcard is to notify the owners that the NTFD was recently awarded an ISO 2 rating for the fire protection coverage they provide. Chief Warren suggests property owners contact their insurance carriers to notify them of the improved rating and to inquire if they are eligible for a lower property insurance rate.



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Beth Clark's Report

SINGLE HAULER

At the Board's request, I met with representatives of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) and Rumpke Waste and Recycling to gather information on the positives and negatives of a single hauler for residents of Brown Township and provided a report to the Trustees.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING

Along with Trustees Martin and Sayre, I attended the September 27 intergovernmental meeting with members of the Hilliard Board of Education, Hilliard City Council, and Norwich Township Trustees. Hilliard Economic Development Director David Meadows distributed a handout which, among other things, enumerates the amount of residential development anticipated for the Hilliard portion of the Big Darby Watershed and subject to the 2000 equivalent residential units cap established by the City of Columbus. I have emailed that information to the Board.

CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS

I have requested from MORPC a speaker on Central Ohio Greenways for the December meeting, but have had no response.

MAPPING

I have requested from the Franklin County Auditor's Office an updated version of the Brown Township map displayed on the wall. I anticipate the map being ready this week.

WINTER NEWSLETTER

Article ideas for the Winter 2018 newsletter so far include:

- Public Safety summary
- Snowplow operations
- Dr. David Stansbery (?)
- Single hauler article and survey

Scheduled Agenda Items:

Franklin County Stormwater Management Program

Kurt Keljo, the Watershed Coordinator at Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, was in attendance and made a presentation. He provided a NPDES Summary for Unincorporated Brown Township. NPDES is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Brown Township maintains a yearly NPDES permit and is required to help implement six Minimum Control Measures to help reduce pollutants flowing into the Big Darby Creek and its tributaries. Mr. Keljo reported the good news that the Big Darby Creek is meeting the standards at this time. He also reported the results of an informal survey which revealed that there are 217 pipes and 46 ditches within Brown Township which eventually drain into Big Darby Creek.

Also in attendance was Nathan Ralph, RS, the Supervisor of the Water Quality Program at Franklin County Public Health. Mr. Ralph provided a summary handout which reflected that there are currently 127 Aeration treatment units in Brown Township that FCPH inspects. Mr. Ralph stressed the importance of properly maintaining household sewage treatment systems. He left copies of the summary with contact numbers.



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Audience Participation:

A resident from Patterson Road was in attendance who inquired as to the speed limit on the road. The resident and his wife have noticed an increase in vehicle speed since Franklin County refinished the road.

Also in attendance were residents from Amity and Morris Roads who have recently built new homes in the Township. They attended the meeting to introduce themselves and learn about township governance.

Old Business

Refuse Hauling

Executive Assistant Clark presented a detailed memorandum to the Board regarding her recent single hauler disucssions as part of her monthly report. After further discussion, it was decided that Executive Assistant Clark will develop possible newsletter articles and possible survey questions for future consideration.

Mosquito Management Program Contract Extension

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that he recently received three original copies of the contract extension for the program from Franklin County Public Health. A second contract extension was recently approved by the FCPH Board for 2018 and there will be no price increase from 2017. Fiscal Officer Ruwe will complete the Participating Jurisdiction section of each contract original and return them to the FCPH office. Once all other signatures are obtained, one original contract will be returned to the Township.

Darby Knolls - Carter Road Visibility Issue

The Township has cleared vegetation from the drainage ditch near the intersection of Darby Knolls and Carter Rd. on two occasions in recent years. Trustee Dever reported that there remain some visibility issues. However, Franklin County Soil and Water would need to authorize removal of the offending vegetation. It was decided that FCS&W would be invited out to take a look at the area and determine if they would approve removal of additional vegetation.

New Business:

OHIOCHECKBOOK.com

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that he met last week with Mary Crall, Public Relations Liaison Officer for the Ohio State Treasurer. The Treasurer's office is attempting to sign up local governments for OHIOCHECKBOOK.com. This program makes certain local government financial information available as a public record online. Ms. Crall went through the information available on the website with FO Ruwe and pointed out many of the statistical and financial presentations made available to the public. FO Ruwe decided that the online information could be helpful and invited Ms. Crall to make the presentation to the Brown Township Board. Ms. Crall will attend the Regular Session on December 18, 2017 and present to the entire Board to determine if there is an interest in Brown Township joining the program.



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Adjournment

With no further business, Vice-Chair Sayre 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 8:13 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.