

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 18, 2025

The Brown Township Board of Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, February 18, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:22 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Vice-Chair Martin called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever, Absent
Mr. Joseph Martin, Present
Ms. Pamela Sayre, Present
Ms. Becky Kent, Present

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 Regular Session and Special Meetings on January 26, 2025, January 30, 2025, January 31, 2025, and February 4, 2025. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Fiscal Actions

Bills were presented for payment. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

The Trustees previously reviewed the February 2025 payroll report. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting financial reports for the month of January 2025. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Jim Jewell, Prairie Township Administrator

Jim Jewel attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the 12 Flock cameras in Prairie Township. The cameras cost \$3,000 each per year, and alert authorities to license plates associated with stolen plates, stolen vehicles, warrants, and missing persons among other things.

Sheriff's Report

Brown Township's Community Liaison, Deputy Haren, was present for the meeting. For 1/21/2025-2/18/2025 there were 54 calls for service, 8 reports taken, and 6 arrests/citations in Brown Township.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Norwich Fire Chief David Baird was present for the meeting. During January 2025, Norwich Township answered 603 calls for service with 173 Fire runs and 430 EMS runs.

Of those 603 calls, there were (23) EMS runs and (9) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There were also (2) EMS runs and (5) Fire run in the incorporated area of the Township.

Chief Baird reported that Norwich Fire Department now has 9 new members bringing the total to 103 (soon to be 104).

Melissa Brinkerhoff, Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel Representative

Melissa reported that there were no cases reviewed in January or February. She encouraged residents to write letters of concern regarding the Hill Farm 2 subdivision.

Steering Committee Update

Trustee Sayre reported that there will be an open house on March 5 at Bradley High School. There have been 251 respondents to the online survey. A resident in the audience asked if the survey could be put on the Brown Township website. Trustee Martin will work on updating the website.

Audience Participation

A Patterson Road resident talked about open spaces in the township. He stressed the importance of considering long term maintenance when creating open spaces so that they aren't taken over by invasives.

A resident on Morris Road asked where meeting minutes from past meetings can be found. Trustee Martin shared that they are posted on the Brown Township website after they have been signed.

A Patterson Road resident asked about the noise resolution mentioned in past meeting minutes. Trustee Sayre explained that it is currently with the Township Attorney. He asked that it incorporate quiet hours and not restrict noise 24 hours a day. The Trustees agreed to discuss this before signing. Deputy Haren suggested the trustees review Pleasant Township's noise resolution.

Newsletter

The article deadline for Brown Township's Spring 2025 newsletter is March 15 which will include information about the fire levy, a comprehensive plan update, and an open house overview.

Roads

Trustee Martin inspected the township roads with the Franklin County road crew and found them to be in good condition. The berm rebuild on Morris Road is holding up well. Trustee Martin will get quotes for berm rebuilds on Carter Road and Langton Road.

Old Business

Trustee Martin asked the Franklin County Engineers' office for an update on the Mando Ditch and shared his findings. The project is estimated to cost \$3.5mil and Brown Township's responsibility will be \$625k. FCE asked how Brown Township would want to pay for their portion. The Trustees decided not to endorse or oppose the project, but if it is approved, they will accept the Drainage Engineer's estimate for the ditch work needed to finish the project and have them do the work or bid it out at the Township's cost. There is new Ohio Revised Code that might affect the project. Trustee Sayre asked whether FCE could host community meetings with the residents to give an update. Trustee Martin will check with his contact.

Trustee Martin reported that Donna's cell phone has arrived and is working well for her.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of adding street lights on Widener Road. They Decided a Flock camera would be more beneficial at a lower cost.

Trustee Sayre reported that Donnie and Glenn put the new chair rack together and stacked the new chairs on it. The rack was used for the most recent steering committee meeting and worked well.

New Business

Trustee Sayre made a motion to accept Resolution 3-2025 to appoint the Franklin County at-large Township Trustee to the Franklin County 911 planning committee. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

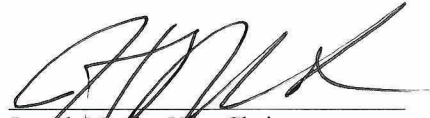
Trustee Sayre sent a draft fire levy fact sheet to Fire Chief Baird. He will respond with numbers and statistics, and then the trustees will schedule a special meeting to approve the fact sheet to be sent to residents.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to adopt Resolution 4-2025 setting the 2025 permanent appropriations. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Trustee Sayre shared a recent expedited II annex application that was received for 68.129 acres to annex into Hilliard. Trustee Martin would like to revisit a TIF agreement similar to what Norwich Township adopted.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed two AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Joseph Martin, Vice-Chair

Becky Kent, 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.