

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 17, 2025

The Brown Township Board of Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Chair Dever called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Session and March 1, 2025 Special Meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Motion passed three 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 three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

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

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

Sheriff's Report

Brown Township's Community Liaison, Deputy Haren, was present for the meeting. For 2/18/2025-3/17/2025 there were 77 calls for service, 12 reports taken, and 8 arrests/citations in Brown Township.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Norwich Fire Chief David Baird was present for the meeting. During February 2025, Norwich Township answered 603 calls for service with 150 Fire runs and 453 EMS runs.

Of those 603 calls, there were (19) EMS runs and (4) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There were also (5) EMS runs and (3) Fire run in the incorporated area of the Township.

Chief Baird announced that Battalion Chief Jeff Warren is retiring. Congratulations to Chief Warren!

Melissa Brinkerhoff, Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel Representative

Melissa reported that the March Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel meeting was cancelled. She encouraged residents to write letters of concern regarding the Hill Farm 2 subdivision and attend a public Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel meeting on March 24. She also suggested the Brown Township Trustees send a letter of concern to Hilliard about a "Tech Flex" development being planned on Hayden Run Road.

Steering Committee Update

Trustee Sayre reported that the online survey is closed with 315 respondents. There were about 100-150 people who attended the Open House on March 5. CT Consultants are working on consolidating the results from the survey and posters at the open house.

Audience Participation

Two Heritage Preserve residents attended the meeting to get an update on a possible Brown Township noise resolution. Trustee Sayre let them know the Trustees are bound to follow what is in the ORC and may not deviate by adding qualifiers like specific times the resolution would be enforced. The trustees have a draft copy of a possible resolution from the township attorney. Another resident in the audience encouraged the trustees not to sign the resolution stating he moved to Brown Township to be able to enjoy things like riding off road vehicles on his property and a noise resolution could possibly limit that.

The meeting was well attended after the March 5 Comprehensive Plan Open House. There was a lively crowd who greatly oppose a multi-use trail through Brown Township, especially one located between Patterson Road and Carter Road. One family in particular strongly objects because it would be located behind their property and impede on their privacy.

Some of the attendees also stated they are very opposed to their property being designated as a conservation area on the updated comprehensive plan because they believe this will impede on future generations having the freedom to decide how their land is used and managed.

One resident asked whether the trustees have decided whether to implement flock cameras after Jim Jewell's presentation in February. He was concerned the trustees might not consider the perpetuity of cost, stating if each camera is \$3,000 a year that is a fee that needs to be paid annually and not just an up front cost.

Newsletter

Brown Township's Spring 2025 newsletter will include information about the fire levy, a comprehensive plan survey and open house update, an article about the new nature preserve behind Station 82, and a public safety summary.

Roads

Trustee Martin is waiting on a quote from Franklin County Engineers for berm work.

New Business

Fiscal Officer Kent made an addition to the Township Public Records Policy to state "Records are reviewed annually by the records commission (Brown Township Fiscal Officer and Trustee Chair)." Trustee Sayre made a motion to accept the updated Brown Township Public Records Policy. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Trustee Sayre shared a copy of an unsigned Big Darby Accord MOU from 2006 with the board. She will check with Pete Griggs to see if he recalls it ever being signed.

Fiscal Officer Kent presented the 2024 township highway system mileage certification. Trustee Sayre questioned whether Heritage Estates is included in the total. Fiscal Officer Kent will research.

Trustee Martin shared an update from his Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on an applicant in Obetz.

Trustee Sayre informed the board that one of the planners with CT Consultants suggested Brown Township research a grant being offered by the Ohio Municipal League for Township Zoning.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Dever asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 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.