

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 18, 2016

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:19 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Fiscal Officer Greg Ruwe 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.)

### Nominations for 2016 Trustee Chairs

Fiscal Officer Ruwe asked for nominations for the 2016 Chair of the Brown Township Board of Trustees. Trustee Sayre nominated Trustee Dever for the Chair position and made a motion for his appointment. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: Aye, Martin: Aye, Dever: Aye. Motion approved.

The meeting was then turned over to Chair Dever to conduct. He asked for a nomination for 2016 Vice-Chair. Trustee Sayre nominated Trustee Martin for the Vice-Chair position and made a motion for his appointment. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: Aye, Martin: Aye, Dever: Aye. Motion approved.

### Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 21, 2015 Regular Session meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

### Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the January 2016 payroll report. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the bank reconciliation and the supporting reports for the month of December 2015. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

### Franklin County Sheriff Report

Not in attendance.

### Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Ted Kienzle was in attendance and presented the Incidents by Jurisdiction report. During December 2015, there were fourteen EMS runs and five Fire runs in Brown Township. For the Year 2015, there were 160 EMS runs and 54 Fire runs in Brown Township. Chief Kienzle announced that former Battalion Chief Greg Young has been promoted to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. There will be a Promotion Ceremony in his honor on February 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Norwich Township Safety Services Building.

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### Beth Clark's Report (Submitted) Tarlton Meadows

Revised application materials for the proposed Tarlton Meadows development have been filed with the City of Hilliard for hearing at the February 11 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

### Big Darby Accord Working Group

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on January 15 and continued the discussion of how best to pursue creation of an organization/staff to lead implementation efforts. Franklin County staff members indicated the administration is open to a "soft commitment" to provide funds to continue the effort. Prairie Township appears to be ready to pursue the position, too, depending on the position of the City of Columbus. Columbus staffers indicated that the administration is in a transition phase and may be prepared to talk about a commitment as early as March. I indicated Brown Township sees no barrier to pursuing the focus group meetings discussed earlier, but there is no commitment of funding.

### Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel

The Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel met on January 15 in its annual organizational meeting and re-elected Ashley Hoye as chair and Vincent Tremante as vice-chair. The Panel also voted to send a letter to Hilliard officials and others concerning the Tarlton Meadows proposal, the Panel's previous unanimous recommendation of disapproval, and the staff's unwillingness to bring the proposal back to the Panel as requested by the Panel itself, a county commissioner, and three Darby partner jurisdictions.

### Winter Newsletter

Several Winter newsletter articles have been drafted and sent to Trustees for review, including a summary of the recent Tarlton Meadows application submittal including a site plan with subareas identified, process and timeline of Tarlton Meadows review, an article on firearms safety including information about reporting gunfire to law enforcement, and comments from Brown Township's Panel representative on the latest Tarlton Meadows proposal.

### Coming Events:

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, March 18, 9 a.m., Lazarus Bldg. (tentative)

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### Scheduled Agenda Item:

#### 2015 Financial Review

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that the 2015 Annual Financial Report for Brown Township was submitted to the Ohio Auditor of State on January 4, 2016. Resources available for appropriation at the beginning of the year 2016 are \$3,372,211.23. This amount will increase once the Revised Official Certificate of Estimated Resources is received from the Franklin County Auditor. The Revised Certificate will reflect new construction in the Township and an updated valuation of Township properties as of Year End 2015.

### Audience Participation:

Three residents were in attendance. One inquired as to any new information available regarding the possible development of undeveloped acreage on Walker Rd. north of Davis Rd. The Trustees explained that to the best of their knowledge, the property has not been transferred. The 90 day inquiry period should be about over. Drainage issues on the property have been reported to Franklin County and core samples have been taken by the County. Two additional residents inquired as to whether there are plans to widen Walker Rd. between Morris and Patterson /Davis Roads. The Trustees responded that they are not aware of any such plans. The residents also requested information regarding high-speed internet service along Walker Rd. They also reported water pressure dropping and well levels lowering as a result of construction in the Heritage Preserve project.

### Old Business:

#### Morris Road Drainage Issue

Trustee Dever reported that Earthcraft Landscaping has agreed to attempt to correct the drainage issue if the homeowner(s) agree. The blockage is on private property and will not be the financial responsibility of Brown Township.

#### Resurfacing Township Parking Lots

Trustee Martin reported that he may obtain a quote from the Chemcote Asphalt Paving Company to repair and seal the Township parking lots. He also plans to contact several other contractors.

### New Business:

#### Resolution 1-2016: Setting Compensation for Elected Officers

Fiscal Officer Ruwe presented Resolution 1 which states that the annual salaries of the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer be established as the maximum amounts permitted under R.C. Sections 505.25 and 507.09 respectively. This language conforms to the State Compensation Charts and was approved by the Township's law firm. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve Resolution 1-2016. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: Aye, Martin: Aye, Dever: Aye. Resolution 1-2016 approved.

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### Retirement of Gene Hicks

Fiscal Officer Ruwe previously notified the officers and staff that long-time employee Gene Hicks tendered his retirement on January 11, 2016. For the past twenty-eight years, Gene has mowed the Township grounds and for many years also mowed the Township road side ditches. His dedicated service will certainly be missed. A presentation will be made to Gene at the February 15, 2016 Regular Meeting. The press will be invited. Township employee Scott Dever will assume the mowing duties on Township grounds.

### 2016 Landscape Maintenance Contracts

Fiscal Officer Ruwe reported that the landscape maintenance work for 2016 has been contracted with Earthcraft Landscaping for the grounds and Aqua Doc for the pond. All necessary arrangements are in place.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Dever asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Voting results: Sayre: Aye, Martin: Aye, Dever: Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

  
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Gary Dever, Chair

  
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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.