

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 17, 2018

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Pamela Sayre 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 Dever made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2018 Regular Session Meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the September 2018 payroll report. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Martin 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 August 2018. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever 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 that four FCSO reports were received for Brown Township since the last meeting. He briefly explained the four reports. Deputy Hatfield remained in attendance for the entire meeting and was available as a resource to answer questions.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Ted Kienzle was in attendance and presented the Total Incidents by Jurisdiction Report for August 2018 and the "Run Trending" graphic report. During August 2018, there were (14) EMS runs and (2) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There was also (1) EMS run and (5) Fire runs in the incorporated area of the Township. Battalion Chief Kienzle explained in response to a question that Mutual Aide is provided by the NTFD to Columbus and other surrounding fire departments whenever needed per existing contracts. Fire Chief Jeff Warren sent some information to the Board prior to the meeting. He reported that the SMART911 program has been approved for the 2019 budget with NRECC. He also reported that the replacement of Engine 82 is progressing well. The NTFD hope is to have the package complete and ready for purchase in January 2019. Delivery would be in mid-2020.

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Beth Clark's Report (Submitted)

HILLIARD WATER/SEWER CONTRACT

A meeting was held August 27 between Hilliard and Columbus officials to discuss Hilliard's request for additional sewer taps. There's been no update since the meeting.

ANNEXATION PETITION

An annexation petition has been filed with Franklin County for 369.2 acres in Norwich and Brown townships to the City of Columbus. The petitioners' representative requested a meeting to brief Norwich and Brown township boards of trustees which will occur on September 25.

HILL FARM REZONING PROPOSAL

Hilliard City Council has postponed its consideration of the Hill Farm rezoning proposal until at least September 24. This was done at the request of the developer's representative.

SIXTY-DAY NOTICE TO FILE CITIZEN SUIT

Brown Township, Franklin County, and the other sixteen townships have received a sixty-day notice to file a citizen suit pertaining to the NPDES permit jointly held by the County and the townships. The notice alleges that the permit has been violated in a variety of ways across the county and that the violations are interfering with the complainant's use of his property. The Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is taking the lead in responding to the notice and has had several meetings and at least one conversation with the complainant's attorney.

TOWNSHIP RENTAL HALL POLICY

I have received input on potential changes to the rental hall policy. I will develop a draft of changes for consideration at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Content for Fall newsletter includes:

- Public Safety summary
- Two Blockwatch articles and several accompanying graphics
- Historic house article (Carol Lease)
- Tracy Hatmaker article and photo
- FSWCD fall tips.

Scheduled Agenda Item: Drainage Issues

Jim Ramsey, P.E. who is the Assistant Highway Engineer at the Franklin County Engineer's Office was in attendance to address drainage concerns in the Township. Mr. Ramsey made an initial presentation regarding the Ohio Drainage Laws Petition Procedure. He explained that if petitioned by constituents to do so, and after required hearings, the County Drainage Engineer's Office will perform a drainage study of the impacted area and design a system to improve the drainage for that area along with a cost estimate for the residents within the project's scope to consider. If the residents agree to go ahead with the plan, they will be assessed their prorated share of the project cost over a five-year period through charges to their property taxes. Mr. Ramsey explained

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that such a plan was performed for the Morris Rd. area a number of years ago, but was turned down by the residents due to the cost. Morris Road drainage between the "S" curves and Langton Rd. are the areas of most complaints at this time. Mr. Ramsey stayed and spoke with any attendees with questions outside the meeting room. A petition must be received by the FCE Office in order to initiate the study.

Audience Participation:

A resident of Darby Knolls was in attendance to voice concerns regarding damage to the berm of the cul-de-sac by school bus turnarounds. The Township already caused new gravel to be spread in that area on the day of the meeting in response to the receipt of the complaint. The same resident questioned the speed limit signs posted along the sites of the three schools along Walker and Roberts Roads. Deputy Hatfield will check into the matter.

Another resident inquired as to any update regarding the Block Watch reorganization. Trustee Martin reported that the search group is still trying to identify a new leader after one possible candidate turned down the opportunity.

Old Business

Proposed Columbus Annexation of Land Along Alton Darby Road

A petition has been filed for annexation of approximately 369 acres of present farmland along Alton Darby Road into the City of Columbus. Drainage issues have been identified in the proposed annexation area. The Corps of Engineers has been brought in to evaluate the situation and it has been estimated that the approval process for the annexation could take two years. The small section of the area located in Brown Township is projected to remain wooded.

Possible Gift of Acreage

Trustee Dever reported that a Brown Township property owner is considering making a gift to Brown Township of acreage directly north and adjacent to the Township Hall and Garage. The possible gift would be of approximately 20 acres. The only condition requested is that whatever the ultimate use, the site bear the name of the donor. The Trustees propose that if acquired, the land continue to be farmed until a specific plan for use is agreed upon.

Purchase of New Snow Plow Truck

Trustee Dever reported that a problem was detected on the new truck which must be corrected before delivery. He said that the truck should be available in the near future.

New Business:

Resolution 3-2018, Acceptance of Amounts and Rates of Tax Revenue

The Trustees previously reviewed the draft Resolution 3-2018 which presents the projected amounts and rates of tax revenue for the 2019 year as provided by the Franklin County Budget Commission. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. Resolution 3-2018 approved.

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Hill Farm Development Update


The Trustees will attend a meeting with Hilliard officials on September 24, 2018. Topics of discussion will include the possible set aside of 22 acres for new school and a set aside of 3 acres for an additional Firehouse in the Hill Farm development area.

Use of Township Parking Lots

Assistant to the Trustees Barbara Hoover reported that she recently received an inquiry from the Bradley High School Band Boosters asking if they might use the Brown Township parking lots as overflow parking for an upcoming state-wide band contest. The previous overflow parking used for the competitions was eliminated when the Memorial Middle School was built. The initial response by the Board was not to allow or to limit such parking. The posting of signs at the entrance to the parking lot was discussed. Trustee Martin will contact the Township attorney to inquire as to an appropriate course of action.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Sayre asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Dever: aye, Martin: aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Pamela Sayre, 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.