

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



## BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 21, 2021

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:13 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Pamela Sayre called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Also in attendance:

Ms. Elizabeth Clark (Executive Asst. to the Trustees).

### Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular Session and June 8, 2021 Special 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 Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

The Trustees previously reviewed the June 2021 payroll report. Trustee Dever 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 financial reports for the month of May 2021. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

### Sheriff's Report

Deputy Hamilton (Brown Township's Community Liaison) was present for the meeting. He provided a summary of Brown Township calls for May 2021.

### Norwich Fire Department Report

No representation present.

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### Hare Krishna Development (3508 Walker Road)

Representatives from Iskcon were present to discuss the future \$10 million Hare Krishna development on Walker Road. They have filed a Board of Zoning appeal for variances with two of them being vital to their project. Most importantly, it was stressed that the height of the dome is imperative to the temple's design for religious and architectural purposes. Although it exceeds zoning allowances it will be situated far back on the property. Secondly, because the building is so large the dumpster is required to be a distance from the building that would be inconvenient for removing trash. Especially because there will be a lot of meals being prepared which will produce a lot of refuse. They would like to be able to put the dumpster closer to the building.

Trustee Dever brought up a couple issues:

- The drive way is very close to a curve on a 55mph road. This could be a danger for people pulling in or out.
- The design shows drainage from the pond to a ditch that is not meant to be used by anyone but the resident who initially paid to have it installed.

### Audience Participation

Residents on Morris Road were present to voice their concerns over the Mando Ditch. They have spent money taking care of drainage issues on their own property and are uneasy about the proposed estimate. They are also concerned about the effect the increased water will have on the Big Darby.

A letter was also received by the Board of Trustees with concern about the Mando Ditch. It reads as follows:

*Good Day,*

*Contacting you concerning the proposed Mando Ditch proposal in Brown TWP. If you are aware of the proposal what is the position of the Brown TWP trustees? I live at 2250 Amity Rd, which is at the western extreme of proposed ditch improvements and I am in opposition to any disturbances to the approximately 470' of ditch/stream that flows through our property. My wife and I have maintained that portion, over the past 14 years, by removing log jams, removing invasive species and replanting with Ohio natives. We have deeper pools along the western sections of the ditch/stream that harbor aquatic life, namely fishes and frogs but we have seen reptiles, birds and mammals use our section of ditch/stream as well. Section 3 of the Big Darby Accord lays out a framework for how storm water mitigation should occur within the watershed and I'm not convinced, at this early stage, that the tenets of those provisions would be implemented in any construction proposal from Franklin County. A project estimated to be \$3.1 million for an issue that occurs for approximately 2 weeks out of each year seems excessive and an unwise use of taxpayer dollars. The property owners seeking relief from Franklin County, in the form of improvements, are somewhat culpable in the problems for which they seek relief and are asking downstream residents to help offset the costs. This seems selfish to me. The residential parcels, at the headwaters of the proposed ditch improvements maintain large-acreage turf grass lawns which contribute to some of the standing water issues experienced with each spring runoff season. Turf grass is shallow rooted, requires inputs of fertilizers, herbicides and insecticides that do not belong in the riparian corridors that ultimately end up in the Big Darby Creek. The Big Darby Accord and Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District recommend rain water gardens, replacement of turf with native grasses and wildflowers, which are deep rooted, and assist in soil aeration among other solutions (please see Section 3 for further*



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*details). Sub-surface and closed storm water systems are the least desirable solution according to the parties previously listed, so this should be the absolute last option considered by Franklin County. I would also propose that the homeowners seeking relief should be the first to allot portions of their properties for the creation of surface detention ponds that would help regulate the rate of discharge into the riparian stream system. Please share your thoughts when time permits. Thank you for your time.*

*Robert Miller*

### Roads

#### Carter & Morris Road berm work estimates

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the estimates for berm work on Carter and Morris Road. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

### Old Business

#### Reopening of Township Hall

The Board of Trustees discussed reopening the Township Hall for public use. Trustee Dever will talk to Chief Baird about the possibility of the firemen disinfecting the space after use. Trustee Sayre will ask Barbara Hoover if she would consider returning to manage the rentals. A waiver in the rental agreement about the risks of COVID and adding the cost of disinfecting the hall were discussed. A decision was postponed until the July meeting.

#### Board Communication Policy

The Board of Trustees decided that the previously discussed Board Communication Policy would be a Memorandum of Understanding – a Gentleperson’s agreement.

#### Earthcraft Pond Work Estimate

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the estimates for pond work from Earthcraft. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

Trustee Dever made a motion to pay a new bill from Earthcraft. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

### New Business

#### Resolution 2-2021 (2022 Tax Budget)

Resolution 2-2021 was presented by Fiscal Officer Kent for approval by the Board of Trustees (the 2022 Tax Budget). Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the resolution. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

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### Mosquito Spraying

Trustee Martin shared that the Franklin County Health Department wants to spray for mosquitos because West Nile was found in the area. It was agreed that they should proceed.

### Business Cards

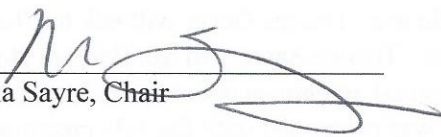
Trustee Martin asked whether any of the other officers need new business cards. He will follow up with everyone before ordering some for himself.

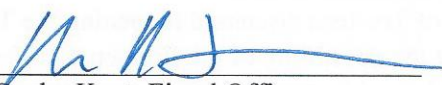
### OTA County Officers Meeting

Trustee Martin will one of two representatives from Franklin County at the OTA County Officer's Meeting.

### Adjournment

With no further business, Trustee 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, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

  
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Pamela Sayre, Chair

  
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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.