

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 18, 2024

The Brown Township Board of Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:11 p.m. in the second-floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Trustee Sayre called the meeting to order with the following members present:

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

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the March 2024 payroll report. Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Martin 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 2024. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Patty Hamilton, candidate for 12th District State Representative

Patty Hamilton attended the meeting to talk about her campaign.

Jon Heider, MORPC

Jon Heider attended the meeting and gave an update on MORPC's 2024-2050 transportation plan.

Sheriff's Report

Brown Township's Community Liaison, Deputy Haren, was present for the meeting. For 2/21/2024-3/18/2024 there were 6 reports taken and 3 arrests/citations.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Norwich Fire Lieutenant Steve Campbell was present for the meeting.

During February 2024, Norwich Township answered 552 calls for service with 120 Fire runs and 432 EMS runs.

Of those 552 calls, there were (12) EMS runs and (5) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There were also (2) EMS runs and (2) Fire runs in the incorporated area of the Township.

Tracy Hatmaker Report

Tracy drafted a newsletter article regarding the upcoming Brown Township Comprehensive Plan update.

Audience Participation

Melissa Brinkerhoff, Brown Township’s Big Darby Accord advisory panel representative, has concerns after the last advisory panel meeting. The commissioners have approved rezoning for a Davis Road development, using a zoning district that requires central water and sewer in a rural area where neither are available. Melissa is also curious where the City of Columbus stands on additional sewer taps in the area. She asked whether Brown Township has considered moving away from Franklin County zoning and creating their own zoning board. Trustee Martin asked whether she thought a levy to fund a zoning department would be received favorably by the township residents.

Melissa’s term has expired with the Big Darby Accord advisory panel. Trustee Dever made a motion to appoint Melissa Brinkerhoff to the Big Darby Accord advisory panel to represent Brown Township. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Michelle Stayrook, Morris Road resident, was also in attendance. She and Melissa Brinkerhoff plan to work on a county zoning referendum in response to the rezoning on Davis Road.

Newsletter

Articles in the Spring newsletter will include the new adult use cannabis law in Ohio, Tracy Hatmaker’s article about updating the Brown Township comprehensive plan, a save the date for the fall Brown Township ice cream social, and possibly a septic system graphic from the Franklin County Board of health.

Roads

Trustee Martin is still waiting to hear back from the engineer’s office regarding 2024 township road repairs.

William Mojica, a resident on Morris Road, had some excavation work done on his property near the east Morris Road s-curve. Trustee Martin let him know that the road bed was damaged and needs repaired.

Old Business

The Trustees reviewed the 2024 HVAC maintenance agreement provided by Air Force One as well as one from Accurate. After some discussion, Trustee Martin made a motion to accept the maintenance agreement from Accurate for \$2,600. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Trustee Sayre shared that Pebble Construction plans to start both the kitchen remodel in the Township Hall and the repair of the stairwell in Station 82 in April.

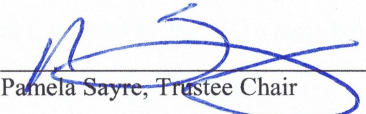
The trustees discussed a “Friendly” letter again for residents who may have a code violation. Trustee Martin suggested holding off for now to focus on updating the comprehensive plan.

Trustee Martin will be meeting with Yoder Electric to discuss the parking lot lights.

Trustee Sayre reported that the RFP for a consultant to manage the comprehensive plan update has been released. Proposals are due April 8.

Adjournment

With no further business, Trustee Dever made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.


Pamela Sayre, Trustee 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 ORC.