

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 17, 2010

The Trustees/ Fiscal Officer of Brown Township convened in regular session from 7:30 P.M. to 9:38 P.M. in the 2491 Walker Rd Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Ron Williams called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Mr. Gary Dever	Absent	Mr. Ron Williams	Present
Mrs. Pam Sayre	Present	Mrs. Barbara Bloxam	Present
EMPLOYEES: Mrs. Elizabeth Clark			

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Williams announced Trustee Dever would not be present due to the death of his mother.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the special meeting held April 19, 2010 was presented and reviewed by the Trustees. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Minutes of the financial meeting held May 10, 2010 was presented and reviewed by the Trustees. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Fiscal Actions

Bills were presented for payment. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

May payroll reports were presented for approval. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve payroll as reported. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The bank reconciliation, bank statements, receipts and expenditure reports for the month of April was presented for review and approval. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the April, 2010 bank reconciliation. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Chief David Long and Chief Robert Kauffman were present. Chief Long submitted the station run and fuel usages reports. He reported emergency and fire runs increased during the month of April that normally occurs during this time of year due to more outdoor activities.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

An officer from the Franklin County Sheriff Department reported a break-in at 8500 Patterson Rd. during the daytime. Entry was made by throwing a brick threw a glass window. Theft of the residence included family heirloom jewelry. He reported several witnesses reported a small black 4-door car in the area during this time and noted the Franklin County Sheriff department will continue investigation of this robbery.

In a separate incident, a car was broken into at a parking lot at Prairie Oaks Metro Park. With no further questions from the audience, he left to return to duty.

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Elizabeth A. Clark, Executive Assistant to the Trustees, Report

Town Center Master Plan

The rough draft of the Town Center Master Plan is still being reviewed by client group members and jurisdictions. A conference call is scheduled with the consultant on May 18. Subsequently, a draft plan will be released to the public followed by public meetings and meetings with elected officials. No schedule has been established.

Mayor Coleman's Chief of Staff Mike Reese convened a meeting of client group representatives on April 21, the purpose of which was to advance the Town Center Master Plan. He intends to hold quarterly meetings on this topic.

Conservation Development Zoning

No progress has yet been made on answering the core questions posed by the Conservation Development Zoning Stakeholders Group. It is hoped that some progress will be made during the May 18 conference call with the Town Center consultants, in terms of the stormwater standard being used and the review of the BIA's cost of development calculations.

Big Darby Accord Working Group

The Big Darby Accord Working Group met on April 21 and heard reports of the various working committees. Hilliard's Butch Seidle reported that the consultants working on the update to the Hilliard Comprehensive Plan are preparing recommendations and that the update is expected to be rolled out in late May during public meetings. He indicated the plan may go to Hilliard's Planning and Zoning Committee as early as June.

Coming Events

- Big Darby Accord Working Group, May 19, 9 a.m., Lazarus Building
- Open Space Advisory Council, May 20, 9 a.m., MORPC

Scheduled Agenda Items:

Chuck Buck, Chief David Long and Chief Robert Kauffman:

- Requested to speak regarding the Dispatch article concerning the fire at the Parker house.

Chuck Buck reported the current tax millage is not meeting the cost of services provided for Brown Township. He predicted within the next two years, if not sooner, an increase for the levy will be placed on the ballot for consideration. He added there had been no increases in the levy for the past 12 years. Trustee Sayre responded by reminding him that the runs from Brown Township Station 82 is 5% of the total runs reported by Norwich Fire Department. Trustee Sayre added the fact that the effective rates for millage need to be the same, and requested that Jamie Mills, Norwich Township Fiscal Officer, send along the effective rates for each township.

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Nancy Meeks, a member of the Parker family, directed the question to Chief Long asking why Norwich Township Fire Department did not own a tanker truck. She stated Brown Township is mostly a rural area with very few fire hydrants. She then asked the Trustees to consider contracting future emergency and fire services with a fire department in the area that has this type of equipment. She stated her family feels the loss of their property would have been less if more water would have been on the scene.

Chuck Buck then asked Chief Long how long it took a water tanker truck to arrive on the scene of the fire at the Parker home.

Chief Long reported Norwich is structured to receive mutual aid from local fire departments. He explained he can place a single request for help and it is dispatched to West Jefferson, Jerome, Prairie, Madison, Columbus and more if needed. They all have tankers that can carry 1,200 to 3,000 gallons of water.

He explained the weight of the tanker trucks exceed the road weight and in many cases disables them access to local ponds and other water sources. He noted the price of a tanker is approximately \$300,000. and would require additional staff. He reported fire personnel arrived at the Parker fire a little under 4 minutes from the initial 911 call. Other members of the Parker family responded saying they were present and they feel the response time was much longer. They felt the fireman chose to use the water they had on a pile of tires instead of directing it to the house structure.

Joyce Durban, a member of the family, noted she felt there was no organization between the different departments who responded and reported how difficult it was to watch the family property burn while fireman manned hoses with no water.

Chuck Buck expressed his condolences to the family and reported his family experienced the loss of their home due to fire when he was younger. He said when emergencies arise, minutes can seem like hours.

Chief Long then explained there is an instant command system when multiple departments respond to emergencies and what may have appeared to be chaos he assured was not. All units had complete communication and instructions. He explained there were 5 mutual aid units that responded. The 4 tankers on the scene refilled at hydrants at Thornapple Country Club golf course that allowed constant rotation and quick access to refilling. He said firemen first on the scene reported flames were already engulfing the back of the house. Firemen entered the house to look for any occupants. Fortunately, none were found and two firemen rushed to the hospital for smoke inhalation and heat stroke were treated and recovered.

Nancy Meeks finalized by saying their family can only request lessons can be learned from their loss and hopefully, consideration of the purchase of additional water storage or tanker trucks will help prevent this from happening to other residents. Patty Parker noted the township fire station was a very nice building and had to cost a lot of money. She suggested using township funds to purchase tanker trucks instead of elaborate buildings.

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Trustee Williams concluded he has been a Brown Township Trustee for 32 years and noted Norwich Township Fire Department has provided excellent emergency and fire protection to Hilliard and surrounding communities.

Trustee Williams added the building was built to have emergency and fire protection in Brown Township to reduce response time. Trustee Sayre added that the building was paid for and maybe Brown Township funds could be used to help purchase a tanker truck with Norwich fire Department for this location.

Old Business

Discussion resumed regarding updating the current Township Hall usage and rental policies. The Trustees added at least one leader of any non-profit group using the hall for meetings must be a resident of Brown Township and must be present at all meetings.

The second revision is to add smoking is not allowed inside the building.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to pass the inclusions of the updates. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Trustee Sayre presented information from several banking institutions regarding current CD's being offered. After review and discussion, Trustee Sayre moved to transfer \$250,000.00 from the current PNC checking account to Nationwide Bank to purchase a 36 month CD. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Williams seconded the motion.

Votes were:; Mr. Ron Williams, Aye; Mrs. Pam Sayre, Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.


Mr. Ron Williams, Chairman


Mrs. Barb Bloxam, 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.