

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 16, 2019

The Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:09 p.m. in the second floor meeting room at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Chair Gary Dever 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), Ms. Barbara Hoover (Clerical Asst. to the Trustees) and Ms. Becky Kent (Asst. to the Trustees).

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Regular Session Meeting. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

Fiscal Actions

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

The Trustees previously reviewed the December 2019 payroll report. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the payroll report. Trustee Sayre 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 November 2019. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Motion approved.

Franklin County Sheriff Report

No representative attended.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Battalion Chief Joe Russell and Captain Jake Wells attended the meeting representing Fire Chief Warren. Captain Wells was recently promoted to replace retired Captain Mike Isham. Chief Russell presented the Total Incidents by Jurisdiction Report and the "Brown Township Trending" graphic reports. During November 2019, there were (14) EMS runs and (1) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There were also (3) EMS runs and (0) Fire runs in the incorporated area of the Township. Chief Russell said that the NTFD has been very busy during 2019 as the total number of runs for the Department YTD is approaching 6,000. He reported on the numerous personnel changes on the horizon due to upcoming retirements and personnel rotations. Chief Russell also was happy to note that former Lieutenant George Sorge recently left NTFD to accept the position of Deputy Chief of the Westerville Fire Department.

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Beth Clark's Report

ALTON PLACE

At its December 9 meeting, Hilliard City Council tabled indefinitely the Alton Place rezoning proposal. According to Hilliard City Planner John Talentino, the tabling occurred to allow the applicant and staff sufficient time to resolve outstanding transportation and funding issues.

BIG DARBY ACCORD ADVISORY PANEL

At its December 10 meeting, the Big Darby Accord Advisory Panel unanimously recommended approval of a rezoning proposal in Norwich Township to allow a day care use at an existing church.

The Panel also recommended tabling until the January 14 meeting a new rezoning proposal for the Hill/Bright property which would incorporate 714 single family units, a school site, a potential fire station site, and neighborhood commercial uses. The Panel requested several categories of information from the applicant for the next hearing, particularly a recalculation of the proposed density after a discussion of the relevance of various open space categories to the density calculation. Notable in the application is an acknowledgement that the proposal includes far more units than could be supported by the existing sewer capacity within Hilliard's 2000 ERU limit in the Darby area.

The Panel also had an extended discussion about wetland buffers. A three-member subcommittee was appointed to further examine the issue and make recommendations to the Panel.

NPDES

Our annual NPDES report will be due on January 31.

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020 newsletter preparation is underway and draft content will be sent to Trustees this week for review.

Scheduled Agenda Item

Oath of Office for Newly Re-elected Trustee Pamela Sayre

Board Chairman Gary Dever administered the Oath of Office to swear in Trustee Sayre for another four-year term as a result of the November 5, 2019 election. The term runs from 01/01/2020 until 12/31/2023. Congratulations to Trustee Pamela Sayre.

Audience Participation:

No attendees.

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Old Business

Cricket Field Update

Franklin County Public Health issued another 1st Observation Report to the owner(s) of the property at 7124 Davis Rd. The report cites an accumulation of solid waste on the exterior including garbage/rubbish, litter, cans/bottles, and plastics. FCPH will return on 12/23/2019 or thereafter to observe if the referenced conditions on the property remain.

New Business:

Schellhaas Property

Trustee Sayre sent a written reply to Dianne Bradford regarding possible future development of their property in Brown Township, including density considerations. The Board complimented Trustee Sayre regarding the reply and concurred with her explanation.

Possible Resolution - Refugee Resettlement

Franklin County passed a Resolution this month affirming that they welcome residents who first arrive in Central Ohio as refugees in response to an Executive Order issued by the Trump Administration. Franklin County encouraged the local governments in the County to do the same. Trustee Sayre made a motion that Brown Township pass the draft resolution prepared for the meeting for this purpose. After discussion, Chair Dever asked for a vote regarding the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: nay, Dever: nay. Motion not approved.

Resolution 7-2019, 2020 Temporary Appropriations

The Trustees previously reviewed the draft temporary appropriations resolution prepared by FO Ruwe in keeping with the 2020 Tax Budget. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the Temporary Appropriation Resolution. Trustee Sayre seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Resolution 7-2019 approved.

Resolution 8-2019, Employing Township Attorneys for 2020

FO Ruwe presented a draft resolution regarding Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, the law firm used by the Township. The resolution specifies that up to \$12,000 (half of the amount appropriated in 2020 for legal fees) can be paid to the law firm without further action of the Board. Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Resolution Employing Township Attorneys. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. Resolution 8-2019 approved.

Ohio Township Association Winter Conference

Newly elected Fiscal Officer Becky Kent will attend the winter conference in early February 2020 to obtain training prior to assuming her position on April 1, 2020.

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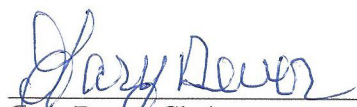
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Other Matters

Trustee Dever brought up the Emmelhainz property matter. The Township will not take further action on this property unless it hears back from the family. The Sugar Farm property was discussed briefly. It was also decided that Barbara Hoover will order new Township envelopes according to the design format that was agreed upon.

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Dever asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Martin seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye, Martin: aye, Dever: aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Gary Dever, 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.