

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING

Held: November 3, 2023

A special meeting for 2024 planning called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Trustee Chair Martin.

Attendance

Present were Trustees Gary Dever, Joe Martin, and Pam Sayre, Fiscal Officer Becky Kent, and consultant for the township Tracy Hatmaker. Legal representative Brian Zets also attended the meeting. A Brown Township resident was in the audience.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Sayre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Session, October 11, 2023 Special Meeting, and October 20, 2023 Special Meeting. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Voting results: Sayre: aye. Dever: aye. Martin: aye. Motion approved.

Trail Planning

Jordan Petrov with MORPC shared findings from the MORPC Technical Assistance Program for Brown Township's Central Ohio Greenways visioning study. He will attend the November 20 Trustee meeting to give a public report.

Fire/EMS Contract

Trustee Martin reported that Norwich Trustee Buck called him. Mr. Buck told him that while the Norwich Trustees hadn't officially met and discussed Version 10 of Brown Township's contract proposal, they are no longer interested in continuing negotiations on the contract the two townships have been discussing over the past 10 months. Instead, he highly suggested Brown Township consider the completely different contract proposal they recently sent via their lawyer which includes vacating the Brown Township Fire Station on Walker Road.

Executive Session

At 2:43 p.m., Trustee Sayre made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to conference with the public body's attorney in compliance with the law, including section 121.22 (G)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code (matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes). Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Chair Martin asked for the roll call: Trustee Sayre AYE; Chair Martin AYE; Trustee Dever AYE.

Also invited was Attorney Zets, Fiscal Officer Kent, and Planning Specialist Hatmaker. The Board moved into Executive Session.

The executive session concluded at 3:50 p.m.

Continuation of Fire/EMS Contract

Trustee Sayre made a motion not to respond to Norwich's alternative contract proposal at this time. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Trustee Sayre made a motion to send a press release to local news sources on November 7. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Other Contracts

Fiscal Officer Kent provided a list of current Township contracts. These contracts were reviewed and accepted.

Master Plans

The trustees discussed options for updating the Township Master Plan. Trustee Sayre and Planning Specialist Hatmaker recently met with Matt Brown from the Franklin County Economic Development Department to discuss the process of updating the Master Plan. MORPC can help put an RFP together for an independent contractor to manage the process of getting resident and stakeholder input and updating the Master Plan. Planning Specialist Hatmaker suggested that the new plan be all-encompassing including sections on things like trails and transportation, in addition to building requirements.

Records Commission

Delayed until the Township's policy manual is reviewed by Attorney Zets.

Roads

Trustee Martin will inspect the roads with the county engineers during the winter. Trustee Martin is working on a spreadsheet to show what work has been done on each Township road in recent years.

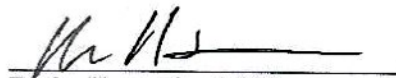
Part-Time Assistant

Trustee Dever talked to a resident about possibly being a substitute for Barbara Hoover when she is out of town and taking on some other Township tasks. He will ask her for a resume.

There being no other business to discuss, Trustee Sayre made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Dever seconded. Motion approved three AYES, no NAYS. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.



Joseph Martin, 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 Ohio Revised Code.