

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS



BROWN TOWNSHIP REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 18, 2024

The Brown Township Board of Trustees convened in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:32 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

Donna Palmer, Brown Township Office Assistant, was also present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee Dever made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 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 November 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 October 2024. Trustee Martin made a motion to approve the bank reconciliation. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Report

Brown Township's Community Liaison, Deputy Haren, was present for the meeting. For 10/21/2024-11/18/2024 there were 14 reports taken and 3 arrests/citations.

Norwich Fire Department Report

Norwich Fire Captain Jeff Evans was present for the meeting.

During October 2024, Norwich Township answered 657 calls for service with 176 Fire runs and 481 EMS runs.

Of those 657 calls, there were (24) EMS runs and (13) Fire runs in the unincorporated areas of Brown Township. There were also (3) EMS runs and (2) Fire run in the incorporated area of the Township.

Captain Evans reported that the new quint fire truck has been delivered. Norwich Township Fire Department has offered positions to 10 people. Firefighter Mike Holmes has retired, and Chief Sweigart will be retiring soon.

Melissa Brinkerhoff Report

Melissa shared an update for the Big Darby Accord Advisory.

Audience Participation

Dwight McCabe, a developer for Alton Place, sent an intergovernmental agreement for Brown Township to consider. Trustee Sayre let him know that the township attorney will take a look and then the township will meet with him to discuss.

A resident from Aviary Loop was present. He had a bullet from a neighbor's property enter his house about 6 months ago. He didn't press charges, but now the same neighbor is regularly throwing huge parties with a stage and industrial speakers late into the night. Two other Heritage Preserve residents were also present to discuss the loud parties. They asked about the possibility of a township noise ordinance.

The trustees discussed that it might be time for a township noise ordinance. Deputy Haren will send the one Prairie Township uses for the trustees to review. Deputy Haren will also talk to the person hosting the loud parties to let him know how he is affecting his neighbors.

A couple from Morris Road asked about the Mando Ditch petition. They have been told by Franklin County Engineers that eminent domain may be used to put a retention pond on their property. They were also told that a forested area on their residence may need to be cleared for the project.

Trustee Sayre shared that the engineers are in phase 2 of the Mando Ditch petition where the drawings are finalized. Phase 3 will be when costs are assigned.

Melissa Brinkerhoff suggested that the residents contact ODNR, especially about the county suggesting clearing land for a drainage project. Trustee Martin suggested they contact the county commissioners and write letters.

A Morris Road resident asked why the township didn't press to be allowed to resolve a drainage backup on someone's property when he wouldn't allow them on his property before the Mando Ditch petition was submitted. She also asked about a Brown Township sign that was discussed at October's board of trustees meeting to direct people upstairs for meetings at Station 82. Trustee Martin will check with a company about getting the sign made and installed. She also asked about a property on Davis Road that consistently has cars for sale parked very close to the road. Trustee Sayre reported that she and others have contacted the county.

Newsletter

The Winter newsletter deadline will be December 15. Beth Clark will be interviewing Fiscal Officer Kent about the recent propane explosion and fire at Fiscal Officer Kent's house. Fire Chief Baird will also contribute to the article. There will also be a SWACO article.

Roads

Trustee Martin is working with Franklin County for a preliminary 2025 road repair budget.

Old Business

Trustee Martin plans to get a cell phone for Donna Palmer and use Spectrum for her cell service. Fiscal Officer Kent will send him a recent Spectrum invoice so he can have it added to the township account.

Trustee Martin installed door sweeps on the outside doors of the Township Hall.

Trustee Martin reported that AEP is putting together a proposal to install street lights on Widener Road.

Fiscal Officer Kent asked about the bright lights on the Movement Church sign on Morris Road. Trustee Martin met with the pastor and sent him the part numbers for housing to direct the light so it isn't shining into cars driving on the road.

New Business

Jamie Fisher, the Township Administrator for Norwich Township, recommended the Hilliard Police Department women's defense course. Donna Palmer will look into scheduling a class with either HPD or Franklin County Sheriff.

Trustee Sayre would like Brown Township to consider contributing to ODNR for IPS modeling the watershed. The trustees decided to attend a Steering Committee meeting on 12/10/2024 to view the presentation by ODNR and then make a decision at the December board of trustees meeting.

Adjournment

With no further business, Trustee Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Dever seconded the motion. Motion passed three AYES, no NAYS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 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.