

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 20, 2024

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REGULAR MEETING of BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES convened in Regular session from 6:04 P.M. to 8:33 P.M. At the TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

TRUSTEE-CHAIR JOHN DUSTMAN called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

TRUSTEE-CHAIR JOHN P. DUSTMAN	Present
TRUSTEE-VICE CHRISTOPHER ROTONDO	Present
TRUSTEE BROCK HUTCHISON	Present
FISCAL OFFICER PEGGIE CONNER	Present
SUPERINTENDENT: LEWIS WARNER	Absent

VISITORS:

Larry Taylor, Trebel Energy

1. Public Comment Period

Mr. Taylor presented the Trustees with current data regarding recent energy savings. Mr. Taylor reported that Ohio Edison customers are saving \$20-30 per month and AEP customers are saving \$27-31 per month, since the energy aggregation program began. Mr. Taylor emphasized that any resident is welcome to call him with questions and anyone can opt-out at any time.

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

None

3. Minutes

Trustee Dustman made a motion (R40-2024) to approve the minutes for the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Hutchison seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
Trustee Chris Rotondo yes

Motion carried

4. Report from Road Department

The road crew is working on Kopp Road and Leasure Road. Chip and seal and asphalt is underway. Last month, the crew has worked on mowing and using the durapatcher to repair potholes.

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5. Report from Cemetery

Thank you to Bowman’s Tree Service for cleaning up the tree in the cemetery.

Trustee Rotondo is meeting with Sexton Shearer, and two more trees have been destroyed by pests and may need to be removed.

6. Report From Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer Conner presented monthly financials.

Trustee Hutchison made a motion (R41-2024) to approve the payment listing. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Trustee-Chair John Dustman	yes	
	Trustee Brock Hutchison	yes	
	Trustee Chris Rotondo	yes	Motion carried

Trustee Hutchison made a motion (R42-2024) approval all remaining fiscal reports. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Trustee-Chair John Dustman	yes	
	Trustee Brock Hutchison	yes	
	Trustee Chris Rotondo	yes	Motion carried

7. Report from Trustees:

Trustee John Dustman

Trustee Dustman reported that Mr. Brady came in to clean up the trucks, without being asked to do so. The Trustees were grateful for Mr. Brady’s extra effort, but asked that he not do this again without requesting the work time.

Trustee Dustman made a motion (R43-2024) to sell the red 2001 International Truck. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:	Trustee-Chair John Dustman	yes	
	Trustee Brock Hutchison	yes	

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Trustee Chris Rotondo yes

Motion carried

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R44-2024) to sell the white International Truck. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
Trustee Chris Rotondo yes

Motion carried

Trustee Brock Hutchison

Trustee Hutchison completed the required Ohio Auditor of State Ethics training with all Township employees.

Trustee Hutchison completed the OMEGA grant for planning for the walking trail between Malvern and Minerva. If the Trustees approve the resolution later this evening, Trustee Hutchison will complete and submit the application.

Trustee Chris Rotondo

Trustee Rotondo thanked David Sheckler, Sheckler Excavating, Inc. for donating the work to mill two township roads. The work is valued at \$10,000.

Trustee Rotondo thanked Minerva Enterprises for allowing the township to stock stone and use their front end loader for chip and seal.

Trustee Dustman made a motion (R45-2024) to hire Buckingham Attorney Josh O'Farrell for legal services regarding purchasing/leasing of oil and gas rights. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
Trustee Chris Rotondo yes

Motion carried

Trustee Rotondo received a phone call regarding the gifting of mineral rights. Trustee Rotondo is working with the caller.

Trustee Rotondo and Assistant County Engineer Kiehl are looking into the water runoff issue on Linden Road.

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Trustee Rotondo made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the potential purchase of property at 4059 Coral Road, Malvern, OH 44644. Trustee Hutchison seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
 Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
 Trustee Chris Rotondo yes Motion carried

The Trustees entered executive session at 7:33 PM and exited executive session at 7:53 PM.

No action was taken regarding this matter.

- **Old Business**

Old Colfor Building - All trustees scheduled and toured the property with the current building owner. More information is needed prior to making a decision on this matter. All Trustees agree there is a lot of work to be done on the property. Trustee Rotondo reported that the Wintersville Fire Department has a similar facility and it may be worth looking at.

Oil and Gas Town Hall Meeting - EOG cancelled this meeting after scheduling with Trustee Hutchison. Trustee Hutchison will try once again to schedule another Town Hall meeting with EOG.

- **New business**

TRUSTEE HUTCHISON PRESENTED A RESOLUTION (R46-2024) AUTHORIZING TRUSTEE HUTCHISON OF THE BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA) REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RTPO) CAPITAL ALLOCATION PROGRAM. TRUSTEE ROTONDO SECONDED THE MOTION.

WHEREAS, House Bill 23 of the 135th Ohio General Assembly authorized the funding of the Regional Transportation Planning Grant Program;

WHEREAS, OMEGA will receive an allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding for state fiscal years 2024 and 2025 for this program;

WHEREAS, Local Public Agencies (LPA) are eligible to apply to OMEGA for funding through OMEGA RTPO Capital Allocation Program;

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WHEREAS, the *Sandy Valley Trail Connection Project* hereinafter referred to as the Project, is a transportation activity eligible to receive this federal funding;

WHEREAS, the LPA is requesting a grant from the OMEGA RTPO Capital Allocation Program in the amount of \$50,000} for said Project;

WHEREAS, the LPA has matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 from other grants, loans, and/or local funds for said project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Brown Township Trustees of the State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: Trustee Hutchison of the Brown Township Trustees is hereby authorized to apply to the OMEGA RTPO Capital Allocation Program for funds as described above.

Section 2: Trustee Hutchison of the Brown Township Trustees is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
Trustee Chris Rotondo yes Motion carried

Trustee Hutchison made a motion (R47-2024) to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair John Dustman yes
Trustee Brock Hutchison yes
Trustee Chris Rotondo yes Motion carried

TRUSTEE-CHAIR JOHN DUSTMAN

TRUSTEE-VICE CHAIR CHRIS ROTONDO

TRUSTEE BROCK HUTCHISON

FISCAL OFFICER PEGGIE CONNER

All formal actions of the REGULAR MEETING 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.