

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 8, 2024

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REGULAR MEETING of BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES convened in Regular session from 6:07 P.M. to 7:02 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	Present

VISITORS:

None

1. Public Comment Period

None

2. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

None

3. Minutes

Trustee Hutchison made a motion (R29-2024) to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2024 Special Meeting, May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting and June 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Trustee Dustman 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

Working on Lardon Road. Discussion was held about chip seal over top of asphalt. Trustee Rotondo noted that chip sealing over asphalt should hold up for 8-10 years.

5. Report from Cemetery

Trustee Hutchison received a compliment about Sexton Shearer from a spouse of a recent

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Burial. She remarked about how kind and respectful he is.

Trustee Hutchison sent notice to the Village of Malvern regarding the free plot in Bethlehem Cemetery for indigent burial.

6. Report From Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer Conner presented the Proposed 2025 Budget. Fiscal Officer Conner started that medical insurance costs will rise \$20 per employee.

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R30-2024) to approve the Proposed 2025 Budget. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R31-2024) 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 Rotondo made a motion (R32-2024) to approve all remaining fiscal reports. Trustee Dustman 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 asked if we could modify the equipment to make the asphalt thicker on the sides of the roadway. Superintendent Warner agreed and said yes that modification can be made.

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Trustee Brock Hutchison

Trustee Hutchison reported that at the last Fire Board Meeting, the Board discussed asking the Trustees to move the Township into the new Fire Department at the old Colfor building. The Trustees agreed they would like to investigate further.

Trustee Hutchison and Fiscal Officer Conner shared about an upcoming Ethics Training.

Trustee Hutchison and Fiscal Officer Conner discussed the Ohio Auditor of State's Fraud Training. Trustee Hutchison will help the road crew with the training.

Trustee Hutchison reported that the website is down. He is working with Fiscal Officer Conner and the former webmaster to restore the page.

Trustee Hutchison suggested hosting an oil and gas town hall meeting. He will reach out to the school to schedule a venue and Trustee Rotondo will work with the EOG to provide a representative.

Trustee Hutchison reported that the initial round of grants for the Sandy Valley Trail Connection have been submitted. He expects to hear from the Rails to Trails grant in September and the Federal Highways grant in October.

Trustee Chris Rotondo

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R33-2024) to accept the Chip Seal list. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R34-2024) to hire 20/20 for Chip Seal. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Rotondo reported that Sheckler's Excavating has agreed to donate all of the milling work on Largo Road. This is a \$12,000-15,000 value.

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- **Old Business**

Trustee Rotondo sent messages to both logging companies regarding bonding the roads. Neither acknowledged his messages or the need to bond the roads. Both operations have since left.

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R35-2024) to submit an inquiry to the Stark County Prosecutor’s Office to ask if the Trustees can fine the companies for failing to bond the roads. Trustee Hutchison seconded the motion.

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

- **New business**

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R36-2024) to hire Asphalt Materials, Inc. for materials for emulsion. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R37-2024) to hire National Lime and Stone for material. 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 (R38-2024) to cancel the August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting and reschedule for August 20, 2024. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

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

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Trustee Dustman made a motion (R39-2024) to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. 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.