

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 9, 2026

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REGULAR MEETING of BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES convened in Regular session from 6:00 P.M. to 6:48 P.M. At the TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

TRUSTEE-CHAIR JOHN DUSTMAN called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

TRUSTEE-CHAIR CHRIS ROTONDO	Present
TRUSTEE-VICE JOHN DUSTMAN	Present
TRUSTEE BROCK HUTCHISON	Present
FISCAL OFFICER PEGGIE CONNER	Present
SUPERINTENDENT: LEWIS WARNER	Present

VISITORS:

None

1. Public Comment Period

None

2. Minutes

Trustee Hutchison made a motion (R18-2026) to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the February 27, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. Trustee Rotondo seconded the motion.

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

3. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

None

4. Report from Road Department

Superintendent Warner would like to consider Liberty-Church and North Linden.

Trustees would like to complete North Linden first and work on chip and seal.

Emulsion is 2.60 per gallon. Down from 2.66.

Trustees would like to consider fog sealing asphalt roads.

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Trustee John Dustman

Govdeals - John is working on adding two trucks for sale on Govdeals.

Trustee Brock Hutchison

ODNR Grant Update - Worked with Gachell Grant Resources. Nearing completion of ODNR grant for trail from Future Fire Department to Blade Road.

State Capital Budget Request - Have been working on the State Capital Budget Request. I have spoken with Representative Robb-Blasdel and we have her support.

Recycling Center Update - Frontier is supposed to replace the power pole this week.

Cybersecurity Update - All computers are currently running the software required. A phishing campaign has begun. So far, nobody has clicked on a phishing email.

Discussion of Cybersecurity Costs

Furnace - The furnace went out and was completely replaced by Miller Heating and Cooling.

Trustee Chris Rotondo

Tentative Clean Up Day - Late April or Early May. Trustee Rotondo is working with the Health Department to secure grant dollars for the collection of tires.

ODNR Letter - Oster Sand and Gravel is expanding existing operation.

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R22-2026) to hire Gachell Grant Resources to write a USDA Grant for a new truck. Trustee Hutchison seconded the motion.

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

- **Old Business**
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Resolution

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRUSTEE HUTCHISON OF THE BROWN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO APPLY FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM (RTP)

WHEREAS, Brown Township is eligible to apply to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) for funding through the Recreational Trails Program;

WHEREAS, the Sandy Valley Trail Connection Project (Phase 1) hereinafter referred to as the Project, is a recreational trail activity eligible to receive this federal funding.;

WHEREAS, Brown Township is requesting a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program in the amount of \$150,000 for said Project;

WHEREAS, Brown Township has matching funds in the amount of \$37,500 from the general fund of fiscal years 2026 and 2027 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 ODNR Recreational Trails 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.

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R23-2026) to approve the above resolution. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

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

● **New Business**

Trustee Rotondo made a motion (R24-2026) to allocate \$30,000 for the Rail to Trail Project. Trustee Dustman seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Trustee-Chair Chris Rotondo yes

