

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 25, 2024

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees Chair Patrica Murphy, Trustee Christina Kusnerak, Fiscal Officer Linda Kuenzer, Police Chief Tim Sopkovich, and Fire Chief Anthony Strazzo present.

Trustee Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENTATION:

None.

MINUTES:

Minutes are still being worked on.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning Department:

None.

Police Department:

Chief Tim Sopkovich requested a purchase order to Stop Stick in the amount of \$1,324.00 from line item 2191-760-750-0000, Motor Vehicles, for the purchase of two stop sticks. Kusnerak moved to approve the purchase order. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion approved.

Chief Sopkovich also requested a resolution to sell three Police vehicles, two of which are no longer in service on GovDeals. Those vehicles include:

- Old Unit #6 2016 Chevy Impala VIN #2G1WD5E32G1161763
- Old Unit #2 2014 Ford Explorer VIN #1FM5K8AR1EGB38331
- Unit #8 2017 Ford Explorer VIN #1FM5K8ARXHGD59060

Murphy offered **Resolution 20-2024 To List Three Police Vehicles for Sale on GovDeals**. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Resolution adopted. Sopkovich also requested access to GovDeals in order to post photos of the vehicles.

Fire Department:

Chief Anthony Strazzo requested the approval to accept the resignation of Kiante Carroll from the Fire Department. Kusnerak motioned to accept the resignation and thank Kiante for his interest in Brunswick Hills. Murphy seconded and also thanked Kiante. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Strazzo reviewed fireworks safety and information as well as the Ohio Revised Code for consumer

grade fireworks. The Ohio Legislature passed legislation for residents to discharge 1.4G consumer grade fireworks, along with several rules for use. Strazzo emphasized that the consumer grade fireworks are labeled as such. In addition, the legislation also includes a liability clause for use of the consumer grade fireworks. Legal days for discharging the fireworks include June 28th through the 30th and July 3rd through the 7th, from 4 PM to 11 PM each day. Strazzo stressed that fireworks may not be discharged within 150' of a minor (under 18 years of age) or within 150' of another residence. Chief noted that homes in most of the housing developments within Brunswick Hills Township are not even 150' apart. In closing, Chief Strazzo asked residents to practice safety when discharging fireworks over the Fourth of July Holiday.

Service Department:

None.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Christina Kusnerak:

None.

Ryan Nixon:

None.

Trica Murphy:

None.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Fiscal Officer Linda Kuenzer reported that the bank reconciliation for May, 2024 was completed.

Murphy motioned to approve payroll dated 6/25/24 in the amount of \$99,916.53, which included payment to the Zoning Boards. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Murphy made a motion to approve warrants dated 6/25/24 in the amount of \$82,253.36. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve the following Then & Now Purchase Orders, as presented by the Fiscal Officer:

- \$500 to Shred-It (for community dumpster days)
- \$40,000 to Medical Mutual
- \$3,953 to Burnham & Flower Insurance Group

Kusnerak seconded the request. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kusnerak reported that the Medical Mutual renewal for 2025 was received. Kusnerak stated that they had received a 12% increase for 2024; however, the increase for 2025 will only be 6%. Therefore, Kusnerak motioned to approve the renewal of Medical Mutual for 2025. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Trustees: July 3 at 9:30 AM – To discuss the budget.
July 9 at 7 PM
BZA: July 10 at 7 PM
Zoning Commission: July 11 at 7 PM

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dave Goodyear, 691 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212 addressed the Board. Mr. Goodyear apprised the Board of problems in the past while attempting to install sewers or a septic system on Substation Road near the land acquisition that the Township is making. He believes that it will be very costly to install some type of sewage system. In addition, Mr. Goodyear voiced his disapproval of closing the two existing fire stations and building one station on Substation Road. Mr. Goodyear doesn't believe it seems fair to taxpayers living in the Southeast corner of the Township by moving the Fire Department to Substation Road, which would add another mile and a half to their response time. The obstacle is not just the distance, but rather the traffic that would be encountered when responding to an emergency. Mr. Goodyear suggested the Trustees review a survey completed years back regarding the location of Township Fire Departments. Lastly, Mr. Goodyear recommended tearing down the existing Fire Station 1/Town Hall and rebuild a new fire station in its place.

OFF CAMERA:

Murphy motioned to go off camera at 7:31 PM for the signing of Warrants & Purchase Orders and any other business brought before the Board. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Patrica Murphy, Trustee Chair

Ryan Nixon, Trustee Vice-Chair

Christina Kusnerak, Trustee

Linda Kuenzer, Fiscal Officer