

BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2024

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees Chair Patrica Murphy, Trustee Vice-Chair Ryan Nixon, Trustee Christina Kusnerak, former Fiscal Officer Katherine Esber presenting for Fiscal Officer Linda Kuenzer, Assistant Zoning Inspector Wes Humphrey, Police Chief Tim Sopkovich, Fire Chief Anthony Strazzo, and Service Department Foreman Cory Schultz present.

Trustee Chair Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and noted that the meeting was properly advertised.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence for our First Responders.

PRESENTATION:

None.

MINUTES:

Murphy reported that minutes are still in process so there weren't any to approve.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Zoning Department:

Wes Humphrey, Assistant Zoning Inspector, reported that \$977.53 was collected during the month of July, 2024. He completed four inspections and he is not sure how many Evelyn completed. Humphrey stated that 15 inspections were completed from July 10 to August 13, 2024.

Police Department:

Police Chief Sopkovich thanked Evelyn Czyz for her 22 years of service as the Zoning Inspector for Brunswick Hills Township. Sopkovich said she will be greatly missed and he enjoyed working with her.

Sopkovich stated that Patrolman Bungo is almost complete with the first phase of his training and has been doing very well. He is from Brunswick so he is familiar with the geographic area, and just needs to learn how the Medina Court System works.

Patrolman Adrian Neagu retired and his last day will be August 18th.

Sopkovich reported that the police station sustained water and roof damage from the recent storms and they are working on the clean-up.

The Police Department has begun enforcing the no parking ban throughout the Township due to all of the construction projects happening. If a resident has a special need to park in the street, please contact the Police Department at 330-273-3722.

Chief Sopkovich addressed the issue of residents shooting guns on their property. He emphasized that it is legal for residents to discharge weapons on their own property, but a proper backstop is required. Several complaints have been made with the Police Department because they don't want to hear the shooting. In addition, Sopkovich emphasized that residents should not be calling 9-1-1 to report shooting in their neighborhood. 9-1-1 is only to be used in an emergency, when there is imminent danger.

Sopkovich requested a purchase order to Tim Lally Chevrolet to purchase a fully outfitted Silverado Pursuit at a cost of \$54,935.50. He stated that they have recently sold cruisers taken out of service on GovDeals.com and received approximately \$7,000. Murphy moved to approve the purchase order. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

Chief reminded everyone that school will be back in session soon so residents should plan accordingly for their travel time in the event that they encounter a bus on the road. Sopkovich stressed that under no circumstances are motorists to pass busses when they have their flashers on and stop signs out.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Strazzo provided the July, 2024 Run Review. He reported that \$17,396.27 was collected for the month of July in EMS billing and the year-to-date total is \$201,316.82.

Strazzo reported there was a serious motorcycle accident at the intersection of Grafton and Marks Roads, with the motorcyclist being life flighted. The Brunswick Hills Fire Department and Valley City EMS crews, as well as a passerby have been nominated to receive special recognition based on their efforts.

The Fire Department responded to an industrial fire in Hinckley and also dealt with multiple water main breaks.

Strazzo requested approval for Firefighter Cody Winland to attend a Pediatric Trauma Life Support class at Southwest General on September 11, 2024. There is no charge for the class, and it will provide the needed pediatric continuing education for paramedic recertification. Nixon motioned to approve the request, and emphasized that the Board is always in favor of training and education for all departments. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Chief Strazzo requested approval to have repairs made to Squad 27-1 in the amount of \$1,728.23 for the carrier bearing, seatbelt replacement, and rear stabilizer bar bushing. The repairs will be paid from BC #56. In addition, Strazzo requested approval to have the lower control arms repaired on Car 29 in the amount of \$785, also to be paid from BC #56. Nixon moved to approve repairs on both vehicles as requested. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Strazzo also requested approval for Nick DiSalvo, who is a member of the Medina County All Hazards Team, to attend training for Confined Space Rescues conducted by the Medina County All Hazards Team. The training is free and will be held on August 25, September 15, and September 29, 2024. Nixon made a motion to approve the training as requested. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Strazzo stressed that if anyone needs an ambulance to please call 9-1-1 and not the Fire Department directly. If no one is at the station when the call comes in, they will not receive the call.

Chief thanked Officer Fairhurst and Matt Sayers from the Service Department for their assistance in clearing storm debris from the roads during the most recent storm.

Lastly, Strazzo announced that the Fire Department received a score of 77.78 in the recent ISO evaluation, which was an 11% improvement over the previous rating.

Service Department:

Service Department Foreman Schultz provided the July, 2024 Monthly Road Report.

Schultz requested to purchase a pick-up broom for the front of the new wheel loader. Out of the three quotes he received, Murphy-John Deere provided the best price. Schultz said they have received complaints from residents about debris on the roads, and this piece of equipment will allow them to clean up much more efficiently. Therefore, Schultz requested a purchase order to Murphy-John Deere in the amount of \$10,996.40 from line item 1000-330-390-0000, Other – Purchased Services. Schultz also mentioned that the equipment has a one-year, no questions asked warranty. Kusnerak moved to approve the requested purchase and to issue a purchase order. Nixon seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Christina Kusnerak:

None.

Ryan Nixon:

None.

Trica Murphy:

Murphy announced that the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee met on August 12th for a workshop. The committee took a bus tour around the Township to view large plots of land, which everyone found very useful. Murphy thanked Chief Strazzo and Linda Hudson for being guides on the tour as everyone found it very helpful. Murphy also urged everyone to please complete the Comprehensive Land Use Survey, which is due on Monday, August 19th.

Murphy stated that she contacted Republic Waste to exercise the renewal option, but Republic responded with new pricing, which is not permitted per the current contract. That five-year contract expires on March 31, 2025. All of the Board members agreed that it will be in the best interests of the Township to put the services out for bid. Murphy stated that the Prosecutor’s Office can review the previous bid package to see if changes are needed. Murphy motioned to begin the bid process for the Township rubbish collection. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Former Fiscal Officer Katherine Esber was presenting in Fiscal Officer Linda Kuenzer’s absence.

Nixon moved to approve payroll dated 8/20/24 in the amount of \$81,278.34, which includes a payout to some of the Fire Department personnel from grant money in the amount of \$15,225. Kusnerak seconded. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak made a motion to approve warrants dated 8/13/24 in the amount of \$6,026.73. Murphy seconded. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Murphy moved to approve the purchase order for the General Fund to increase line item 1000-110-330-0000, Travel & Meeting Expense to cover the bus trip for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee as well as the blanket certificate for the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000 for medical insurance coverage that should extend through the end of the year. Kusnerak seconded. Nixon – yes. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Murphy offered **Resolution 29-2024 - 2024 Budget Amendment Approval – Ohio Ambulance Transport Grant** for the Fire Department. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Resolution adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Murphy stated that the Board received an annexation petition for 22.0536 acres landlocked and located behind Hoffman Tree Services. The annexation petition hearing before the Medina County Commissioners has been scheduled for August 27, 2024 at 11 AM. Murphy contacted the Medina County Prosecutor’s Office, but they no longer represent Townships in these matters due to a conflict of interest. Nixon isn’t sure exactly what the Board is able to do in this particular matter given the short time frame, but feels that outside counsel should be retained in further annexation matters. Kusnerak stated she feels at least one of the Trustees needs to attend the hearing to express their concern with the annexation. Kusnerak also suggested obtaining legal counsel to represent the Township at the hearing, and scheduling a special meeting to develop a plan prior to the Commissioners’ meeting.

Trustee Kusnerak stated that an Executive Session will be needed after the conclusion of the Board meeting to discuss a worker’s compensation matter.

MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Comprehensive Land Use Plan Steering Committee: August 19 at 6:30 PM

Trustees: August 27 at 7:00 PM

BZA: September 4 at 7 PM

Zoning Commission: September 5 at 7 PM

PUBLIC INPUT:

David Goodyear, 691 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. Mr. Goodyear had several questions regarding the new Code Enforcement Officer position. Mr. Goodyear also questioned the addition of a Township Administrator, and commented that Brunswick Hills Township is too small of a community to add such a position. Mr. Goodyear is not in agreement with eliminating the Zoning Department, and creating a Code Enforcement Officer through the Fire Department. Mr. Goodyear believes that the Fire Department has too many important duties to be concerned with zoning regulations for the Township. Additionally, Mr. Goodyear was questioning how the property requesting to be

annexed into the City of Brunswick would receive water? He feels that the Trustees should be focused on the annexation rather than creating a Code Enforcement Officer position, and requested to briefly speak with one of the Trustees after the meeting.

Josephine Jones, owner of Mr. Pools, 607 Marks Road, Valley City, OH 44280 addressed the Board. Mrs. Jones stated that although she had some issues with the Zoning Department, she disagreed with Evelyn Czyz being forced to retire. Mrs. Jones thanked the Board for approving her building site plans. She continued to say that she received a phone call from Matt Payne, requesting that she attend a Zoning Commission meeting, because one of her neighbors located at the corner of Marks and Cheney does welding. According to Matt Payne, the business located at Marks and Cheney, is a fire hazard and could catch her business on fire. Mrs. Jones totally disagrees with the Code Enforcement Officer taking over Zoning in the Township. Mrs. Jones also contacted the Medina County Commissioners to ask about the validity of creating such a role and if any other townships have done this. She was told that it is highly unusual, no other township has created such a role, and that was the first time the commissioners were hearing of it. Mrs. Jones believes it is too much power for one department to have, and does not understand what issues Matt Payne has against the owner of the Cheney property. Mrs. Jones stated that it was highly unusual to have someone from Zoning contact a business owner in that manner, and asked if Matt Payne is part of the Zoning Department, to which Trustee Nixon responded that Mr. Payne has applied for the Code Enforcement Officer position. Mrs. Jones then asked if the Code Enforcement Officer position was approved, to which Trustee Nixon responded yes. Mrs. Jones asked Nixon when the position was approved, and Nixon stated it was approved at a special meeting on August 8, 2024. Nixon stated that the special meeting was advertised, and the Board was in a time crunch due to the 36-hour retirement notice given by former Zoning Inspector Czyz. Mrs. Jones then asked the Board if it was true that Mrs. Czyz was locked out of the building? Nixon responded that yes, it was true. He continued to state that the Trustees received an email from Mrs. Czyz on August 6, 2024 informing them that she would be retiring at the end of the day on August 8, 2024. Mrs. Czyz did not report for work on August 7th so as the IT liaison, Trustee Nixon made the decision to freeze Mrs. Czyz's computer passwords and also change the lock on the Zoning Department door to safeguard everything in the Zoning office. Mrs. Jones stated that she had multiple conversations with Trustee Murphy regarding the Zoning issues, and asked Trustee Murphy why she never mentioned anything about the Code Enforcement Officer position. Trustee Murphy replied that she did not believe it was planned at that time. Mrs. Jones asked Trustee Nixon how many days before the meeting was the notice posted, and he responded that he honestly does not remember the day that it was posted, but it was done according to the requirements. Mrs. Jones stated that she is totally against the Code Enforcement Officer replacing the Zoning Inspector role.

Tony Destro, 301 Marks Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. Mr. Destro stated that he is the business owner Matt Payne was referring to when speaking with Mrs. Jones. Mr. Destro stated that he has had several issues with Matt Payne and the Fire Department, and in his numerous conversations with the Trustees as well as the Fire Department personnel, no one ever mentioned that they would be changing from a Zoning Department to a Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Destro believes that the Code Enforcement Officer role has been in the making for several months due to his conversations with Matt Payne. Mr. Destro announced that if anyone has any interest in learning more about his issues with the Fire Department, to please reach out to him at 216-526-2738.

Robin Gillespie, 4980 Grafton Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. After listening to the

departmental reports, Ms. Gillespie does not understand how the Fire Department can assume the duties of the Zoning Department when they already have such a heavy workload. Ms. Gillespie then asked the Trustees if they purchased land on Substation Road, and if so, if that is the reason why all of the pipes are dug up on Substation Road. Trustee Kusnerak responded that the land was purchased with the intention of constructing a new administration building, which has been planned for many years, and that the pipe work on Substation Road is an entirely different project. Ms. Gillespie asked how much the land cost, and Trustee Nixon responded that in total, it was \$1.545 million. Nixon continued to explain that \$1,050,000 was money received from the American Rescue Plan Act and the rest was from the Brunswick Hills General Fund. Ms. Gillespie also inquired if her property taxes were going to increase. Trustees Nixon and Kusnerak both replied that property taxes will not increase in the near future for the construction of a new administration building for the Township. Trustee Nixon stated that the Board is working with Representative Max Miller to get on the grant program for 2026, which will provide funds for the construction. Nixon continued to state that if, and when, the Board would need to go to the residents for any monies to complete a project, it would be an extremely low dollar amount that would be voted on by everyone.

Thomas DeCastra, 358 Topaz Lane, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. Mr. DeCastra is a current member of the Zoning Commission, and as a board member, Mr. DeCastra stated that he is very disheartened by the actions of the Board of Trustees. Mr. DeCastra recognizes that there were issues with the Zoning Inspector's Office, whereby some of the issues were addressed. Mr. DeCastra stated that a public meeting had been held with both the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Board so that they could join together to voice concerns as well as ideas for improvement and change to the Trustees in an effort to make the community better. The pre-approved Code Enforcement concept was in direct conflict with the actions and suggestions of the Zoning Boards. Mr. DeCastra asked if his understanding that the applications for the two new positions would close on August 15, 2024, which Trustee Nixon confirmed was correct. Mr. DeCastra asked if the positions were only open to internal candidates; Nixon responded that was correct. Then Fire Chief Strazzo stated that was not correct, stating that the positions were open to all employees of Brunswick Hills Township, including the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Board. In Mr. DeCastra's opinion, the Board is doing the community a disservice by not publicly posting the positions and seeking the best candidates qualified to fulfill all of the roles and responsibilities of the positions, but instead are limiting the pool to a very limited subset of individuals, which leaves no opportunity for someone more qualified to apply. Mr. DeCastra believes a more important issue for the Township is properties annexing into Brunswick. He encourages the Township to focus efforts on planning for the future growth of the community, educating homeowners and zoning staff to effectively work with developers, and taking measures to protect current and future residents. Mr. DeCastra reiterated that no other township in Medina County has a Code Enforcement Department in lieu of a Zoning Department. Rather than contacting other Townships in Medina County to seek their opinion on the establishment of a Code Enforcement Department, Mr. DeCastra does not understand why the Trustees would choose to model this change after a Township in Hamilton County with a population four times that of Brunswick Hills Township. Mr. DeCastra encouraged the Trustees to get to know the demographic of the Township residents. He also suggested posting departmental reports on the Township website, and concluded by asking the Trustees to focus on planning for the future of the community.

Trustee Kusnerak stated that she was not and is not in favor of the Code Enforcement Officer position, having expressed her opinion several times prior to the vote. She does not believe that this change is

right for Brunswick Hills Township. Trustee Kusnerak stated that she did not vote for the new Code Enforcement Officer positions, and is just as baffled as everyone else as to why the other Trustees chose to move in this direction.

Linda Hudson, 314 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Hudson stated that she is a current member of the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to assist in updating the Brunswick Hills Zoning Resolution. As a past trustee for eight years, Mrs. Hudson was also a member of the previous Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee with Trustee Kusnerak. Mrs. Hudson stated that she has serious concerns, and takes her responsibility very seriously because decisions that are made now regarding the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will impact the future of Brunswick Hills Township. Mrs. Hudson strongly opposes the abolishment of the Zoning Inspector role and creation of the Code Enforcement Officer. To ensure she was up-to-date and understands current zoning regulations and changes, she attended Township Zoning Commission meetings, Board of Zoning Appeals meetings, and County planning and training meetings. In speaking with the Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals board members, Mrs. Hudson was surprised to learn that none of them were aware of the changes that the Board of Trustees had chosen to make regarding the Zoning Department and creation of the Code Enforcement Officer roles. In Mrs. Hudson's opinion, the Zoning Office should never be run by any other department, and urged the Board of Trustees to reconsider their decision in eliminating the position of Zoning Inspector.

Kimberlee Bublik, 501 Topaz Lane, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Bublik asked the Board if they were going to change their minds about the creation of the Code Enforcement Officer and dissolution of the Zoning Inspector position, based on all of the comments and concerns from residents. Trustee Nixon responded that they are still moving forward with the Code Enforcement Officer on a trial basis. In response, she asked the Board who wrote the job description for the Code Enforcement Officer position, but no one answered her question. An incident that took place at the Bublik home with Chief Strazzo years before was mentioned. Mrs. Bublik stated that she has lived at her home for over 20 years and has been an active volunteer in the community. Mrs. Bublik reminded the elected officials that as the final decision makers for the Township, it is their responsibility to do what is in the best interests of the residents, and that the Sunshine Law is in place for a reason. In closing, she stated that residents have been promised total transparency, no more back-room meetings and private conversations. She urged the Board to remove the personal agendas, manipulation, and divisiveness that prevents all departments, leadership, and residents from working together for the betterment of the community.

Fire Chief Strazzo responded to Mrs. Bublik's comments by stating that the incident she mentioned was approximately seven years ago. Strazzo stated that he and a firefighter were conducting business in the Township when the call for emergency assistance was received. Strazzo stated that two paramedics had already arrived to Mrs. Bublik's residence when he arrived to drop off the firefighter that was in his vehicle. It was stated by Chief Strazzo that he did not know at the time the residence belonged to Mrs. Bublik, but felt confident that three paramedics could handle the situation.

Chris Price, 2700 Plum Creek, Brunswick, OH 44212 appeared before the Board. Mr. Price stated that he has an issue with the changes of eliminating the Zoning Department and creating the Code Enforcement Officer role. Mr. Price stated that he is friends with three small business owners in the Township, and has witnessed the harassment they have received from Matt Payne and the Fire

Department. Lastly, Mr. Price asked Chief Strazzo how long he had been working on the job description for the Code Enforcement Officer.

James Justice, 4400 Kingsbury Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. Mr. Justice owns Architectural Justice and is putting in a winery at the other end of the Township. Mr. Justice stated that he has been a resident in the Township for over 30 years, and congratulated Mrs. Czyz on her retirement. Mr. Justice stated that he has been looking for another location to move Architectural Justice as that end of Pearl Road looks horrible and something needs to be done to clean up the area.

Wes Humphrey, 451 Substation Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board of Trustees. Mr. Humphrey is the current Assistant Zoning Inspector. He stated his understanding is the Code Enforcement Officer is paid by two different departments, but that the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer position would remain the same as the Assistant Zoning Inspector. Trustees Nixon and Murphy confirmed that his assumption was correct.

Tony Destro, 301 Marks Road, Brunswick, OH 44212, asked the Board if it was possible to reverse their decision on implementing the Code Enforcement Office and eliminating the Zoning Inspector position? Trustee Murphy responded that legally, it could be reversed. Mr. Destro then asked what the process would be to have it reversed, if a special meeting could be held? Murphy responded that it would be a decision for the Board to make. Mr. Destro then asked when he could check back for a decision and was told by Trustee Nixon that he can check back in two weeks at the next Trustees meeting. Mr. Destro also asked Chief Strazzo when he began working on the job description for the Code Enforcement Officer, and Strazzo stated that he didn't have any idea.

Chief Strazzo responded to Mr. Destro's comments by stating that no one really knows the thought that went into creating the Code Enforcement Officer position nor the benefits. Strazzo stated that replacing the Zoning Inspector with a Code Enforcement Officer is the fiscally responsible decision based on the demographics of the community. The new position would be full-time with expanded days and hours, which would benefit residents.

Trustee Nixon stated that the creation of the Code Enforcement Officer would create a single point of contact for any resident or business looking to make changes to their property or structures. Nixon established that Chief Strazzo has not and will not receive any additional pay to oversee the newly structured Code Enforcement Office, even though it will be necessary for him to commit several hours of his time to get the office up and running. Also, when a resident or business requests a permit, whether or not it is approved, is based upon the Zoning Resolution.

Tony Destro, 301 Marks Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 again addressed the Board and public regarding the violations referred to by Chief Strazzo.

Frank Cseh, retired former Fire Chief for Brunswick Hills Township, 1110 Substation Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board of Trustees. Mr. Cseh stated that he did the same job that Chief Strazzo is doing for half the pay. As a former fire chief and 35-year resident of the Township, he believes that Trustees Murphy and Nixon were wrong in creating the Code Enforcement Officer position and eliminating the Zoning Inspector.

Chris Price, 2700 Plum Creek, Brunswick, OH 44212 again addressed the Board. Mr. Price stated that some of the Township employees are on the drop program, working part-time for multiple townships/cities due to their outreach.

Linda Hudson, 314 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 again addressed the Board of Trustees, noting the importance of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that is currently being worked on, which is imperative for the future of Brunswick Hills. She stated that Chief Strazzo just mentioned that code enforcement for the Fire Department is handled by the Fire Department. In addition, Strazzo stated that zoning issues should be handled by the Zoning Inspector. Mrs. Hudson commented that perhaps Chief Strazzo misspoke and did not intend to make the statement about the Zoning Inspector. Mrs. Hudson believes that all of the Zoning files are antiquated and should be located on the computer rather than paper copies. Mrs. Hudson stated that she has had personal experience with the Zoning Office, and that no one returns voicemail messages nor emails, which makes it very difficult to complete tasks with the Zoning Department. Mrs. Hudson suggested that the Board of Trustees hire a full-time qualified individual for the Zoning Inspector position. Lastly, Mrs. Hudson requested that the Trustees reconsider their decision of creating the Code Enforcement Officer role.

Chief Strazzo asked Mrs. Hudson her recommendation of required qualifications for a new Zoning Inspector. Mrs. Hudson had provided the Board with a list of qualifications they should be searching for and also stated that information could be found on the internet. Trustee Nixon asked Chief Strazzo what level of zoning experience Matt Payne had, and Chief Strazzo stated that he has 14 years combined service on a Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals Boards. Trustee Kusnerak clarified that none of those years were spent on Brunswick Hills Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Robin Gillespie, 4980 Grafton Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 again addressed the Board. Mrs. Gillespie stated that she is appreciative of the jobs that both the Fire and Police Departments do. However, she believes that each department should remain doing their separate functions. Chief Strazzo clarified that firefighters who are assigned to those duties will not be tasked with completing zoning work.

Marian Destro, 4776 Baywood, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board. Mrs. Destro asked the Board if Matt Payne is the person they have identified for the Code Enforcement Officer position. Trustee Murphy replied that she is unaware of how many applications have been received for the position. Mrs. Destro then stated that as a taxpayer, she did not realize that a Fire Prevention Officer was responsible for contacting businesses and residents to speak negatively against another business owner. Mrs. Destro concluded by saying she finds such action shocking, and believes that leaders in the community should be building up businesses rather than looking for ways to tear them down.

Katherine Esber, 4728 Forest Grove, Brunswick, OH 44212 addressed the Board of Trustees. Ms. Esber complimented the Board on going in another direction. She believes that the Zoning Department has been lacking for many years and a lot of mistakes were being made. Ms. Esber stated that she pointed out a few of those mistakes to the former Zoning Inspector and welcomes the new Code Enforcement Officer position.

David Goodyear, 691 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 again addressed the Board. Mr. Goodyear stated he knows a Matt Payne that grew up in the area and loves him like a son. Mr. Goodyear offered the use of his event center if anyone would like to host a retirement party for Evelyn Czyz, the former

Zoning Inspector. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Goodyear directly.

Ron Wetterman, 1085 Substation Road, Brunswick, OH 44212 asked the Trustees if the Zoning office will remain in Town Hall until the new administrative offices are built or will it be relocated to the fire station. Trustee Nixon responded that the Zoning Department will remain in its current location.

OFF CAMERA:

Murphy motioned to go off camera at 9:16 PM for the signing of Warrants & Purchase Orders and any other business brought before the Board. There will be an Executive Session off camera for the purposes of discussing a Bureau of Workers Compensation matter. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

The Board signed warrants and purchase orders.

Kusnerak made a motion to go into Executive Session at 9:44 PM for the purposes of discussing a Bureau of Workers Compensation matter. Murphy seconded. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried. The Board invited Service Department Foreman Cory Schultz to join them.

Murphy moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:47 PM. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak motioned to approve the salary continuation agreement for Daniel Rowe until 8/18/24, and authorize Trustee Kusnerak to sign the document. Nixon seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 PM. Nixon seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

Patrica Murphy, Trustee Chair

Ryan Nixon, Trustee Vice-Chair

Christina Kusnerak, Trustee

Linda Kuenzer, Fiscal Officer