

**BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**April 8, 2025**

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees Chair Christina Kusnerak, Trustee Vice-Chair Ryan Nixon, Trustee Patrica Murphy, Zoning Inspector Daryl Lucien, Police Chief Tim Sopkovich, and Service Foreman Cory Schultz present.

Kusnerak called the meeting to order at 7 PM, noting that the meeting was properly advertised.

**PRESENTATION:**

None.

**MINUTES:**

None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Zoning Department:**

Zoning Inspector Daryl Lucien stated nothing to report this month.

Kusnerak stated we received 2 recommendations from the zoning commission for approval of 2 site plans for above ground fuel tanks.

Patricia Wetterman 1085 Substation Rd. member of the Zoning Commission. Kusnerak asked if these fuel tanks were inspected. Zoning Inspector Daryl Lucien stated the Fire Department had the original communication establishing the requirements for the fuel tanks. Patricia stated she had spoken with the Fire and Zoning Departments and both said that everything with the tanks was good as far as they were concerned.

Resolution #15-2025. Kusnerak moved to accept the recommendations of the Zoning Commission for the approval of the site plan for Oliveri and Son located at 849 Marks Rd. Nixon Seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Resolution adopted.

Resolution #16-2025. Kusnerak moved to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission for the approval of the site plan for Hoffman Tree Service and Hoffman Outdoor Supply located at 916 Pearl Rd. Murphy seconded. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Resolution adopted.

**Police Department:**

Police Chief Tim Sopkovich requested approval for the MCDAC Grant in the amount of \$57,360.00. Requesting a total of 1600 hours from the MCDAC Grant to pay for the school resource officer to work in the Brunswick City School District. Kusnerak moved to approve. Murphy seconded. Murphy – yes.

Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

**Fire Department:**

Trustee Murphy presented the monthly report for the Fire Department for the month of March.

**Service Department:**

Service Foreman Cory Schultz presented the monthly report for March.

Schultz requested the Board to accept Daniel Rowe's resignation letter effective 3/28/2025. Murphy moved to approve the resignation of Daniel Rowe from the Service Department and Thanked him for his service. Nixon seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Motion carried.

Request for approval of the 2026 ODOT Road Salt Contract. Signatures from the Board are needed on the contract for a total pre-order of 1,800 tons of salt. Nixon asked what was used last year. Schultz stated that he pre-ordered 850 tons for a total of 1400 tons. Kusnerak offers resolution #17-2025 authorizing participation in the 2026 ODOT Road Salt Contract for a preorder of a total of 1,800 tons. Murphy seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon - yes. Resolution adopted.

Request for an amendment to the OPWC funding for Autumnwood. We would like to add Rustic Court to the application. Signatures from the Board would be needed on that amendment. Kusnerak moves to authorize the amendment to the original application to include Rustic Court. Nixon seconded. Nixon – yes. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Christina Kusnerak:**

None.

**Ryan Nixon:**

None.

**Trica Murphy:**

None.

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Kusnerak moved to approve the payment listing dated 4/8/2025 in the amount of \$69,307.09. Murphy seconded. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to approve the payroll listing dated 3/18/2025 to 4/2/2025 in the amount of \$110,197.34. Nixon seconded. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to approve the payroll listing dated 4/15/2025 in the amount of \$86,242.05. Murphy seconded. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes. Murphy – yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**MISCELLANEOUS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Trustees:	4/22/2025
BZA:	Cancelled
Zoning Commission:	5/1/2025
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	4/28/2025 6:30 PM

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Katherine Esber 4728 Forest Grove Dr. Asked if the Medical Insurance issues she brought up a couple weeks ago have been discussed or if it will be discussed. Nixon stated it has not been discussed yet. Esber stated she wanted to point out that the Police Administrative Assistant was appointed Fiscal Officer and according to ORC 511.13 she can not get paid for an employee position while she is doing the Fiscal Officer position. Nixon stated it was discussed. Esber inquired about the status of her records request for everything relating to the investigation of the Transient Vendor Application. Esber stated that two payroll periods have passed and the Township has not made any payroll tax payments to the taxing entities and they will come back and penalize the Township costing taxpayers' unnecessary dollars. Esber asked if the taxes have been paid now. Kusnerak stated that the Board is working on everything.

Mike Gillespie, I own two properties, one on Grafton and one on McKinley. First thing he wanted to say that the gentleman from Brunswick that was at the last meeting should be more concerned with the residents of the Hills getting city water than with the property on Pearl Rd. Second thing he stated that he thinks the Board are all doing a great job and we have the best possible Police Chief we could have. Third regarding a person that is concerned about some money the Township is losing out on from permits, when her husband was a Trustee there was a member of the service department that was taking metal selling it and when I brought it up he wanted to do something to me because he said I was trespassing on the Hills property, instead of taking care of the stealing that was occurring from the township.

Linda Hudson 314 Pearl Rd. Brunswick Hills Township history presented. Response to the person who brought up the insurance concerns at a past meeting. I did a little research, this is regarding medical and life insurance, as a Township resident I have no issue with the Trustees decision to adequately compensating the high-risk employees with reasonable insurance policies. Accident statistics were given. In response to the concern about a transient vendor registration, when the transient vendor permit was first established in the Township it was not meant to be a money maker. It was initiated so that when we had a transient vendor in the Township the Police Department could identify the person and find out if they had health department licenses. It was a one time fee not a recurring fee for every vendor here in the Township. The transient vendor permit was only meant to be a way for the Police Department to

keep track of the vendors that come into our Township to do business.

Billy Hudson 314 Pearl Rd. I lived here when this town had a Constable no cops at all. You call the Constable; you might get him to come out and you might not. Then we started a Police Department. The best Police Department I have seen in 50 years is sitting right there. You guys are doing a good job. Thank you very much.

Beth Kline 4643 Ruby Lane. I got into some online chatter about the property across from Market 42, so I felt it was time to come in and get my name on record. I understand Brunswick coming in and expressing their thoughts. But I think there is line that can be easily crossed when you have another City demanding what our property owner can do with his property. So instead of continuing the online chatter, I figured I would just ask a question. How can the community support this property owner that wants to build the Truck Parking Depot across the street from Market 42? It would be great to make sure there is no bullying, no pressure. Nixon stated it is fantastic that you are doing this and I think that most residents in the Township feel exactly the way you do. The landowner's name is Vell, a very nice gentleman. Vell has been very aware of the support of the community and is steadfast and set on going through with this project. You can support him by having anyone you know that needs storage of large vehicles gets in touch with him. And support him through sending business his way.

Kimberly Bublik 501 Topaz Lane. I'm coming to the microphone because I don't like all the chatter in the background all the time. If you have something to say, stand in front of the microphone and say it. I just have a couple comments about a few things that have been said. In the past part time Fiscal Officers have taken advantage of the insurance that was given while they had full time jobs that offered insurance. I think we need to make sure we are getting the full story on everything. We've had some issues with a former Township employee being hired as an assistant after they were convicted of voter fraud which is a felony in the State of Ohio. We know that the three of you are trying really hard to do the right thing, we know the departments are trying really hard and I want you to know that most of Township is definitely supporting you all.

Ron Wetterman 1085 Substation. I would like to complement the Hills for allowing anyone to come up and speak whether they are from the City or the Township. The city does not reciprocate with that. If you are from the Hills you don't get a chance to talk. So, for him to come here and try to tell us what our land owners should do with their property, I don't appreciate it. Especially when the City has their own problems that need taken care of. They lease a piece of property from the County Park District at the corner of Wolff Drive and Substation. They have not properly taken care of the maintenance and clean up of that property. When I complain about their storm water coming on to my property because they don't clean out their storm ditches, I am told that I should annex to the city and then they will fix my problem.

Billy Hudson 314 Pearl Rd. He is right about that because the Township use to own that property and I mowed the whole thing. The City took that property and they just "touch" it and run.

#### **OFF CAMERA:**

Kusnerak motioned to go off camera at 7:38 PM for the signing of Warrants & Purchase Orders and any other business brought before the Board. Nixon seconded. Murphy – yes. Nixon – yes. Kusnerak – yes.

Motion carried.

Kusnerak moved to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Nixon seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Nixon – yes.  
Motion carried.

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Christina Kusnerak, Trustee Chair

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Ryan Nixon, Trustee Vice-Chair

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Patrica Murphy, Trustee

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Fiscal Officer