



NORWICH TOWNSHIP

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

*Minutes of* **NORWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES** *Meeting*

**5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY, HILLIARD, OHIO**

*Held* **November 13, 2013**

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The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Earman.

Roll Call - **Larry Earman, Chairman – Present**  
**Timothy Roberts, Vice-Chairman – Present**  
**Charles Wm. Buck, Trustee – Present**

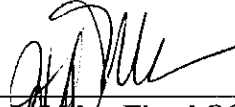
Also Present - **Bob Kaufman, Battalion Chief**  
**Jeff Warren, Assistant Fire Chief**  
**Kate Cavanaugh, Township Administrator**  
**Gary Dever, Brown Township Trustee**  
**Pam Sayre, Brown Township Trustee**  
**Joe Martin, Brown Township Trustee**  
**Greg Ruwe, Brown Township Fiscal Officer**  
**Beth Clark, Brown Township**

**BROWN TOWNSHIP FAILED LEVY**

Pam Sayre asked for input from the Township about how to run a levy. Mr. Buck recapped some of the actions taken by the Safety First Committee. He recommended forming a committee of resident supporters and establishing a treasurer. Educating voters and holding public forums are important. Chief Kaufman recommended direct mailers. Chief Warren discussed the use of social media. Leveraging the fact that the current levy has lasted ten years was also discussed. Greg Ruwe asked the Township to address why assessing a cost per run charge is not feasible for the Township to do. Chief Kaufman explained that this would not be equitable, similar to a resident who must pay their school district tax even though they have no children attending the schools. Joe Martin is concerned that the levy failed because some are trying to send a message that firefighters pay is too high. The Township countered with the fact that Norwich Township Firefighters agreed to a three year contract with no wage increase for any of these years. The plan is to proceed with placing another levy on the ballot in May.

The special meeting of November 13, 2013 adjourned at 6:34 PM.

  
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**Larry Earman, Chairman**

  
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**Jamie Miles, Fiscal Officer**