



BROWN TOWNSHIP

Fall 2022

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Peggy Link

Trustees

Connie Skinner

Gary Stegner

Charles Miley

ZONING – Steve Lisano

Greetings everyone! I'm excited to announce that I've been selected to be the new Zoning Inspector for Brown Township. I look forward to working with you to enforce the zoning rules of our Township that help to ensure property values continue to go up, and keep this is a great place to live!

Please keep in mind that if you're going to put up a fence, add a carport, extend the garage, build a shed, or install that new swimming pool you've always dreamed of, be sure to apply for a zoning permit as most projects are subject to zoning rules that require a permit.

For more information on permits, fees, and more, visit <https://co.delaware.oh.us/cities/brown-township/> then click on the zoning information tab. If you need help or have questions, please call me at 740-833-5777 or email me at browntownshipinspector@outlook.com. Because of my selection as inspector my wife, Julie, has to resign from the Zoning Appeals Board. If you are interested in serving please contact me or one of the trustees.

BUILDING & GROUNDS - Gary Stegner - Trustee

It has been a busy year for the Township some of you might already know that back last winter we purchased 6 acres behind the existing park off of 521. Then in August we sold the old Township hall to Jeff and Beth Fisher and now we are in the process of buying 2 acres off of N. Old St. Rd. on the north side of Kilbourne that will give us access to the 6 acres we previously purchased.

Our goal is to put a drive back to the 6 acres off of N. Old St. Rd for additional parking to relieve the parking congestion that we have at the new Township hall when the hall is rented for special occasions and when baseball season is in play. We would like your input on what else you would like to see done with the property that we have purchased such as all green space with walking trails, a picnic area with a shelter house, soccer field or another baseball field, basketball or tennis courts or any other ideas that you may have.

Just so you know that adding any type of ball fields will take up nearly half of the 6 acres purchased if built so that is why we are asking you the residents of Brown Township what you would like to see done with the additional property. You may contact any one of the three Trustees with your opinions the contact information is on the back of the newsletter we would prefer if you email us so that we can keep a running tab on what you would like to see happen at the park.

We want to thank you in advance for your ideas on planning for the future of Brown Township.

Our old township hall has sold, so no more rentals there. You may rent the new hall. Look for rental information on our website. And remember, voting for Brown Township residents is in our new hall. Next election is November 8th.



The new gazebo behind the township hall

CEMETERY - Connie Skinner - Trustee

The cemetery grant work has been completed. We did not apply for next years grant. The company we used has stopping performing this type of restoration work. The search is on for another company to work with and hope to apply again in the future. In the meantime, a military person, Nathan, has reached out to us about a different type of restoration project. He is helping us to replace some civil war markers in our cemeteries. There is a program that if you have a damaged or unreadable civil war marker, you can apply and get it replaced for free. The new marble markers should arrive within a few weeks. There are 8 total coming to us and they weigh 230 pounds each. Watch for pictures of the installation on our facebook page, Brown Township Delaware Ohio.



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CLEAN-UP BROWN TOWNSHIP - Charlie Miley - Trustee

Our clean-up opportunity in Brown Township was a moderate success. Vouchers were available during the month of May. Fifty-three vouchers were requested. Of that number sixteen were redeemed and a total of 7.22 tons of trash was dumped. The township gets a reduced rate through a grant from Delaware County Commissioners and the DKMM Solid Waste District. Because of the pandemic this opportunity was not offered for the past two years. We are hoping this still be a regular event as in the past. The event will be happening next May if approved. Information will be available in the Spring Newsletter and on the township Facebook Page

ROADS - Charlie Miley - Trustee

Brown Township's roads are in very good condition, mainly because we have had an aggressive improvement program for the last ten years. We try to give attention to each road every four years on a rotating basis. While we are not doing big reclamation projects we are striving to maintain what we have. With that being said the cost of materials has increased dramatically. We are still spending around two hundred thousand dollars each year. Our efforts are aided and supported by the Delaware County Engineer, Chris Bauserman, and his staff as well as grants we have applied for through Ohio Public Works Commission. The OPWC funds are derived from voted millage approved in an election. This year our township gained road mileage by taking over Oxford Woods, our first subdivision. Other projects were applying a micro-surface to Veley Rd., a first time process for our township. I might say that since it was built in 1988 all Veley has had is chip and seal with a fog seal a testament to regular maintenance. A major culvert was replaced on Jumper Rd. with major help from the county. Because of the large rains we had the county completed a hydrology study on the south end of Skinner Rd. McCurdy Rd. had some surface repairs completed along with a chip seal. Next year we are discussing on applying a rejuvenator to the recently paved roads. This restores the elasticity to the road surface and prolongs the life of the road. Because of the emergency closure of St Rt 42 last summer and the roundabout construction on St Rt 521 some of our roads are experiencing heavier than normal traffic with some of that being heavy transport vehicles.



TRI-TOWNSHIP FIRE - Chief Troy Morris

The biggest news for the District has been our facilities. It was a sad time for those of us that have worked at the station on Sunbury Road. The old girl was built in 1957 and had served the District well. Over the years we had remodeled to fit our needs as we grew and so did equipment. The Point Project kind of forced our hand to move forward. The State of Ohio made an offer to purchase the building. We had already been working on getting some land at Byxbe Campus and designing a new building, in order to get ahead of the game with Point work and the headaches it was going to cause.

We have moved into temporary station just down the road until our new facility is complete. Contrary to what you may have read or heard; the use of the building benefited the city of Delaware and State of Ohio. If we had not moved, they faced losing federal monies. The temporary station is meeting our needs.

If you have been down Bowtown Road, you can see the progress our contractors have made with the new station. The plan as of now is to have the building completely weather tight but Thanksgiving. Some may ask about the size. In the planning process, it was discussed that this building will last a minimum of 50 years. As our needs change we need to have a building capable of handling the future.

Safety message for this newsletter, if you haven't had your heating system serviced or checked please consider doing so.

Station 331 680 Sunbury Road (former American Freight) 740-369-2703

Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT - Dan Gladman

As winter approaches and we prepare the township equipment for what is to come we would like to pass on some information for you to think about in an attempt to keep everyone safe.

Snowplows will typically travel under 35 miles per hour and there is always a temptation to pass them. Remember that the roadway in front of the snowplow is usually in much worse condition than the roadway behind the snowplow. For your safety, it is recommended that you stay a safe distance behind the snowplows (at least 200 feet at all times). Remember, if you can't see the mirrors on the truck, they can't see you.

If you must pass a snowplow, allow plenty of room when passing. Do not cut back into the lane ahead of the plow too quickly since the blade extends several feet ahead of the truck.

When you see an approaching snow plow on an undivided roadway, move as far away from the centerline as you safely can since blowing snow may obscure the actual width of the snowplow's blade.

Snow Plow trucks frequently have to back up. Be sure to give them plenty of room and don't drive behind them as they are backing.

Turn on your lights to see and be seen. Brush the snow off your headlights and taillights frequently.

Winter driving requires motorists to be careful and alert, but the most important tip for winter driving is: SLOW DOWN!

Mailboxes

Please check your mailbox to see that it is secured well, the majority of the time snow plows do not actually hit the mailbox but it is the heavy snow flying off of the plow that damages weak or unsteady mail boxes. The following information is also available on The Brown Township page which is available on Delaware County's web page.

Brown Township will not be responsible for any repair or replacement of mailboxes that fail to meet the following requirements:

The mailbox is located a minimum of 24" from the edge of pavement to face of mailbox; and The mailbox is able to withstand the weight of snow removal including, but not limited to, having the following characteristics:

No rotten wood or rusted metal; Sturdy and stable post and mail box; and No loose or missing hinges, bolts or screws.

Brown Township cares for 20+ miles of roadway and depending on the type of storm we are fighting, it could take more than two to three hours normally to make one pass on township roads. Also please keep in mind that if we have high winds the blowing snow could cause a road to drift shut soon after it is plowed causing an ongoing challenge to keep the road open.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY - Provided by Del Co Communications Office

Delaware County's Emergency Medical Services Department has been named the Dick Ferneau National EMS System of the Year for 2022. The honor is bestowed jointly by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and EMS World magazine. Previous winners have included the San Antonio (Texas) Fire Department EMS and Onslow County EMS in North Carolina.

"To be selected the National EMS System of the Year for 2022 after being named the EMS System of the Year for the state of Ohio in 2020 is a most humbling experience for the Delaware County EMS Department," said DCEMS Chief Jeff Fishel. "I couldn't be more proud of the team and their efforts, day in and day out, to serve our residents and visitors."

Commissioner Barb Lewis, president of this year's Board of Commissioners, lauded the department's efforts and awards: "It is deeply gratifying that our Delaware County EMS has been nationally recognized for their excellent pre-hospital, emergency medical care. We salute the women and men of the DCEMS on this outstanding achievement."

DCEMS, which is celebrating 50 years of existence in 2022, also has been awarded the Safety in EMS Award, another national award from the NAEMT and the American College of Emergency Physicians. The award recognizes excellence in advancing EMS practitioner and patient safety. Both NAEMT awards are a first for any EMS agency in Ohio.

Director Fishel also notified the Commissioners that DCEMS recently learned it has earned another three years of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), an independent accrediting agency for the industry. Fishel told the Commissioners that DCEMS's two-day site review by CAAS yielded a perfect score with zero deficiencies, despite being assessed on 109 factors. DCEMS is the only CAAS-accredited agency in Central Ohio and one of just five to be accredited statewide.

For more information about Delaware County EMS, visit their website at: <https://ems.co.delaware.oh.us/>.

Township Contact Information & Responsibilities

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Cemetery - Health Department

Gary Stegner - 740-272-2011 - gary.stegner@hotmail.com

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Charlie Miley - 740-602-1575 - mileycharles@outlook.com

Roads, Fire Board, 911 Board, EMA Board, LEPC Board

Peggy Link - 740-369-0700 - plink0723@yahoo.com

Payments, Billing, Records, Records Requests

Steve Lisano - Zoning - 740-833-5777

browntownshipinspector@outlook.com

Vicki Sheets - Zoning Secretary - 740-524-2663

Beth Harp - Cemetery Sexton - 614-570-0261

Connie Skinner - Rental of Facilities - 740-833-5057

browntwprental@gmail.com

Information on the Township website

www.co.delaware.oh.us/index.php/brown-township

Comprehensive Plan

Contact Info

Zoning Resolution

Cemetery Fees

Zoning Application

Cemetery Foundation Order

Zoning Fees

Electric Aggregation Policy

Cemetery Rules

Mailbox Policy

Hall Rental

Resident Complaint Form



TOWNSHIP NUMBERS

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Chris Rhinehart
Stan Bean
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ZONING APPEALS

Chris Thompson
Chris Shamro
Brad Ebersole

Bill Cackler
Donald Dicke

- **Trustees meetings** are held the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- The **Zoning Board** meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- The **Zoning Appeals Board** meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month if needed. Meetings are held at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- **All Cancellations will be posted on the front door of the township hall**

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