

1.7311 acres – Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick

Commissioner William F. Hutson called the hearing to order at 10:02 a.m. with Stephen D. Hambley and Colleen M. Swedyk present. The hearing was for the consideration of a regular annexation of 1.7311 acres of land from Brunswick Hills Township to the City of Brunswick, Medina County, Ohio. Mr. Hutson noted that the petition was filed with the Commissioners’ Office on November 12, 2020 in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 709.02. A court reporter was present for the proceedings.

Agent for petitioner Joshua Lamb, Esq. provided an opening statement noting that the requirements of ORC 709.033 and 709.02 have been met. The petitioners’ purpose for the annexation petition is to receive municipal services, particularly water. They currently have well water which smells and tastes bad, and is running low. The property is located at 299 North Carpenter Road. He noted that the City of Brunswick adopted an ordinance explaining the services they will provide which includes water services.

Ermitano Santiago was sworn in by Commissioner Hutson prior to providing testimony. Mr. Santiago stated that he has lived at the property for 33 years and have been waiting for Brunswick Hills Township to do something about the water issue. Their well is drying up – they are pulling a lot of mud and rust out. The water softener does not help with the smell and taste of the water, and the water supply is low. In answer to a question by Commissioner Hutson, Mr. Santiago stated that there currently is a water line that goes in front of his property. Mr. Lamb then questioned Mr. Santiago on the specifics of the filing of the petition with Mr. Santiago answering.

Commissioner Hutson stated that there have been no challenges to the validity of petition signatures. The petition contains signature of the majority of owners. No signature was obtained more than 180 days before filing of the petition with the Clerk. An accurate legal description of the perimeter and accurate plat of the territory proposed for annexation were filed. The agent was listed in the petition and a list of adjacent property owners was attached.

Brunswick City Law Director Ken Fisher stated that in support of the petition, Resolution No. 97-2020 was adopted on December 21, 2020 by the City of Brunswick expressing the intention of the City of Brunswick to provide municipal services to the subject property. The resolution was timely submitted and filed with the Clerk of the Board. It is the position of the City of Brunswick that the petition should be granted as it is in the interest of the 1.7311 acre parcel on North Carpenter Road. In answer to a question by Commissioner Hambley, Mr. Fisher explained that the water system is owned by Cleveland Water and the city will do everything they can do locally to help expedite the process. Once the 30 day appeal timeframe expires, they will do everything they can do to assist the property owners in solving what appears to be a significant problem.

There was no one else in attendance wishing to speak.

Mr. Hutson stated that the board will enter its decision on the journal within thirty days of this hearing.

Mr. Hutson adjourned the hearing at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,	COMMISSIONERS	_____ Stephen D. Hambley
	OF	_____ William F. Hutson
_____ Rhonda J. Beck Clerk to the Commissioners	MEDINA COUNTY	_____ Colleen M. Swedyk