

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Held Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

February 16, 2012

The Public Hearing for the Hemesath Drive Lighting District was held at 6:50 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sycamore Township was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Zoning/Planning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks /Recreation Director McKeown, and Lt. Tom Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The invocation was read by Trustee Connor from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held January 31 and February 2, 2012 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes.

Vote: All Aye.

A seven minute video was shown regarding the current budget and some Fire Department staffing comparisons. Trustee Weidman gave a brief explanation of some items.

Communication from: Tina Early, resident of Glenmill Court, tornado victim; concerned about budget shortfalls. She said there was nothing in the newsletter about it and wants an opportunity to vote on a levy and get back to basics with roads and fire.

Communication from: Tom Crowthers, a 40 year resident of Sycamore Township; commented that he thinks that both the Trustees and the Fire Department are at fault. He questioned Mr. Porter on appropriations and budget-how are they the same. He would like to support a levy.

Communication from: Joe Stoffolano, resident of Eldora Drive; privatization opponent, wants the current Fire employees, would like an opportunity to vote on a levy.

Communication from: Al Early, 8120 Glenville Court; questioned why residents weren't informed, would like an opportunity to vote on a fire levy.

Communication from: Kelby Thoreson, Union representative; presented a budget proposal to save \$1.6 million the first year and \$1.3 million subsequent years.

Communication from: Mark Sanders, representative of Hamilton County Firefighters Local Union; offered to help get a solution in a professional process; he commented that the RFP is ramping up the problem.

Communication from: Joe Trauth, Restaurant Association representative; complained about median strip on Kenwood Road; the taking of property without compensation; and complained that the notice from the Township was not sent certified.

Communication from: Gail Price, resident of Lyncris Drive; commented that she doesn't like the privatization concept.

Communication from: Tom Butt, resident of Sycamore Township since 1984; did not like the scare tactics from the Fire Department handouts; commented that we have a great Fire Department but it isn't necessarily the best; he said that everyone is suffering; he is out of a job/widowed-EMS good to have when his wife passed; taxes went up \$310 a half year and real estate value went down; he is glad that the Township is being fiscally responsible; thinks it is ok to cut concerts to save money; he appreciates the Firefighters and their certifications and wants to look at all of the options for cost effectiveness.

Communication from: Neil Roth, resident Keller Road; wants to know if we have spoken to other communities about the same situation; commented that we have a political problem more than a fiscal problem-if you want service you have to pay the price.

Communication from: Bill Smith, Sycamore Township resident for 60 years; thinks that we have the best Fire Department; asked about Plainfield Road improvements; thinks that we need residents to attend meetings.

Communication from: Gigi Faryar, 30 year resident of Indian Creek Apartments; talked about staffing-we have the hospital, the Towne Centre, and nursing homes; she thinks we need hazmat training; suggested a vote of the community for a levy.

Communication from: Trace Lawless, resident of Gwilada Drive; asked to meet with the Fire Union.

Communication from: Jackie Phillips, resident of Duneden for 68 years; doesn't want to lose the Fire Department and police, she takes care of her brother who weighs over 350 pounds.

Communication from: David Middleton, resident at 1164 Marlett; asked the Trustees to look at cost effectiveness; he requested a resident vote.

Trustee Bishop made a statement on the flyer passed out – twelve wrong statement and no one signed it.

Law Director Miller reported that the Phillips Edison transcript appeal had been filed.

Mr. Raabe presented a purchase order for Enterprise Technology Solutions for the 2012 CAGIS Permit at a cost of \$4,683.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this purchase order. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford informed the Trustees of the Jewish Hospital PUD II Modification hearing to be held in March.

A resolution "Establishing the Hemesath Drive Lighting District" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2012-09 passed this 16th day of February 2012.

A resolution "Designating No Parking on an Area of Wicklow Avenue in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2012-10 passed this 16th day of February 2012.

A resolution "Designating No Parking on an Area of Wexford Avenue in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2012-11 passed this 16th day of February 2012.

The Receipts and Disbursements of February 16, 2012 were read by the Fiscal Officer and are hereby made a part of these Minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed: _____
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor to pay these bills.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer