

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township  
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

July 7, 2016

The Public Hearing for the 2017 Tax Budget was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Weidman.

Fiscal Officer Porter distributed the 2017 Tax Budget for Trustee review.

Mr. Jay Janus Jr. asked if the biggest expense was police and fire. Mr. Porter answered yes. Mr. Janus asked about the increases over the past three years. Mr. Porter says he has kept it flat since there is very little inflation.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:39 p.m.

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The Public Hearings for the Monroe, Happiness Way / Merrymaker and Glenover Lighting Districts Renewals were called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Porter presented the three lighting districts for renewal. Each district is getting an upgrade to LED lights. The cost increase per property is under \$20 per year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith of Frolic Drive were in favor of the district continuing.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 6:43pm

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The Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2016-07MA was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Holbert presented case 2016-07MA.

Mr. Bickford stated that the Zoning Commission had recommended approval of the case subject to the following conditions.

1. Elevations approved as shown with materials as shown.
2. All mechanical units are to be completely screened from view.
3. A landscaping plan is to be approved by staff prior to the issuance of a Zoning Certificate.
4. The existing freestanding sign along Montgomery Road is to be reconstructed to be compliant with Section 13 of the Zoning Resolution either as a part of this approval with construction now or when any maintenance work or face change is performed on the sign.
5. The dumpster surround is to be constructed of brick, stone or split face CMU in a color to match the building.
6. Building signs as approved in BZA Case SYCB160005.

Patrick Brinkman, General Manager of the restaurant, stated he was glad to be in Kenwood and looks forward to the renovations.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. by President Weidman.

The invocation from Lighthouse Church of God was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks /Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny, Zoning Administrator Holbert and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held June 14 and 16, 2016 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Penny introduced four new fulltime firefighters and EMS personnel. Mr. Weidman swore the new firefighters in.

Glenn Scherzinger, Sure Thing Pest Control, addressed the Trustees about a fine for a sign that was changed on his property without a permit. The Trustees stated they understood his position but were not inclined to waive the fee since others in the development had been fined as well for not obtaining a permit.

Lt. Ketteman reported that the Sheriff's office is prepared for the Festival in Sycamore with extra deputies.

Chief Penny reported that he has met with area chiefs about dealing with emergencies in high rise buildings. They are planning table top exercise in the next few weeks and will then train on site. Mr. Weidman asked the Chief to let the Board know when the field exercises are to take place.

Mr. McKeown reported that preparations are going well for the Festival in Sycamore. Mr. McKeown requested an overnight deputy from the Sherriff's office. Lt. Ketteman stated one was already scheduled.

Mr. McKeown reported that festival advertising is now airing and the spot on 700 WLW is scheduled for Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kellums reported that he and Trustee Connor attending the SCIP Integrating Committee meeting today where the bylaws were changed. He stated the changes were acceptable to the Townships.

Mr. Connor stated that as a member of the Committee, he would be taking a more active role in the SCIP process.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Galbraith Road utility cross-overs are taking place and that the Maintenance crew will be busy with festival setup next week.

Mr. Miller reported that a Memorandum of Understanding has been submitted by Neyer Properties for the TIF on the Greens of Kenwood and is being reviewed.

Mr. Bickford stated that Neyer Properties plans to submit phase one of the office development for the September round of meetings.

Mr. Bickford reported that all of the lighting districts for this evening are receiving LED upgrades.

Mr. Bickford stated the Fiber Project bid opening was scheduled for July 21.

The following PO's were presented for approval:

Blanket Vendor	Festival Expenses	\$80,000.00
Blanket Vendor	Dump Fees	\$3,000.00

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Holbert reported that he has been receiving complaints from commercial contractors that the Building Department is having trouble keeping up with permits and is taking too long to get reviews out. He also provided an example that the Township's stage permit for the festival had still not been reviewed almost three weeks after submittal.

Mr. Holbert stated that he is going to have a meeting with the Building Department to discuss some of the issues.

Mr. Bickford stated that he is working with Representative Dever on permissive language to allow certain Townships the ability to have their own building departments.

Mr. Holbert reported that zoning permits and complaints are up this year and there are currently 135 open violations that are being investigated.

Mr. Holbert stated that Columbia Township is pleased with our code enforcement services that we provide for them.

A communication was read by Mr. Porter from resident John Deerwester thanking Joyce Smith for helping him locate the correct officer who took his report regarding an incident at Red Lobster.

A communication was read by Mr. Porter from Larry Van Pelt thanking the Maintenance Department for doing a top notch job when installing his new sidewalk.

The resolution “Adopting the Sycamore Township Tax Budget for 2017” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-109 approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

The resolution “Renewing the Monroe Lighting District” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-110 approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

The resolution “Renewing the Glenover Lighting District” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-111 approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

The resolution “Renewing the Happiness Way Merrymaker Lighting District” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-112 approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

The resolution “Establishing the Rate of Pay for New Township Employees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-113 approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution approving Case 2016-07MA subject to Zoning Commission conditions one through five and the additional conditions that the building signs are approved as submitted and the Montgomery Road street sign be brought into compliance with the Zoning Resolution. Vote all Aye.

The receipts and disbursements of July 7, 2016 were available in the Fiscal Officer’s Office 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. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept them.  
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 7:42 p.m.

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