

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

November 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present for the meeting were, President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Kent, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Molloy, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff's Liaison Lt. Reid.

Redstone/Sycamore Financial TIF Payments – This item was tabled until the next workshop meeting.

Galbraith Road Update – Mr. Kellums provided an update on the Galbraith Road Project currently under construction. Conflicts have arisen with storm sewer and electric conduits and most recently gas and water stop valves which will require relocation. The Trustees denied the contractors request to work through the Christmas shopping season. All work within the roadway will be cleared by November 20, 2009.

2010 Lawn Care Proposal – TruGreen – A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve the 2010 Lawn Care proposal from TruGreen Chemlawn in the amount of \$23,000.00 less a 5% pre-payment discount. Vote: All Aye.

Door Access Control – Mr. Bickford advised the Trustees of a proposal for electronic door access controls for the administration, maintenance, and fire station #92, from Schneider Electric, at a cost of \$63,000.00; additional information is forthcoming and will be provided at the next meeting.

Fire and EMS Invoices and Purchase Order Requests – A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve the Fire and EMS invoices and purchase requests. Vote: All Aye.

8464 Blue Ash Road Property – Chief Jetter reported on a recent fire incident at 8464 Blue Ash Road and the condition of the building. The Trustees directed Chief Jetter to contact the Hamilton County Building Commissioner for a determination on razing the structure.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown provided a draft fee schedule for the Schuler Sports Complex. The Trustees felt that all users should be charged for field use at this facility. The Trustees also reviewed the Community Room guidelines and restricted “no charge” civic events to Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Park Rules – Law Director Miller and Parks and Recreation Director McKeown discussed technical changes in the park rules. The Trustees requested that this item be included on the November 5th meeting agenda for consideration.

Solar REC's – Mr. Bickford advised the Trustees of his efforts to have the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) certify our solar project, which will enable the Township to sell the renewable energy credits (REC's). The Trustees agreed that we should sell these REC's to the highest bidder.

Appointed Committees – Mr. Bickford advised the Trustees that with the resignation of Jerry Thamann, there is a vacancy on the Zoning Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to move John Cordell from alternate to active member and appoint Steve Roos as alternate and to appoint Charles Meyer to the Property Maintenance Board. Vote: All Aye. The Trustees requested an updated listing of Board members and terms.

Community Room – The Trustees approved the purchase of wireless microphones with the necessary amplifier and associated equipment at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 and requested pricing on an under cabinet ice machine. Specific contract language is to be developed for use of the audio/visual equipment.

Former Station 93 Property – A request has been received to use the Solzman Station for winter batting practice for the North Sycamore Youth Baseball Program. Due to health concerns over mold issues, the Trustees denied this request.

Nuisance Property – Mr. Bickford presented the following properties as a nuisance: 6022 St. Regis Drive, 12173 Seventh Avenue, 4456 Kugler Mill Road, and 7691 Hosbrook Road.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 6022 St. Regis Drive” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2009-134 passed this 4th day of November, 2009.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12173 Seventh Avenue” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2009-135 passed this 4th day of November, 2009.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4456 Kugler Mill Road” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2009-136 passed this 4th day of November, 2009.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7691 Hosbrook Road” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, dispensing with the second reading, and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2009-137 passed this 4th day of November, 2009.

Sheriff’s Update – Lt. Reid reported on Halloween activities by the Sheriff’s Department and the new twelve hour shifts.

JEDD Request – Mr. Molloy presented an informal request from the City of Madeira regarding the formation of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) in the area of the proposed FBI facility. The Trustees requested a summary describing the pro’s and con’s of such an agreement.

People Working Cooperatively-Fee Waiver – The Trustees approved a request from People Working Cooperatively to waive brush collection fees for their November 14th event.

Kenwood-Euclid Intersection Improvements – The Trustees declined the request from the City of Madeira to participate in the signal improvements at the intersection of Kenwood and Euclid Roads.

Sycamore Senior Center – Mr. Molloy discussed the recent correspondence from the Sycamore Senior Center.

Hamilton County Environmental Services Request – The Trustees denied a request from the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services to construct an air monitoring station on Township property located at 8540 Kenwood Road.

Hamilton County Township’s Consortium – Mr. Molloy reported on a recent meeting with several townships discussing nuisance abatements and reductions in state funding with the intent of engaging the services of a lobbyist to further the cause of townships. The Trustees directed Mr. Molloy to obtain additional information.

Hamilton County Commissioners Request – The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners have requested the use of the Deerfield Community Room for a November 30th meeting. The Trustees approved this request.

Insurance Renewal – Mr. Molloy presented proposals for property and casualty insurance:
Hylant Group \$67,721.00 Pillar \$54,807.00
A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to accept the proposal from Pillar Insurance at a cost of \$54,807.00. Vote: All Aye.

Holiday Luncheon – The Trustees agreed to host the annual employee Christmas luncheon on December 18th at the Deerfield Community Room.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Molloy presented the following purchase orders for consideration:

- US Bank Debt service on improvement bonds-2007B \$577,218.75
- US Bank Debt service series 2009 bonds \$727,931.25
- US Bank Debt service on improvement bonds-2007 \$170,143.75
- Huntington Bank-Principal/Interest on Kemper/Goldcoast \$122,150.00
- Crown Castle International Corp. Radio Tower Lease \$ 5,864.04
- VO Builders, Inc. Kugler Mill Building Demolition \$ 13,000.00
- Hamilton County Engineer Cornell Road Improvements \$469,417.75

Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve these purchase orders, seconded by Mr. Kent.

Vote: All Aye.

Schedule – Mr. Molloy presented the upcoming schedule of events.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel-employment and pending litigation.

Vote: Mr. Weidman; Aye. Mr. Bishop; Aye. Mr. Kent; Aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 10:36 am.

The executive session adjourned at 11:10 am.

Mr. Miller discussed the availability of funds for the Sycamore Financial/Redstone Bonds. The Trustees directed the Law Director to prepare the necessary resolution requesting the advance of funds from the Hamilton County Auditor to be considered at the November 5th meeting.

In a final order of business, the Trustees directed the Fiscal Officer to prepare a check in the amount of \$50,000.00 for earnest money for property acquisition.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Weidman.

Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Richard C. Kent, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Rob Molloy, Administrator