

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio April 19, 2011

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

2011 Road Improvement Project – Mr. Kellums reported that six bids were opened on the 2011 Road Improvement Project and the original engineer estimate was \$940,000.00. The low bid was from Prus Construction for \$786,538.25. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Connor, to award the contract to Prus Construction. Vote: All Aye.

Galbraith Road Widening – Mr. Kellums reported that it is estimated that the cost of the Galbraith Road Widening Project will be approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000 and that it will be paid out of the Kenwood TIF fund. The project needs to acquire a little more Right of Way (ROW) near Verbarg's and Hamilton County may have to perform the ROW acquisition. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Connor, to proceed with the project. Vote: All Aye.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – Chief Jetter reported that there was \$2,449.10 that still needed to be spent in the grant. He also stated that the weather for the evening was expected to be turbulent and that he might open the communication center in the basement if necessary. The Board approved the purchase requests and invoices as presented. There were no questions from the Board on any other related matters.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that due to rainy weather there had been 11 game cancellations at Schuler Park. He stated that the Festival (July 15th and 16th) had added two more food booths (In Cahoots and Desserts by Jan) after losing Maury's and Deer Park Deli. With regards to the Car Show, flyers are printed and ready for distribution. There is a \$15 registration fee payable the day of the Car Show, however the Trustees suggested that it be opened up to pre-registration.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid reported that kids have been rummaging through unlocked parked cars in Dillonvale trying to score spare change – nothing has been broken to date.

Upcoming Public Hearing – Mr. Bickford reported that there will be a public hearing on May 5th concerning the Kenwood Place Development – one of the tenants, The Salon, is requesting a 33% larger sign. Mr. Bickford also presented a request for a nuisance violation for debris and vegetation at 3719 Mantel Avenue.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3719 Mantell Avenue" 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. 2011-17 passed this 19th day of April, 2011.

8460 Kenwood Road – Mr. Raabe reported on the residential house owned by the Township located at 8460 Kenwood Road, two doors south of the Administration Building. Currently the home is vacant. The Board directed Mr. Kellums to look into performing minor repairs, painting and landscaping in order to put the property up for sale on the real estate market.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 - Mr. Raabe presented the following purchase orders for approval:

- Indian Hills School District – T.I.F. - \$1,901,630.77
- Deer Park School District – T.I.F. - \$ 257,017.99
- Sycamore School District – T.I.F. - \$ 125,134.16

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these purchase orders.
Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee-compensation and pending litigation.
Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:26 a.m.
The executive session adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator