

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**May 1, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were, President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller was absent- Attorney Rob Butler attended in his place, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Lt. Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

**Sheriff Patrol Update** – Lt. Butler informed the Board that the new Sheriff contract went into effect on this date. He added that they will be able to keep several officers for backup from a reserve pool and could use them for traffic details or special events, such as the Festival.

**Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request** – There were no questions from the Board, they approved the purchase orders and invoices as presented. Chief Jetter informed the Board that the Township has already received the grant money for the new monitors and that this puts the Fire Department in a good position until 2013.

**Bid Opening Results-Recommendation for Breathing Air Systems** – Chief Jetter stated that he recommends the Board award the contract to the lowest bidder – ProAir at a cost of \$63,800.00. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to award the bid to ProAir, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

**Woodlawn Avenue Property - Unsafe Structure** – Chief Jetter stated that the garage structure at this property was unsafe and recommended declaring it a nuisance. The owner has not been compliant in efforts to fix the problem so he would like to issue a citation. Attorney Butler recommends doing the process by resolution since it would be quicker. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to prepare a resolution, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

**Nuisance Property** – Mr. Bickford informed the Board that U.S. Bank has submitted plans for the outlot at Redstone and a tentative zoning hearing date is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. He also presented the following properties as nuisances (Weed Cutting and Debris Removal): 3719 Mantell Avenue, 3764 Lyndon Center Court, 12186 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 12172 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 8615 Monroe Avenue, and 7808 Kugler Mill Road.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3764 Lyndon Center Court, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2012-23 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12186 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249” 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. 2012-24 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12172 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249” 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. 2012-25 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8615 Monroe Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45242” 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. 2012-26 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7808 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45243” 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. 2012-27 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3719 Mantell Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2012-28 passed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012.

**Parks and Recreation Update** – Mr. McKeown reported that Moeller baseball has committed to paying 50% of the cost to convert Schuler Field from a grass to dirt infield and that he is presently working on getting cost estimates for the work. He also reported that sponsorships for the Festival are slightly over \$40,000.

**Eruv Request** – Mr. Raabe informed the Board that Rabbi Landis, 8100 Cornell, requested the Township allow them to post an Eruv boundary designation in the area around their facility. They will lease the boundary for 99 years for \$1.00 and Duke Energy will post small markers on the utility poles delineating the exact configuration. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to grant this Eruv request and have Attorney Miller prepare the resolution, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Raabe reminded the Board that Thursday is the National Day of Prayer event and it is scheduled to begin at noon in front of the Administration Building.

**Update/Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00** – The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

Wurzelbacher Staging	\$ 3,350.00	Festival-staging
Craig Grisso	\$ 6,000.00	Festival-entertainment
Carmaleen Kissel	\$ 10,000.00	Festival-rides
Huntington Bank	\$ 50,550.00	TIF-Kemper/Goldcoast/Deerfield
U.S. Bank	\$123,181.25	TIF-Sturbridge/Station 93/Deerfield
U.S. Bank	\$ 76,318.75	TIF-Kenwood Mall
U.S. Bank	\$ 39,000.00	TIF-Access Road (Ronald Reagan)
U.S. Bank	\$164,843.75	TIF-Redstone

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

Vote: All Aye.

**Schedule** – Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

A short break was taken from 9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

**Executive Session** - A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn to executive session to discuss collective bargaining matters.

Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:45 a.m.

The executive session adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

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

Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Thomas J. Weidman, President

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Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

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Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator