

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**February 4, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Planning/Zoning Director/Acting Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Interim Fire Chief Penny, and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

**Sheriff Patrol Update**

Lt. Ketteman reported that the stats for last year are in and the overall number of burglaries is down which includes business breaking and entering. He also reported that there will be tips from the Sheriff's office in the next newsletter.

There were 124 narcotics runs in 2013 which was higher than in past years. In addition, domestic violence and juvenile crimes were up.

Lt. Ketteman added that there was an aggravated robbery on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Family Dollar.

Lt. Ketteman reported that there were two accidents over the past week involving Sycamore cruisers. Car 78 had crashed chasing after a suspect and it was possibly totaled. The insurance adjuster will be looking at it this week. The other accident involved car 153 on I-71 during the snow event. A car driven by Chico Thomas was cited for failure to maintain control and failure to maintain the vehicle equipment after he spun out and crashed into car 153 on I71 while the officers were attempting to help a stranded motorist. Deputy's Eric Kidd and Troy Lipps were injured in the crash. Both are now ok and will be back on duty shortly. Damage estimates on Car 153 are coming in around \$5,000 for the repairs.

Trustee Weidman suggested that should car 78 be totaled that it be replaced with an SUV with an ALPR machine. He also suggested that one of the older vehicles be replaced at this time. Lt. Ketteman will provide more information as to the cost of new vehicles when the new bids come out later in the spring.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to look into the purchase of a Ford Explorer with an ALPR to replace car 78 should it be totaled. All voted, Yes.

Mr. Weidman inquired on the status of the recently approved SUV purchase. Lt. Ketteman stated they were waiting on the vehicle to be delivered.

### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported that the new radios are being installed this week. He also reported that of all Hamilton County Communications Center clients, we are the fourth busiest for fire and fifth busiest for EMS.

Chief Penny requested parking restrictions on certain sections of Wexford Avenue and Longford Avenue. Mr. Kellums concurred saying it is a safety hazard to have cars park there.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to prepare a resolution with the exact restrictions. All voted, Yes.

### **Parks and Recreations Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the Moeller HS football team will be at the Thursday meeting for a presentation for winning back to back State Division 1 Football Championships.

Mr. McKeown reported that The Guess Who is set for the Saturday night slot of the festival.

### **Leaf Dump**

Mr. Kellums reported that he has not heard back from Hartzel Church on the contract.

### **Hosbrook Widening Bid Results**

Mr. Kellums reported that bids were opened for the Hosbrook Road Widening Project. The lowest bid was for \$3,230,476.89 from Bansal Construction with a time table for completion of 395 days. The next lowest bid was 3,286,154.67 from Adleta Construction with a time table for completion of 180 days.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to reject all bids and to rebid with a time limit of 180 days. All voted, Yes.

### **2014 Mowing Contract**

Mr. Kellums reported that the Ohio General Services Division submitted a bid of \$21,620.08 for the 2014 right of way mowing contract. The price was 2.5% above last year due to minimum wage and fuel cost increased. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve the contract. All voted, Yes.

### **Furniture Disposition**

Mr. Bickford requested to dispose of certain furniture that no longer had any value to Sycamore Township. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution for disposition to Monroe Township, Ohio. All voted, Yes.

### **2012-2013 Solar REC Sale**

Mr. Bickford reported that 73 2012 Solar RECS and 64 2013 Solar RECS have been sold for \$40 each. Mr. Miller stated that a resolution for the sale would be presented on Thursday night.

### **Electric Aggregation**

Mr. Bickford stated that Mr. Miller had a resolution prepared for opt-out electric aggregation to be placed on the May ballot. If approved by the voters of Sycamore Township, the Township could become an aggregator to seek better electrical rates for residents. Even if passed by the residents, the Township is not obligated to become an aggregator should better rates exist elsewhere.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to waive any requirement that the resolution be read on two separate days. Roll call vote: Weidman, Aye; Connor, Aye; Bishop, Aye.

The Resolution "Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Effect a Governmental Electric Township Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, Directing the Hamilton County Board of Elections to Submit a Ballot Question to the Electors of Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-04 passed this 4th day of February, 2014

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8466 Blue Ash Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-05 passed this 4th day of February, 2014.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8474 Blue Ash Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-06 passed this 4th day of February, 2014.

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicle(s) in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle(s) by Implementing the Procedure Set Forth in Sections Sycamore Township Resolution Number 2012-14, and §§ 505.173, 505.85, and 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye

Resolution No. 2014-07 passed this 4th day of February, 2014

The resolution "Honoring the 2013 Moeller High School Football Team" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-08 passed this 4th day of February, 2014

**Purchase Orders over \$2,500**

Mr. Bickford presented the following Purchase Order for approval:

Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Co. Truck 31 replacement PTO & Pump \$3,784.54

The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Bishop.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session for Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Weidman and seconded by Trustee Bishop.

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

End regular session: 9:47 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:52 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:14 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:14 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee Weidman. Vote: All Aye.

End regular session: 10:14 a.m.

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Cliff W. Bishop, President

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Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

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Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Greg Bickford, Assistant Administrator  
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