

First Reading: October 7, 2010
Second Reading: Dispensed

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 75

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE NORTHEAST FIRE COLLABORATIVE FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND CONGRATULATING THE COLLABORATIVE FOR ITS RECOGNITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING

WHEREAS, local governments are under tremendous pressure to reduce operating costs, cooperate with neighboring jurisdictions and demonstrate tangible results to heavily-burdened taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, past attempts to consolidate fire and emergency medical services in Ohio have had limited success because of the civic importance of these services to each independent community and because of differences in service levels among jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, following a tragic and substantial structure fire in 2007 which involved multiple jurisdictions responding to the incident and which involved several firefighters becoming injured as a result of interdepartmental coordination and communication barriers, the fire chiefs of the City of Blue Ash, the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, the City of Sharonville and Sycamore Township formed the Northeast Fire Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fire Collaborative was formed by first-class fire departments which shared similar approaches to staffing, fireground safety, operations and risk management. These jurisdictions are therefore able to respond to the public with the resources and efficiencies of one larger agency and yet maintain their identity; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City of Mason joined the Northeast Fire Collaborative to enhance the overall resources and cooperation of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Fire Collaborative was recognized as one of seven organizations nominated for the 010 Fire Service Excellence Award at the International Fire Chiefs Association annual meeting held in Chicago in August.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the board commends the Sycamore Township EMS and Fire Department and its brethren agencies in the Northeast Fire Collaborative for its leadership in interagency cooperation and modeling the future of fire services in Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the Board hereby directs the Township Administrator to send notice of the Northeast Fire Collaborative's achievements to date to the Village's statehouse legislative delegation to remind our elected officials in Columbus of the efficiencies achieved by local governments and the importance of state assistance in making these direct serves to our shared constituents possible.

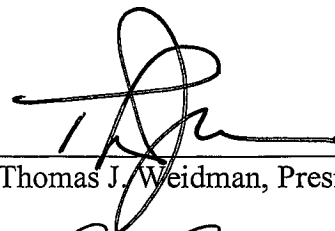
SECTION 3. The Trustees of Sycamore Township upon at least a majority vote do hereby dispense with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

VOTE RECORD:

Mr. Bishop YES Mr. Kent YES Mr. Weidman YES

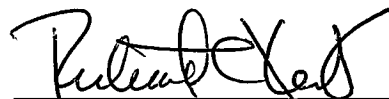
Passed at a meeting of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township this 7th day of October, 2010.



Thomas J. Weidman, President



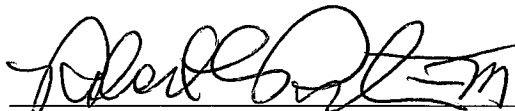
Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President



Richard C. Kent, Trustee


AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly passed and filed with the Township Fiscal Officer of Sycamore Township this 7th day of October, 2010.



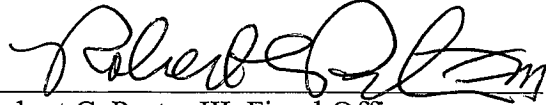
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
Sycamore Township, Ohio

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


R. Douglas Miller, Law Director

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that I have published this Resolution on _____ by posting in the five most public places as established by the Board of Township Trustees such places being the Sycamore Township Government Complex, Bob Meyer Park, Bechtold Park, the Robert L. Schuler Sports Complex, and the Clete McDaniel Sports Complex.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Porter III", written over a horizontal line.

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer