

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

April 4, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sycamore Township was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Zoning/Planning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks /Recreation Director McKeown, and Cpl. Sabers from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The invocation was given by Trustee Connor from Rev. Dr. Jess Abbott, Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Kenwood.

Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held March 13 and 15, 2012 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bishop moved to reject all RFP proposals and terminate the process, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Communication from: Greg Poe, 8954 Plainfield Road; asked about the Fire budget and where do we go from here.

Communication from: Tom Crowthers, 9055 Eldora Drive; was glad to hear that the Township did not accept bids, thanked the Trustees for the process and taking the heat. He agrees that we still need to make cuts and thinks that the Chief's salary should come from the general fund because his pension comes from there. He thinks that we have the right to set the hours of employees and cited the 2006 study – he suggests using less full-time employees and more part-time employees. He wants to open the contract up and go to an arbitrator.

Communication from: Kelby Thoreson, president of the Sycamore Township IAFF; asked Trustees to take the information off of the website.

Communication from: Craig Creighton, 3908 Limerick; wants the statement with "union" in it removed from the website. Argues over who wrote the rebuttal.

Communication from: Al Early, 8120 Glenmill Court; requested that we focus on the funding problem. He thinks that the Trustees should let the residents know if anyone can help out with the state budget and getting more money for helping with problems.

Trustee Weidman congratulated Tracy Kellums on 30 years of service to Sycamore Township.

Administrator Raabe presented the following purchase orders for approval:

EC Link	Internet Provider	\$3,300.00
Frey & Company	Accounting Software Support	\$3,984.92

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve a contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Trustee Weidman clarified that we will be keeping the sixteen contract cars as we currently have and will not increase patrols. Vote: All Aye.

The resolution "Setting Fees for Certain Zoning Matters" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispense with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2012-13 passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

The resolution "To Provide for the Removal of Junk Motor Vehicles in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispense with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2012-14 passed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

The Receipts and Disbursements of April 4, 2012 were read by the Fiscal Officer and are hereby made a part of these Minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor to pay these bills.  
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.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