

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

October 17, 2013

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

The invocation from Hartzell United Methodist Church was read by Superintendent Kellums.

Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held October 1 and 3, 2013 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

The Proclamation "Designating November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" was read by Trustee Weidman. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the Proclamation. Vote: All Aye.

Resident Sarah Tygrett, of High Point, expressed concerns about crime in that area. She stated that she owns four properties and that keeping tenants in them is difficult due to the drugs and crime in the area.

Resident Patricia Whittaker, 6th Avenue, complained that officers come and fill out reports but nothing seems to be done.

Resident Michael Bowling, also of High Point, said he sees drug activity in the neighborhood.

A resident from 11942 4th Avenue also expressed concerns about drug activity and has his concealed / carry permit.

Discussion continued with the residents in attendance about the property located at Fourth Avenue and Park Avenue. They state that there is a pile of debris that keeps being relocated. The Board directed the Township staff to look into the issue.

Lt. Ketteman stated that the Sheriff's office has police presence in High Point and there will be a Block Watch started in the area.

Lt. Ketteman reported that there will be extra patrols on Halloween from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lt. Ketteman also noted that the Sheriff's office is participating with the DEA for a drug take back program on October 26, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the District Three offices at 8871 Weekly Lane.

Chief Gerome reported that EMS runs are up 192 from last year and that fire runs are about the same as last year. Chief Gerome thanked Trustee Bishop for assistance with auto accident in the Township.

Mr. McKeown reported that he had met with Tape Products and they may be interested in allowing the Township to place a batting cage on their property. Mr. Bickford cautioned about the placement of the cage with respect to the required setbacks.

Mr. Kellums reported on electric switch overs on Kenwood Road stating that four to five would take place this week. He noted that leaf collection in the Township begins on Monday, October 21st.

Mr. Miller reported that he is continuing with the property acquisitions for the Kenwood Access Road.

Mr. Miller asked about Mr. Bickford's status. Mr. Bishop made a motion to appoint Mr. Bickford as Acting Administrator. Mr. Connor seconded. All voted Aye.

Mr. Bickford reported that he and Trustee Connor attended an MSD meeting regarding sanitary sewer problems. Mr. Bickford informed the Board that JEDZ collection was underway and that the grant information for Township residents working within a JEDZ was on the website.

Mr. Bickford said Mark Homan and Jason Seiler appreciated the Trustees' recognition for their success in the Snow Plow Rodeo.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township has the option to opt out of its contract with Cincyscape by November 1st. A motion was made to notify Cincyscape that Sycamore Township wishes to discontinue the contract by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

BPS Heating & Cooling	A/C Unit #3 Administration Building	\$3,300.00
TEC Engineering, Inc.	Kenwood Road Access	\$20,233.00
TEC Engineering, Inc.	Preliminary Design Kenwood Road	\$5,300.00

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

Mr. Bickford reported that zoning permit applications continue to be ahead of last year and are on pace to be the most since 2008.

Old Business:

A Resolution "Denying a Major Modification and Site Plan for Chantilas Cincy Properties LLC Real Estate" 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. 2013-164 passed this 17th day of October, 2013.

A Resolution "Denying a Major Modification and Site Plan for Premier Laser Spa in the Midland Atlantic Real Estate Development" 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. 2013-165 passed this 17th day of October, 2013.

New Business:

A Resolution "Approving Change Orders to a Contract for the Kenwood Road utility and Roadway Improvements Project" 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. 2013-166 passed this 17th day of October, 2013.

A Resolution “Adopting the Hamilton County 2013 Multi Hazard Mitigation Plan” 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. 2013-167 passed this 17th day of October, 2013.

A Resolution “Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor” 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. 2013-168 passed this 17th day of October, 2013.

Mr. Weidman read the schedule of events.

The Receipts and Disbursements of October 17, 2013 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. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept them.
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 7:46 p.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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