

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

November 7, 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 St. Saviour Church was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held October 15 and 17, 2013 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Lt. Ketteman reported on progress being made to start a Neighborhood Watch program in the High Point area. He stated that there were no incidents in the Township on Halloween. Lt. Ketteman also reported on a Meth Lab incident on Chaucer Drive and noted that the suspect had been caught.

Chief Gerome reported on a structure fire on Donna Lane caused by faulty wiring. Chief Gerome also gave an update on plans for the funeral for Lt. Mike Hill to take place Monday, November 11th.

Mr. McKeown reported that the Township's fields are now closed for the season. He stated that the Schuler Community Room is seeing higher usage and has many future bookings already set up.

Mr. Kellums congratulated Mr. Bishop and Mr. Weidman on their success in the election. He reported that Township Maintenance crews had received snow and ice removal training in Mason. Mr. Kellums reported that the base coating for asphalt, concrete work, and restoration have all been completed on the Kenwood Road project. Landscaping will take place next year. He added that adjustments to man holes would take place this week and final asphalt work will be next week.

Mr. Miller reported that the real estate matters are progressing. He noted that the Sycamore Township CIC would meet on November 19th at 10 a.m.

Mr. Bickford reported that Integrys is getting close to locking in our natural gas rate for the season. It should be below .49 per CCF which is lower than Duke's expected .52 per CCF. He said the Township is working on a potential Electric Aggregation rate.

Mr. Bickford said construction of the new tower at the Jewish Hospital is set to begin later in 2014. Currently the interior corridors are being moved to accommodate the future tower.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township is looking into electric rates for the Township buildings and street lighting. Mr. Weidman suggested looking into Eagle Energy.

Mr. Porter read the following communications:

A communication from: Elizabeth Yanakos thanking the Sycamore Township Fire Department for their response to a fire at her home on August 6, 2013.

A communication from Jeff Chitwood, Coach of Landmark, to Mike McKeown for two well-kept fields saying he was proud to call Schuler Park their home field.

New Business:

A Resolution “Approving a Proposal for Ground Care Services for Township Parks, Grounds, and Rights of Way” 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. 2013-173 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Authorizing and Directing the Township Administration to Immediately Proceed with the Economic Development Plan for the Sycamore Township JEDZ Kenwood – Central Joint Economic Development Zone” 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. 2013-174 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Authorizing and Directing the Township Administration to Immediately Proceed with the Economic Development Plan for the Sycamore Township JEDZ Kenwood – East Joint Economic Development Zone” 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. 2013-175 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Authorizing and Directing the Township Administration to Immediately Proceed with the Economic Development Plan for the Sycamore Township JEDZ Kenwood – Southwest Joint Economic Development Zone” 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. 2013-176 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Approving a Contract for Employee Insurance Benefits” 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. 2013-177 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Authorizing a Contract for Remodeling of the Kitchen in the South Fire Station” 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. 2013-178 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

A Resolution “Approving a Change Order 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. 2013-179 passed this 7th day of November, 2013.

The JEDZ contract with Deer Park was approved by voters on Tuesday, November 5th. Mr. Bickford said the first board meeting will be set up after the election is certified later in November.

The Receipts and Disbursements of November 7, 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 7:21 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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