

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio May 31, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were, President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford and Parks/Recreation Director McKeown. Lt. Reid and Superintendent Kellums were absent.

Internet Café Update – Mr. Miller informed the Board that the time period for the Internet Café moratorium is up that a resolution needs to be prepared. Mr. Bickford has the verbiage for the resolution and will submit a copy to Mr. Miller.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that the Festival preparations were on track and that both Jewish Hospital and Kenwood Towne Center (Habitat for Humanity) requested booths. The Car Show is generating lots of excitement and participants will be able to pre-register or register the day of the event. Jim LaBarbara will be one of the DJs and live music will begin at 3:00 p.m. Doug Miller reported that the liquor license is ready for the concert. A discussion regarding the rainout of the first concert ensued on how to best handle notifying the public. There will be new signage made that can be erected the next time this happens and the website and telephone messages will be updated immediately.

Trustee Bishop requested a list of all events be sent to the all Trustee's email addresses.

Firemen at the North Fire Station reported seeing a gentleman steal the coyote decoy from Schuler Field. He had Michigan plates and was staying with relatives in High Point. He was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid was absent, however, he had previously phoned in that there was no new information to report.

Upcoming Public Hearing – Mr. Bickford reported that there will be a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th, 2011 concerning the First Financial Bank request on the outparcel at Redstone. This will be a major adjustment concerning the color and placement of yellow on the building façade. A lengthy discussion ensued over various color and traffic flow options.

Kenwood Road Traffic Light – Bid Results – Mr. Bickford reported that the bid results for the Kenwood Road Traffic Light were in and Mr. Miller was reviewing them. The contract might possibly be awarded at next Thursday night's Trustee meeting if everything is in order. The public portion of the contract listed either Prus or Adleta as low bid and the private side of the contract had Welsh as low bid. Bid estimates were coming in at approximately \$250,000.00.

Trustee Weidman interjected that the Memorial Day Parade went well and Bechtold Park looked nice. He commented that virtually all of the Sheriff's Officers involved were volunteers. The route change this year seemed to have afforded fewer participants. Silverton mentioned that they would like to do the old route and several Veterans voiced the same opinion. It was recommended that next year all participants/communities meet earlier in the year (March 1st) to better coordinate the event.

Nuisance Properties – One property was presented for nuisance violations (excessive vegetation and debris removal) by Mr. Bickford:

- 12092 Seventh Avenue

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12092 Seventh Avenue” 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. 2011-28 passed this 31st day of May, 2011.

Mr. Bickford informed the Board that six or seven properties were scheduled to be cut this week.

Trustee Weidman voiced concern over an abandoned house on Plainfield (near Sycamore) located on the west side of the road, where there were high weeds. Mr. Bickford assured Mr. Weidman that it will be checked out by our Zoning Department.

Maintenance Department Update - Mr. Kellums was absent, however, he had previously phoned in that there was no new information to report.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions from the Board on Invoices or Purchase Requests and were approved as presented.

The Chief reported that the construction crane at Kenwood Towne Place was coming down and being moved to another job location.

The Chief informed the Board about the inability of the current Jaws-Of-Life Cutters to cut through the new boron composite roll cages in vehicles. Boron is lighter and stronger so it gives the vehicle cages more strength without adding weight but it is tougher for the blades to cut through. He recommended purchasing two new cutter units for a total cost of \$10,876.00 after the trade-in allowance of \$10,000.00; this purchase is TIF-eligible. A motion to purchase the cutters was provided by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Jetter requested the Board to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract with Mobilcomm for the repeaters at a cost of \$14,961.60. A motion to approve renewal was provided by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Jetter informed the Board that the research project at U.C. was complete and a presentation would be forthcoming. He also stated that the Fire Department had been denied a Hazmat Grant.


Sycamore Senior Center Donation Request – Mr. Raabe informed the Board that Joshua Howard, Center Director for the Sycamore Senior Center, would be attending the next Trustee Meeting to accept the annual donation from the Township of \$25,000; he had been unable to attend the past meeting due to illness.

Mr. Raabe also informed the Board that he had spoken with retired Trustee Dick Kent concerning potential dates for his retirement dinner and would be forwarding them to the Trustees.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – There were no purchase orders over \$2,500.00.

Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



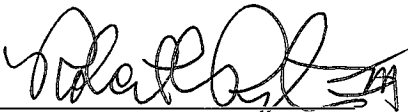
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