

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio January 17, 2012

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 Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown (absent), and Sheriff Liaison Lt. Reid.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown was absent due to an emergency. Mr. Raabe reported for him that in a meeting with the Car Show group, they mentioned that moving the Car Show date up a week might be prudent in order not to conflict with another show. Mr. McKeown will fill in the details when available.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid reminded the Board that the Driving Angels Program will take place January 28th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Schuler Community Room. He also stated that the Hamilton County Sheriff's annual report would be out soon but initial data indicated that calls for service went up 4% county-wide for the 2011 year (over 34,000 runs) and district-wide car accidents were up to 2300. He will bring a complete analysis when the report is officially released.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions or comments from the Board and they were approved as presented. Chief Jetter informed the Board that the computer request memo was no longer needed since LanRM had come up with a potential fix for the problem at a much-reduced rate.

Chief Jetter supplied the Board with a written quote for putting a pump on the ladder truck. They are not currently taking trade-ins. A new truck would run approximately \$943,000. Our current truck might be worth approximately \$550,000. The changeover would cost approximately \$475,000.

Nuisance Property – Mr. Bickford discussed problems with evictions and debris consequently being tossed into the right of way (R.O.W.) by landlords/owners. The owner will place the material in the R.O.W. for possible pickup by the former tenant but the tenant may not come by to pick it up. He suggests creating a home ordinance rule that states after a set number of hours of being placed in the R.O.W., the Township will come by and pick up the material and backcharge the owner. Attorney Miller will look into setting up the mechanism on how to proceed.

Mr. Bickford then presented the following two nuisance properties: 8461 St. Clair Avenue and 3719 Mantell Avenue.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8461 St. Clair Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2012-05 passed this 17th day of January 2012.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3719 Mantell Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2012-06 passed this 17th day of January 2012.

Recycling Report – Mr. Kellums read the Annual Report from the Hamilton County Solid Waste District. This included \$16,271.79 received by the Township in 2011. Approximately 575 tires were recycled as well as 2,982 computers/equipment. The drop-off recycling program has been well-received and participation is increasing. Mr. Kellums is also looking into other ways to increase participation in the residential curb-side recycling program.

Trustee Meeting Time Change – Mr. Raabe reminded the Board that the Thursday night meeting was being moved from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. He mentioned that several meeting participants thought the 6:00 p.m. time slot would be an excellent permanent change for future meetings. Discussion of moving the meeting time ensued and the Board will take it under advisement.

Update/Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe presented one purchase order for approval:

Alleen Rents	Chairs, tents, etc. for Festival	\$4,908.45
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A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Schedule – Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

Executive Session –A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition.
Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

The Board adjourned for a quick break at 9:26 a.m.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:33 a.m.

The executive session adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator

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