

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**September 3, 2013**

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, Planning/Zoning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Gerome, and Lt. Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Attorney Rob Butler was present for Law Director Miller. Law Director Miller and Superintendent Kellums were excused.

**Drake Motel**

Lt. Butler reported that Judge Cooper has issued a permanent injunction on the Drake Motel Property. The owner and occupants of the property were ordered to vacate the premises by today and may not return. The ruling also permanently prohibits a hotel from ever operating on the property again. The owner may appeal the order to vacate after one year, but even if successful the property will be unable to be used as a hotel.

**Transfer of Equipment**

Lt. Butler requested the transfer of various firearms / weapons to the Sheriff's office from the Township. The Sheriff will oversee maintenance of the equipment. Lt. Butler reported that Symmes and Columbia are in the process of passing their resolutions this week and Anderson Township has already approved their transfer.

The resolution "Providing for Sale of Equipment to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office" 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. 2013-141 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

Lt. Butler introduced Lt. Chris Ketteman who will become the new District Three Commander later this month.

**Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the golf outing had receipts of over \$7,000 and requested that the presentation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation be made at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Trustees meeting.

Mr. McKeown reported that the athletic fields in the Township are being fully utilized this fall by various organizations.

**Fire Purchase Requests / Invoices**

Chief Gerome presented the purchase requests and invoices. All were approved.

Chief Gerome stated that there have been ten new part time hires in the past month and that there are also three verbal commitments. He also reported that Medic 292 has responded to 17 runs for service that would have been mutual aid in the past.

**Hosbrook Road**

Mr. Bickford reported that final plans are underway for the widening of Hosbrook Road and the project could begin next year.

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that the Hosbrook Road Calming study should be considered for construction at the same time.

The Board directed Mr. Kellums to provide an inventory of what items the sidewalks that could be installed along Hosbrook Road could displace.

Mr. Bickford will coordinate with the Steering Committee and prepare the necessary public hearings to discuss the construction and implementation of the study recommendations.

Mr. Weidman requested that Mr. Bickford report to the Board the options for the official dedication of Ronald Reagan Drive.

### **Community Improvement Corporation**

Mr. Bickford reported that the CIC is in the process of getting setup to handle income and disbursements and that the grant forms for Township residents who work in the JEDZ will be ready by October 1, 2013.

Mr. Weidman requested that a CIC Board meeting be set up to go over the rebate as well as replace the vacancy on the Board.

### **Metro Plus**

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that Metro has had requests for a metro plus stop at Jewish hospital. The Board is concerned that a stop on Kenwood Road could impair traffic.

### **Nuisance Properties and Vehicle**

Mr. Bickford presented the following properties for weed cutting and debris removal:

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8950 Rossash Road 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. 2013-142 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8991 Plainfield Road 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. 2013-143 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8475 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. 2013-144 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

Mr. Bickford presented the following Junk Vehicle Resolution:

The resolution “Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicle(s) in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle(s) by Implementing the Procedure Set Forth in Sections Sycamore Township Resolution Number 2012-14, and §§ 505.173, 505.85, and 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code” 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. 2013-145 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2013.

**Purchase Orders over \$2,500**

Mr. Bickford presented the following:

US Bank Operations Center	\$215,438.58	Quantum Chemical/Kemper Road TIF Payment
US Bank Operations Center	\$250,519.85	TIF Reimbursement to Port Authority
Sycamore Board of Education	\$83,917.28	TIF School Payment
Deer Park Community School	\$253,675.01	TIF School Payment
Indian Hill Exempted Vil.	\$1,860,832.82	TIF School Payment
Princeton City Schools	\$77,017.12	TIF School Payment

**Schedule** - The schedule of upcoming events was read by Trustee Weidman.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to enter into a consulting agreement with Mr. Raabe ending January 31, 2014. All voted Yes.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session for Property Acquisition and Collective Bargaining** was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor.

Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:27 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:30 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:00 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:00 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

End regular session: 10:01 a.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

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Greg Bickford, Assistant Administrator