

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
February 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Planning/Zoning Director/Acting Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Interim Fire Chief Penny, and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Patrol Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that there have been several calls for service to the Drake Motel due to vandalism because the structure is not properly secured. Mr. Miller stated that he and Chief Penny will review the ORC and Mr. Bickford will review the judgment entry to see what remedies are available to the Township or County.

Lt. Ketteman reported that they have been working diligently to remove the vagrants from the Highway ramps and reminded the public not to "feed" money to them.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township received a letter from Mr. Chico Thomas' insurance company stating he did not have coverage on the vehicle that was involved in the Interstate 71 crash in January against car 153. Mr. Miller said he would coordinate with Mr. Thomas to get the repair reimbursed.

The Board directed Lt. Ketteman to obtain a second estimate for the repair of Car 153.

Mr. Bickford reported that estimates were received for two new SUV police cruisers and two new ALPR machines. The cost of the SUV cruisers, including additional equipment will not exceed \$62,000 total and the cost of the ALPR machines is \$13,750 each.

Mr. Miller confirmed that Tax Increment Financing can be used to purchase these vehicles.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to purchase the police vehicles and ALPR machines when the insurance issues have been worked out. All Voted, Yes.

Disposition of Property

Chief Penny reported that Q93 need an emergency brake repair.

Chief Penny requested to dispose of the old Station 92 stove by listing it on the Hamilton County Auction website.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution for Thursday. All Voted, Yes.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that shelter rentals for 2014 are going fast in all parks and that all athletic fields are nearing 100% usage reservations.

Mr. McKeown reported that North Sycamore has discontinued baseball, but still has the soccer program and will continue to run the concession stand at McDaniel Park for soccer events. Mount Notre Dame will play home softball games at McDaniel Park and Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy will use some of the baseball fields.

Mr. McKeown also reported that the play equipment at McDaniel is near the end of life and should be replaced in the next few years.

Mr. Weidman asked about the status of the camera project in all the parks. Mr. Bickford reported that it was on hold. The Board directed Mr. Kellums and Mr. Bickford to bring the project back to the forefront and present a time frame for completion.

Hartzell Access Agreement

Mr. Kellums reported on the status of the Hartzell Access agreement. The outstanding issues that remain are the status of a perpetual easement that runs with the land and the pro-ration of payments. Mr. Miller will revise the contract and present it to Hartzell.

No Parking Resolutions

Mr. Kellums requested no parking zones in the following subdivisions and streets due to the public safety hazards that on street parking causes: Kenwood Acres subdivision, Winfield subdivision, and Wexford Avenue.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Mr. Miller to prepare the necessary resolutions for Thursday. All Voted, Yes.

Mr. Bishop asked about the status of the “no parking” lane on Plainfield Road. Mr. Kellums stated he would follow up again with the County Engineer.

Nuisance Properties

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8900 Blossom Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-17 passed this 18th day of February, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8987 Plainfield Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-18 passed this 18th day of February, 2014.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

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| Wurzelbacher Staging, Inc. | Staging for 2014 Festival | \$3,800.00 |
| US Bank. | Debt Service Kemper Rd/Quantum Chem. | \$215,438.57 |
| CWW | Utilities - Admin | \$9,000.00 |
| Carmaleen Kissel | Festival Rides 2014 | \$10,000.00 |
| Ohio CAT | Repairs Quint 93 | \$4,846.65 |

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

Mr. Bishop asked Chief Penny if there were any issues with fire trucks navigating Estermarie Drive and Donna Lane. Chief Penny stated those streets and intersections do not pose a problem.

Mr. Weidman stated LCA Vision had been sold and asked Mr. Bickford if he had heard the plans for the existing office building. Mr. Bickford stated that based on the fact that LCA is applying to the Board of Zoning Appeals to put up an “EYE” sign on the building, he believes that they are there to stay.

Mr. Bickford addressed the parking situation between LCA vision and Sycamore Plaza. There is an easement agreement that exists between the two and the existing medical offices are included and permitted in the parking count. If the basement is converted to medical offices, then a new parking analysis would be required.

Schedule

The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Bishop.

Mr. Weidman made a motion to determine that the **Executive Session for Economic Development Assistance** is necessary to protect the applicant, possible investment, and the public expenditure of funds.

Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman, Aye; Connor, Aye; Bishop, Aye.

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

Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman, Aye; Connor, Aye; Bishop, Aye.

End regular session: 9:47 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:58 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:32 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:30 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:32 a.m.

Cliff W. Bishop, President

Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Assistant Administrator
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