

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
December 16, 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, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown and Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that there was a heroin overdose by a phlebotomist at Jewish Hospital last week. The Chief requested for direction on how to dispose of the old staff car and suggested the Hamilton County Surplus Auction site. Mr. Miller stated he would need to prepare a resolution with the year, make, model and VIN.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that there were over 1,100 details in November and we are on pace for over 12,000 for the year. There have been over 700 automobile accidents in Sycamore Township so far in 2014. Mr. Bishop asked about the number of incidents at the Kenwood Towne Centre so far this holiday season. Lt. Ketteman reported that shoplifting is very heavy.

Lt. Ketteman reported that aggressive panhandling continues to be an issue and the Sheriff's Office is addressing it.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that Luminaria went well and the sponsors (IGA, Dillonvale Shoppes, and Bethel Baptist Church) were pleased with the event.

Mr. McKeown reported that Brownsville Station is available for the Festival at a cost of \$5,000. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to offer Friday night to Brownsville Station for \$5,000. All voted yes.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that leaf season is ending this week and the crews are doing a final sweep. After the leaves are finished, snow preparation will begin.

Sidewalks are being poured on Hosbrook Road and that work will continue, weather permitting, since it is out of the roadway. Mr. Kellums reported that there is a water main leak on Hosbrook Road and Waterworks will get to it when they have time. The leak was reported two weeks ago.

Mr. Kellums stated he is working with the County on getting Ronald Reagan Drive and American Way formally dedicated.

Mr. Kellums reported he is looking into salt dome options to insure the Township is able to deal with shortages and cost hikes. Amberley Village has approached the Township about the potential of a combined salt dome and Mr. Kellums says he is looking into it.

Solid Waste District

Mr. Bickford presented an opportunity to join other Townships in studying the formation of a solid waste district to lower costs for all residents. Mr. Bickford stated the study will be done at no cost to the Township by the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District and the Township is under no obligation to form a district when the study is complete.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution to be included in the study. All voted yes.

Upcoming Public Hearing

Mr. Bickford advised the Board of the upcoming Traffic Calming Study public hearing.

Nuisance Property and Vehicle Resolutions

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8551 Vorhees Lane, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-158 passed this 16th day of December, 2014.

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)" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-159 passed this 16th day of December, 2014.

Year End Resolutions Reconciling Budgets

The resolution "Authorizing and Directing Transfer of Funds to Reconcile Budgets and Appropriations" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-160 passed this 16th day of December, 2014.

The resolution "Reconciling Budgets and Appropriations" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-161 passed this 16th day of December, 2014.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase order for approval:

Capital Electric Line Builders Traffic Monitoring Camera Project \$4,263.50

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. All voted yes.

Schedule

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

Mr. Miller requested a Community Improvement Corporation meeting, Mr. Bickford stated it would be scheduled for December 30, 2014 at 10 a.m.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to cancel the regular January 1st Trustee Meeting. All voted yes.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining** was made by Trustee Bishop. Mr. Porter called the role.

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

End regular session: 9:37 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:40 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:17 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:18 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:18 a.m.

Cliff W. Bishop, President

Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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