

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
May 3, 2016

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 Bickford, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown and Fire Chief Penny. Superintendent Kellums and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office were excused.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that the fire department has been training with other area departments in the Kenwood Collection and the new Jewish Hospital addition. The Chief also reported that the foam fire system on the Jewish Hospital helipad is about to begin testing.

Sheriff Department Update

Mr. Bickford reported that Lt. Ketteman stated that the April statistics would be out in the next two weeks.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that the McDaniel Playground has been installed and is just waiting on mulch which the Township is doing in house.

Mr. McKeown reported that the policy of requiring a renter of a Township facility naming the Township as an insured is causing us to lose rentals.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township is covered if a renter damages our property, subject to our deductible and that the Township is protected from liability should someone get hurt on our property, subject to the deductible.

Bid Opening Results Curb and Sidewalk Project

Mr. Bickford reported the bid results:

R.A. Miller Construction	\$557,330.00
Prus Construction	\$458,050.00
Adleta Construction	\$489,490.00

Mr. Miller stated a resolution would be prepared for Thursday.

Duke Easement

Mr. Bickford reported that the County owned properties at Montgomery and Galbraith are being transferred to the Township this week. The Township will then grant an easement to Duke Energy for the Galbraith Road underground project.

Duke Energy Gas Main Project

Mr. Bickford reported that a letter outlining the Township's concerns regarding the proposed gas distribution line is being prepared.

Workers' Compensation

Mr. Bickford presented a proposal from CompManagement for Workers Compensation services. The proposal could save the Township over \$8,000 and up to as much as \$12,000 per year.

The Board directed Mr. Bickford to verify the savings and if accurate to make the switch.

Township Property

Mr. Bickford presented a revised proposal to re-configure the Township lot in front of the Trader Joe's Development. The board declined to approve the reconfiguration because the existing mature buffer would be destroyed.

Nuisance Properties

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8314 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. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-55 passed this 3rd day of May, 2016.

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 6298 Euclid 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. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-56 passed this 3rd day of May, 2016.

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12020 5th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-57 passed this 3rd day of May, 2016.

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7446 East Kemper Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-58 passed this 3rd day of May, 2016.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported that the continued public hearings will be taken up at the Thursday regular meeting that beings at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Bickford stated that the applicant for Mattress Firm has not submitted an updated access plan and Mr. Holbert has verified the square footage of the proposed burger restaurant request and it appears they do not meet the parking requirement due to using the basement as storage.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

US Bank	Redstone Interest Payment Bonds Series 2007	\$152,743.75
US Bank	Various Purpose Bonds Interest Series 2009	\$87,543.75
US Bank	KW Mall Bonds Interest Series 2007B	\$36,650.00
US Bank	Interest Road Improvement Bonds Series 2010	\$36,925.00
Blanket Vendor	Fire Department Travel & Training	\$5,000.00
Blanket Vendor	Fire Department Uniforms	\$8,860.54
Blanket Vendor	Fire Department Vehicles	\$37,750.00
Huntington National Bank	Kemper Goldcoast Deerfield Interest	\$39,300.00

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

Schedule

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Weidman. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:45 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:50 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:05 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:05 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:05 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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