

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**

**February 28, 2017**

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

#### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported that he is working with the vendor on the new truck. The Chief also reported that he will have updated statistics at the Thursday meeting.

#### **Sheriff Department Update**

Lt. Ketteman reported on a robbery at Bonnie Lynn Bakery in which the suspects got away with \$150 in cash. The Sheriff's Office has a lead on a potential suspect.

#### **Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the Schuler batting cage is almost complete and will be ready for use in the next two weeks. He also reported that he has the contracts for the bands ready to go and requested a resolution for the Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Meeting.

Mr. McKeown reported that Kids First Sports Center will be a platinum sponsor for the 2017 Festival in Sycamore.

#### **Maintenance Update**

Mr. Kellums reported that the lowest bidder for the Donna and Estermarie project was Ford Development at a price of \$826,026.60. The bid was approximately \$150,000 under the estimate.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract for the Donna Lane and Estermarie Drive Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-16 passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

Mr. Kellums reported that bids for phase two of the Montgomery Road sidewalk project will be opened on March 9th and bids for the 2017 road program will be opened on March 10th.

Mr. Kellums stated that all utility companies are now working on Galbraith Road.

Mr. Bickford reported that the note for the road project will be issued to the Township in May and the rate will be favorable due to the Township maintaining the Aa2 credit rating.

Mr. Kellums reported that AJ Beach started this week with the maintenance department.

**Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Project – Access to Schuler Park**

Mr. Bickford reported that Duke Energy has requested access to Schuler Park in order to conduct a soil boring sample near the walking trail along I-275.

Mr. Kellums stated a machine like the one they want to use will severely damage the walking trail and soccer fields.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to deny grant access to Duke Energy for the requested soil boring. All voted yes.

**Resident Concerns, Building Height**

Mr. Holbert presented a petition from homeowners in the Glenover Subdivision requesting the Township lower the maximum building height for single family residential structures. Mr. Bickford stated that a special district could be created for that area that would address the neighbors’ concerns but would not apply to the rest of the Township. He also stated that something similar was done in Concord Hills to create the A35 district. In that case, over 99% of the homeowners requested the change. The Board directed Mr. Holbert to work with the neighborhood to see how many really want to request the change and the Board would consider acting on it pending more neighborhood feedback.

**Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford reported on the currently scheduled public hearings. He indicated that he was of the opinion that the Montgomery Road zone change should proceed as scheduled, however, if the Board felt more information was needed, it could be continued. He noted the residents are planning to show up in large numbers, therefore, postponement of the hearing the day before is not recommended.

**Nuisance Property – 8682 Darnell Ave.**

The resolution “Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8682 Darnell 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. 2017-17 passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

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

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Blanket Vendor	Partitions / Carpet	\$14,500.00
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A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve this request. Vote: Connor: Yes, Bishop: Yes, Weidman: No.

Mr. Miller stated the ESID resolution would be presented Thursday night and recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Bickford to the Board. Mr. Bickford would then appoint the second Township representative.

Mr. Kellums reported the residents concerned about the McCauly traffic issue are requesting 50% as a threshold for one of the calming options. Mr. Kellums recommends that it stay at 70%.

**Schedule**

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

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

End regular session: 10:04 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, Administrator

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