

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

April 4, 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, Zoning Administrator Holbert and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Fire Chief Penny was excused.

Fire Department Update

Mr. Bickford reported that Chief Penny is recovering from surgery and will be out for a few weeks. In his absence, Captain Cooper will be handling the administrative duties.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that the new vehicles will be in service soon. He also reported that there has been an increase in the number of car accidents in the past couple of weeks.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that new soccer goals have been ordered for McDaniel Park and that he and Mr. Reutelshofer will be in the park this week to see what needs repaired or upgraded. He specifically mentioned the tables at the pavilion as well as the roof on the pavilion needing work.

Mr. McKeown reported that the picnic tables in High Point Park have been destroyed and there is graffiti on the shelter. He stated that the Township would look into grants for park improvements.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums requested a no parking / fire lane resolution on the north side of Largo Drive which is the fire hydrant side. The roadway is narrow and vehicles have a hard time passing through the road when cars are parked on both sides creating a dangerous situation. Mr. Miller stated he would have a resolution for the Board's consideration on Thursday evening, April 6th.

Mr. Kellums reported that he had reviewed the submitted RFQ's for the Township gateway project and has recommended three for further consideration. RFQ's submitted by CT Consultants, Kleingers Engineering, and Carpenter Marty were presented to the Board. The Board requested electronic copies of the proposals so they may review them in detail.

American Way Sign

Mr. Bickford presented three concepts for the American Way sign that were discussed during the right-of-way acquisition stage. The Board recommended moving forward with "option d."

Mr. Miller asked if the Board was inclined to charge rent for the sign and who would be permitted to do the installation. He also stated that there were preliminary discussions on a reduction in the right-of-way costs from the BRG Group if a sign was permitted, but there was never anything put in writing. The Board directed Mr. Miller to work with the BRG Group to come up with an equitable solution to the sign.

Medical Marijuana

Mr. Bickford stated that the State of Ohio is preparing for medical marijuana legalization and the Board must decide what, if anything, they want to do to regulate it as permitted by the ORC.

Mr. Bickford reported that he has spoken to the President of Jewish Hospital and nothing the Township does would prevent the hospital from dispensing it as in-patient. Mr. Weidman advised the Board that he will reach out to Tri-Health to see what a ban would do for their medical practice since the new facility has a retail pharmacy located in it.

Mr. Miller stated that he has several examples of other community legislation that can be used as a model.

Nuisance Properties and Vehicles

The resolution “Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 11962 4th 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. 2017-35 passed this 4th day of April, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-36 passed this 4th day of April, 2016.

The resolution “Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12093 6th 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. 2017-37 passed this 4th day of April, 2017.

The resolution “Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12164 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. 2017-38 passed this 4th day of April, 2017.

The resolution “Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12131 1st 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. 2017-39 passed this 4th day of April, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-40 passed this 4th day of April, 2016.

Mr. Holbert reported that he will be meeting with the City of Cincinnati for guidance on how they deal with put out evictions. Mr. Miller stated he would look into home rule options for assessing property owners who do not clean up the property after an eviction.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford advised the Board of the annual Sycamore Township Community Improvement Corporation meeting, Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bickford also advised the Board of the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. for Zoning Case 2017-05P2. He also advised the Board that the hearing requested by the Drake Motel site owners would be moved to another day since they are still preparing drawings for the redevelopment of the site.

Mr. Bishop requested that the Township reach out to other communities to see if they are interested in participating in the Day of Pray with the Township.

Schedule

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

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

End regular session 10:09 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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