

First Reading: August 19, 2025  
Second Reading: Dispensed

**RESOLUTION 2025 - 068**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF  
SCHROEDER, MAUNDRELL, BARBIERE & POWERS AS LEGAL COUNSEL  
AND LAWRENCE E. BARBIERE, AN ATTORNEY WITH SCHROEDER,  
MAUNDRELL, BARBIERE & POWERS, AS THE TOWNSHIP LAW DIRECTOR  
AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township wishes to contract with the law firm of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers as legal counsel and Lawrence E. Barbieri of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers as Law Director of Sycamore Township:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** The attached contract between Sycamore Township and the law firm of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers to handle such matters which may arise from time to time for which the provision of legal counsel and advice is necessary is hereby approved. The Township Administrator is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Board.

**SECTION 2.** That the Board finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

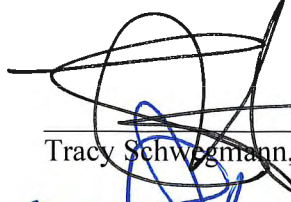
**SECTION 3.** The Trustees of Sycamore Township upon at least a majority vote do hereby dispense with any requirement that this Resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this Resolution upon its first reading.

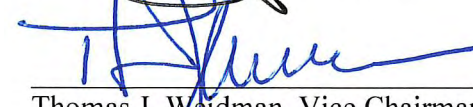
**SECTION 4.** This Resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law

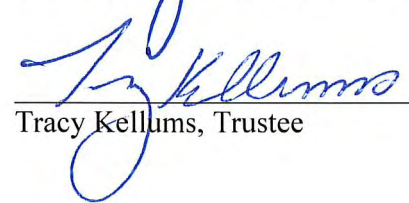
**VOTE RECORD:**

Mr. Kellums Aye      Ms. Schwegmann Aye      Mr. Weidman Aye

**PASSED** at the meeting of the Board of Township Trustees this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

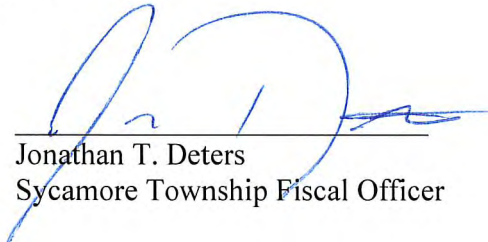
  
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Tracy Schwegmann, Chairman

  
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Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman

  
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Tracy Kellums, Trustee

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed and filed with the Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

  
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Jonathan T. Deters  
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Lawrence E. Barbieri, Law Director

## CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

This Contract is entered into this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025, by and between the *Board of Trustees of Sycamore Township* (hereinafter "Sycamore Township"), and *Lawrence E. Barbieri*.

Whereas, Sycamore Township has adopted the limited home rule form of government for Sycamore Township pursuant to Chapter 504 of the Ohio Revised Code by resolution; and,

Whereas, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §504.15, Sycamore Township is required to hire a Law Director to advise the Township, its officials and employees as set forth in the statute; and

Whereas, Sycamore Township is desirous of entering into a contract with Lawrence E. Barbieri of the law firm Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers (SMBP) to serve as full time Law Director, and Barbieri is desirous of serving as the Law Director for Sycamore Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. Lawrence E. Barbieri will serve as Law Director for Sycamore Township, and will give legal advice to the Board of Trustees, Administrator and all other township officers and handle the legal matters for Sycamore Township at the direction of the Board. Barbieri may from time to time be assisted by other attorneys of SMBP in performing his duties.

2. Lawrence Barbieri and other attorneys of the law firm of Schroeder, Maundrell, Barbieri & Powers will be paid \$200 per hour and paralegals and legal assistants will be paid \$100 per hour for all legal work performed on behalf of Sycamore

Township. The maximum amount of legal expense per year, pursuant to this Contract, is \$130,000. Invoices will be submitted each month in billing increments of 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an hour which will describe the services provided and any expenses advanced.

3. This contract can be terminated by either party with or without cause upon sixty (60) days written notice. The term of this contract shall be for three (3) years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Sycamore Township Board of Trustees and Lawrence E. Barbieri have hereunto set their hands this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

**SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Greg Bickford

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*L.E. Barbieri*

Lawrence E. Barbieri