

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Weidman.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Weidman, Vice Chairman Schwegmann, Trustee Kellums, Fiscal Officer Deters, James Barbieri from the Law Director's Office, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Reutelshofer, Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter, Fire Chief Penny, and Lt. Tarr from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The invocation was read by Mr. Kellums.

Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the April 2, 2024 CDBG Public Hearing Minutes

The April 2, 2024 CDBG Public Hearing minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a motion to accept them, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Approval of the April 2, 2024 Trustee Meeting Minutes

The April 2, 2024 Trustee Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a motion to accept them, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Public Comments

Mr. Brian Haigh, of 4106 Jud Drive, addressed the Board about the government's high cost, saying we need smaller local governments. He spoke about getting rid of home rule zoning in the Township and allowing the County to control the zoning. Mr. Haigh expressed his views about the need to repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

Ms. Christine Madden, 7832 Finley Lane, addressed the Board regarding the proposed sidewalk improvements on Finley Lane. She stated that her house is the only one affected by the project, which would come 13 feet into her property.

Mr. Lekbir Elbarhmi, owner of 11962 4th Avenue, and Mr. Daniel Kilan, of 730 Riddle Cincinnati, OH 45220, addressed the Board requesting a timeline and checklist for restoring the recently purchased property to an acceptable condition.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Lt. Tarr reported a second canine team has recently been added to District Three.

EMS/Fire Report

Chief Penny reported that interviews were conducted to fill the full-time position vacated by a recent retirement, and the department has selected current part-timer Jacob Blackburn. He said Mr. Blackburn was offered the recruit salary, and the department is waiting for his physical exam and background check to be completed.

Chief Penny reported that the department's part-time fire inspector resigned and that he is looking for a replacement.

Planning & Zoning Report

Mr. Uckotter reported with the warm weather and growing grass, the Planning & Department has issued about 20 tall grass violations so far this week. He reported the building that was burned on 5th Avenue was razed.

Mr. Uckotter stated he had resolutions for the Board's consideration for the property located at 12060 7th Avenue. He said the nuisance property resolution for this property was tabled on March 19th because the owners requested more time to take advantage of the Trash Bash to dispose of items on the property. Mr. Uckotter said Mr. Clark reminded the property owners of the Trash Bash, but they failed to clean the property.

Resolution – 12060 7th Avenue Nuisance Property

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12060 7th Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45249" was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution dispensing with a second reading. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-035 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Mr. Uckotter stated two trucks on the property appear to be in non-working order. He said the resolution would be to notify the owner that the vehicles would be removed if they were not proven to be in good working order.

Resolution – 12060 7th Avenue Nuisance Vehicles

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicles in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicles for the Property Located at 12060 7th Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45249 by Implementing the Procedures Set Forth in Sycamore Township Resolution 2012-14, and Sections §§ 505.173, 505.85, and 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code" was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution dispensing with a second reading. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-036 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Ms. Schwegmann stated she noticed progress on the future Tire Discounters space where the old Tire Discounters and Graeter's were located.

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

Mr. Reutelshofer reported the document shredding for residents will be on Saturday, April 20th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the South Trash Bash will take place at Bechtold Park on April 26th and 27th.

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Euclid Ave. Sidewalk Improvements

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Euclid Ave. Sidewalk Improvements and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Reutelshofer. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-037 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Finley Lane Sidewalk Improvements

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Finley Lane Sidewalk Improvements and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Reutelshofer. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Kellums stated that the Township has been working for years to improve sidewalk connectivity and has constructed sidewalks on Kenwood Road, Galbraith Road, Kugler Mill, Sycamore, Kennedy, Garden, Silvercrest, and Montgomery Road. He said people can now walk from Silverton to Montgomery along Montgomery Road, and the Finley Lane Sidewalk Improvements are part of this. He noted this is for the safety of the residents of that neighborhood to be able to walk on sidewalks and across a newly installed crosswalk.

Mr. Kellums noted he has looked at the plans, and the sidewalk will be entirely in the right of way; there is no need for easements.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-038 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 4500 HD Regular Cab 4X2 with Included Options and the Disposal of an Existing 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 4500 HD Regular Cab 4X2 and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Reutelshofer. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-039 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a Truck Bed for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a Truck Bed for a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 4500 HD Regular Cab 4X2 and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Reutelshofer. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2024-040 passed this 16th day of April 2024

Mr. Reutelshofer said the Township will work with residents and business owners throughout the planned sidewalk construction projects.

Law Director Report

Mr. Barbieri stated he had nothing to report.

Administrator Report

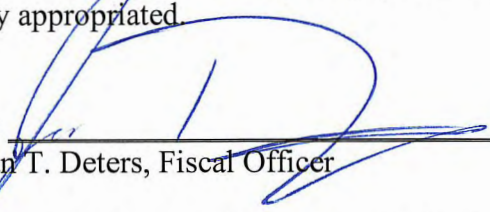
Mr. Bickford reported that the Township, and its various funds, are currently being audited. He said back in 2004, the Township issued debt on behalf of the Redstone garage, and as part of that deal, a Special Improvement District was created in case the debt service was not paid and a special assessment needed to be made on the property owners. He said the debt has always been paid, and this has been audited several times in the past, but now the State Auditor wants the Special Improvement District to meet and adopt the Sycamore Township Public Records Policy. He said this will be done sometime this year.

Fiscal Officer Report

Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$474,122.53 and disbursements in the amount of \$413,584.54 for April 16, 2024 were read by Mr. Deters and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed: 
Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the receipts and disbursements. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Trustee Comments

Mr. Kellums stated he is glad to hear that we are hiring people from within the Fire Department to fill the full-time position. He thanked the maintenance department for the work they do throughout the year but especially with the Trash Bash.

Mr. Weidman stated that the National Day of Prayer service will be held on May 2nd in the parking lot of the Township Administration Building.

Executive Session

Mr. Weidman requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment, dismissal, discipline, or compensation of a public employee; and as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information relating to specific business strategy and to discuss negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance. He said the

executive session is necessary to protect the interests of the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with an economic development project. Mr. Kellums made the motion and Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Mr. Kellums: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

Mr. Deters, Mr. Barbieri, and Mr. Bickford were invited into the executive session with the three Trustees.

End Regular Session: 7:33 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 7:35 p.m.

End Executive Session: 8:32 p.m.

Back in Regular Session: 8:34p.m.

Mr. Deters called roll. All three Trustees indicated they were present.

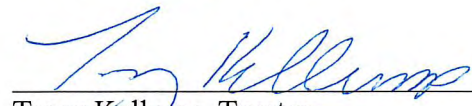
Mr. Kellums made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. Vote: All Aye
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



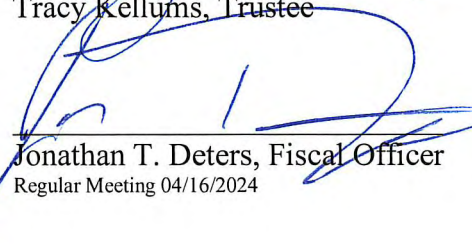
Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



Tracy Schwegmann, Vice Chairman



Tracy Kellums, Trustee



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