

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Schwegmann.

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

An invocation was given by Mr. Kellums followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **Approval of the June 3, 2025 Trustee Meeting Minutes**

The June 3, 2025 Trustee Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Weidman made a motion to accept them, seconded by Mr. Kellums.

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

#### **Public Comments**

Xiaohong (Hannah) Feng, of 8579 Hermitage Lane, Sycamore Township, Bonnie Pang, of 8433 Miami Road, Sycamore Township, and Kangming Ma, of 8509 Twilight Tear Lane, Symmes Township, addressed the Board. They expressed concerns about Ohio HB1 and SB88, which include proposals to ban immigrants from certain countries designated as foreign adversaries who are not U.S. citizens from owning property in Ohio within 25 miles of critical infrastructure. They stated the proposed bills are discriminatory without regard for members of the community and harmful to the future of Sycamore Township. Ms. Feng provided the Board with a handout about this issue. Ms. Pang spoke about her concern for young people. Mr. Ma said that such bills are intended to enhance homeland security but instead encourage hate. All three speakers asked the members of the Board to contact State legislators and urge them to vote no on Ohio HB1 and SB88.

#### **Sheriff Patrol Report**

Sgt. Crider stated he had no report.

#### **EMS/Fire Report**

Assistant Chief Fronimos reported on behalf of Chief Penny. He reported the Fire Department assisted with the Touch a Truck event put on by the Maintenance Department. He said new Fire Department Inspector Ryan Asbrock had started work, and the two promoted officers began their new roles last week.

#### **Planning & Zoning Report**

##### **Resolution – Declaring Nuisance and Ordering the Abatement of the Sycamore Township Properties Listed Below and Further Authorizing the Zoning Administrator to Initiate Complaint**

The resolution "Declaring Nuisance and Ordering the Abatement of the Sycamore Township Properties Listed Below and Further Authorizing the Zoning Administrator to Initiate

Complaint” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-048 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

**Resolution – 12117 Eaglescout Court**

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 12117 Eaglescout Court, 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. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-049 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

**Resolution – 8764 Wicklow Avenue**

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 8764 Wicklow Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236 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. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-050 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

**Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report**

Mr. Bickford reported that contractor Barrett Paving had begun paving the roads in the Highpoint neighborhood. He said the Kenwood Road Project continues with sidewalks almost completed and paving to begin shortly.

**Resolution – Declaring Township Property as Surplus and Obsolete and Authorizing its Disposition**

The resolution “Declaring Township Property as Surplus and Obsolete and Authorizing its Disposition, Dispensing with a Second Reading, and Declaring an Emergency” was presented by Mr. Bickford. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-051 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

Mr. Weidman asked if the vehicle would be disposed of through auction. Mr. Bickford answered yes, through GovDeals.

**Resolution – Approving a Capital Improvement Passthrough Grant Agreement Between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio for the Construction of the Veterans Memorial at Bechtold Park**

The resolution “Approving a Capital Improvement Passthrough Grant Agreement Between the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore

Township, Hamilton County, Ohio for the Construction of the Veterans Memorial at Bechtold Park and Dispensing with a Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Bickford. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-052 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

Mr. Kellums reported that the design for the Veterans Memorial Project is finished, and construction documents are complete. He said the Veterans Memorial Commission is currently talking to contractors.

#### **Law Director Report**

Ms. Barbieri stated she had nothing to report.

#### **Administrator Report**

##### **Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00**

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders over \$5,000.00 for approval:

PO Number 250167	Blanket Vendor	Admin Contract Services	\$50,000.00
PO Number 250168	Blanket Vendor	Festival Security	\$10,000.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the purchase orders as presented. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion.

Ms. Schwegmann asked how the security shifts would be filled. Mr. Bickford stated he was still working that out with Lt. Naber, noting some of the shifts are already filled.

Mr. Deters called roll to approve the purchase orders. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to hire John Shannon as a Part-Time Firefighter with the Sycamore Township Fire Department, effective June 22, 2025, and subject to all pre-employment screenings.

Mr. Weidman made the motion to hire John Shannon as a Part-Time Firefighter with the Sycamore Township Fire Department. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Mr. Bickford noted there would be no budget impact from that hire because the part-time firefighters are coming and going.

#### **Resolution – Approving the Sycamore Township – City of Montgomery Joint Economic Development District Contract**

The resolution “Approving the Sycamore Township – City of Montgomery Joint Economic Development District Contract” was presented by Mr. Bickford. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye  
Resolution 2025-053 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

## **Fiscal Officer Report**

### **Pay Bills and Read Receipts**

The receipts in the amount of \$503,930.99 and disbursements in the amount of \$1,106,979.99 for June 17, 2025 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. Weidman made a motion to approve the receipts and disbursements. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

### **Trustee Comments**

Mr. Kellums thanked the Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Maintenance Department for doing a great job on the Touch a Truck event. He said it was well-attended and a great event.

Mr. Weidman and Ms. Schwegmann echoed Mr. Kellums' comments about the Touch a Truck.

### **Announcements**

Ms. Schwegmann reported that the Township offices will be closed for the Juneteenth Holiday. She noted there will be an additional Bruch Chipping event this month due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, which will take place on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. behind the Township Administration Building at 8540 Kenwood Road. She then referred the public to the website calendar for information on all other meetings and events.

### **Executive Session**

Ms. Schwegmann requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public purpose.

Mr. Weidman made the motion, and Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Mr. Kellums: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

Ms. Schwegmann requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of public employees or officials.

Mr. Weidman made the motion, and Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Mr. Kellums: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

End Regular Session: 6:27 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 6:30 p.m.

End Executive Session: 7:01 p.m.

Back in Regular Session: 7:03 p.m.

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

**Resolution – Setting the Rate of Pay for a Re-Hired Township Employee**

The resolution “Setting the Rate of Pay for a Re-Hired Township Employee” was presented by Mr. Bickford. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Kellums seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye;



Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Resolution 2025-054 passed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025

Mr. Weidman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Kellums. Vote: Kellums: Aye;

Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

  
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Tracy Schwegmann, Chairman  
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Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman  
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Tracy Kellums, Trustee  
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Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer  
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