

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Vice Chair Weidman.

Present for the meeting were Vice Chair Weidman, Trustee Kellums, Fiscal Officer Deters, Law Director Barbieri, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Reutelshofer, Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter, Fire Chief Penny, and HCSO Lt. Naber. Chairperson Schwegmann was absent.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of Sheriff Deputy Larry Henderson. An invocation was given by Mr. Kellums followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### **Approval of the April 15, 2025 Public Hearing and Trustee Meeting Minutes**

The April 15, 2025, Public Hearing Minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a **motion to accept** them, seconded by Mr. Weidman. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye. **Motion carried.**

The April 15, 2025, Trustee Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Kellums made a **motion to accept** them, seconded by Mr. Weidman. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye. **Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** No one present responded to the invitation to address the Board.

#### **SHERIFF PATROL REPORT**

Lt. Naber. shared details of the times set for public visitation for HCSO Deputy Henderson.

On Friday HCSO Sgt. Brian Sovern will be receiving an FOP award for Supervisor of the Year. Officer Randy Reynolds will also be receiving an award for lifesaving measures he performed.

#### **EMS/FIRE REPORT**

Chief Penny reported Drew Canos started as a part-time firefighter on Friday. The department is coordinating to participate in the services this week for Deputy Henderson.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING REPORT**

Mr. Uckotter stated the first matter to address is Case #2024-07P2.

Mr. Kellums made a **motion to deny the case**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Vice Chair Weidman called for any discussion. Mr. Kellums stated his concerns were with parking and with the location on the end cap next to the residential area. He said with cars coming in and out of the car wash, with added traffic, he has a lot of reservations and it would be hard to police. Mr. Weidman said he is equally concerned about enforcement of how many cars are on the lot at any given time. We do not have the manpower to police it and in viewing other Enterprise locations they are stuffed with cars all the time. It would have a negative impact on the shopping center and the residents. He added he didn't like: the garage door facing Galbraith and was not convinced it would remain down, how close it is to the residents in the back, and there's no berm along Wexford. The main issue is the number of cars exceeding forty spaces.

**Resolution** – Denying Case # 2024-072P for a Planned Unit Development II for 3912 E. Galbraith Rd. (Enterprise) and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Kellums made a motion to adopt the resolution, Mr. Weidman offered the second. Vice Chair Weidman called for any

further discussion and, upon hearing none, asked Mr. Deters to call the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Resolution 2025-035 passed** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Mr. Uckotter introduced a resolution.

**Resolution** – Declaring a nuisance and ordering the abatement of the Sycamore Township Properties listed (forty-seven are listed) and further authorizing the Zoning Administrator to initiate complaints. Mr. Kellums made a **motion to approve**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Kellums asked when the properties were last viewed and Mr. Uckotter responded most yesterday, some this morning; most are for high grass, some also have junk accumulation. Owners will be notified and have seven days to abate. Vice Chair Weidman called for any further discussion and, upon hearing there was none, asked Mr. Deters to call the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Resolution 2025-036 passed** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

### **ROADS, MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION REPORT**

Mr. Reutelshofer presented a resolution.

**Resolution** – Authorizing a contract for the 2025 Pavement Resurfacing Program and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Kellums made a **motion to approve**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Vice Chair Weidman invited questions or discussion and upon hearing none, asked Mr. Deters to call the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Resolution 2025-037 passed** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

**LAW DIRECTOR REPORT** Mr. Barbieri had nothing to report.

### **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. Bickford presented a resolution explaining the Ohio Revised Code changed last year requiring the County to have a 911 Committee, Mr. Kellums served representing the Hamilton County Township Association. The plan the working group put together lays out how the system is set up, who our backup is, and relates to next generation 911. It does not change the rate structure or how 911 operates, it ensures compliance with ORC in order to receive future state funding.

**Resolution** – Approving the final Hamilton County 911 Plan pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 128 and dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Kellums made a **motion to approve**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Vice Chair Weidman thanked Mr. Kellums for serving on the board and called for any other discussion. Mr. Kellums said there were good people on the board and Andrew Knapp did a good job leading it. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Resolution 2025-038 passed** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to advertise for **Joint Economic Development District** public hearing pursuant to ORC §715.71 for the **Grooms Road property**. Mr. Kellums made a motion to advertise, Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Weidman called for any discussion and upon hearing none, asked Mr. Deters to call the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Motion carried** approving advertisement this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Mr. Bickford noted the documents will be on file starting May 7, 2025 for anyone to look at and the public hearing is being planned for June 17, 2025. Montgomery is taking similar action with the hopes of having a Joint Development District in place come August with the first tenants arriving in September.

Mr. Bickford stated there had been past discussions of park patrols and discussion of a possible joint officer with Moeller High School but that fell through. HCSO has offered a way to pick up

park patrols. He would like the board to authorize working with the sheriff for extra patrols in the parks this summer through Labor Day in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. This is being introduced separate from the contract as HCSO has hired a third party to administer these details. This will be under a separate purchase order for Roll Call. This will be for four-hour increments, typically in the afternoons and evenings. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve; Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Weidman called for any further discussion and upon hearing none, asked Mr. Deters to call the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

**Motion carried** approving securing extra patrols this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Mr. Bickford reported that Duke published their electric rate for the summer at 10.43 cents; our rate was locked in at 9.24 cents per kilowatt hour. A typical 1,500 kilowatt customer will save about \$250 per year through the aggregate program. Residents have until May 15 to opt out. Using Duke's rate comparison tool now still shows the May rate of 8 cents rather than the future rate. One new thing this year is the capacity charge has been added but the fuel component and the capacity charge are separated. Those two components make up your electric bill from the supply side. [Through the aggregate] we always include that, but Duke is now separating that - which might make you think you'll be getting a better rate than you are. Folks should be cognizant of what they're looking at. As far as the rate choice program goes, our rate will definitely save you money and there are no extra fees.

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

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

<b>P.O. Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name &amp; Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
250140	Barrett Paving Materials Inc.	\$270,048.35
250143	Huntington National Bank	\$738,974.12
250144	US Bank-Fund 43	\$733,773.61
250145	Great Oaks Career Campuses	\$172,398.53
250146	Indian Hill Exempted Village	\$2,937,709.24
250147	Princeton City Schools	\$242,479.75
250148	Sycamore Board of Education	\$82,604.54
250149	Blanket – Property Maintenance & Cleanup	\$20,000.00

Mr. Kellums made a **motion to approve the purchase orders**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Weidman called for any further discussion and then asked for the vote. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye. **Motion carried**.

#### **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

The receipts in the amount of \$10,993,656.55 and disbursements in the amount of \$1,687,279.61 for May 6, 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. Kellums made a **motion to approve the receipts and disbursements**. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion. Mr. Weidman asked if there was any discussion, there was none. Mr. Deters called the roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Weidman: Aye. **Motion carried**.

### **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mr. Kellums thanked the maintenance crew for a wonderful job at the South Trash Bash event which filled over thirty dumpsters. Document Shredding is coming up on May 17, 2025.

Mr. Weidman stated the compost giveaway will be May 10, 2025 at Hartzell United Methodist. For all other scheduled meetings and events, see the published calendar on the website.

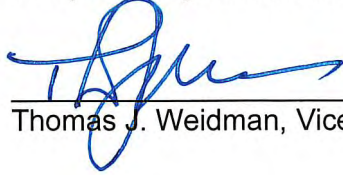
### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kellums made a **motion to adjourn**, seconded by Mr. Weidman. Motion carried by voice vote.

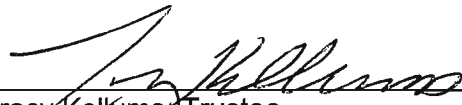
The meeting was **adjourned at 6:34 p.m.**

ABSTAIN

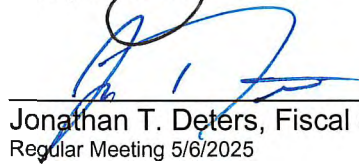
Tracy Schwegmann, Chairperson



Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chair



Tracy Kellums, Trustee



Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer  
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