

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Approval of the February 17, 2026 Trustee Meeting Minutes

The February 17, 2026 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

No public comments.

Presentation – Energy Alliances – Utility Aggregation. Mr. Dan Deters explained that there will be an update to the Energy Alliances Electric Aggregation prices in July. He explained that Duke Energy will be increasing their current rate, and he asked the Board to allow Mr. Bickford to sign anything under 10.4 kilowatt hours in hopes that energy rates settle before a new contract is signed. Mr. Deters explained that there will be an update to the natural gas program that is ending in October. Duke Energy updated the way they bill residents, and Mr. Deters believes there will be substantial savings for residents for the 2026-2027 winter season.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Lt. Sovern had nothing to report.

EMS/Fire Report

Chief Penny reported that Philip Corcoran, Michael Borger, and Paris Lee will be eligible to join the Sycamore Township Fire Department after passing their agility tests.

Planning & Zoning Report

Resolution – Zoning Case ZC-2026-1

The resolution “Approving a Major Adjustment to a Planned Unit Development at 5905 E. Galbraith Rd. and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution with the conditions cited. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 2026-016 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

Resolution – Zoning Case ZC-2026-2

The resolution “Approving a Planned Unit Development II at 10843 Montgomery Rd. and Dispensing with the Second Reading” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the resolution with decided conditions. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye
Resolution 2026-017 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

Resolution – Approving a Contract for 2026 Cape Seal Road Repair Project

The resolution “Approving a Contract for 2026 Cape Seal Road Repair Project 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 2026-018 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 HD Regular Cab 4X2 with included Options and the Disposal of an existing 2005 GMC Topkick 4500 HD Regular Cab 4X2 and Dispensing with a 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 2026-019 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Equipment for a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Equipment for Installation on a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 HD Truck and Dispensing with a 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 2026-020 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

Law Director Report

Mr. Barbieri had nothing to report.

Administrator Report

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to authorize the Township Administrator to sign electric energy rates. Mr. Kellums made a motion authorizing the Township Administrator to sign electric energy rates, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. Mr. Deters called roll to approve the authorization. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to hire part-time firefighters, Paris Lee, Michael Borger, and Philip Corcoran, pending successful completion of pre-employment screenings. Mr. Kellums made a motion to hire the three part-time firefighters pending successful completion of pre-employment screenings. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

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

Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00

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

2026-00125	Cincinnati Ice LLC - Ice Maker Repairs Stations 92&93	\$5,812.00
2026-00126	Strawser Construction - 2026 Cape Seal Project	\$742,755.20
2026-00127	VO Builders - 12060 7th Ave Demolition	\$30,450.00
2026-00128	McCluskey Chevrolet - 2026 Chevy Silverado 6500 HD	\$67,160.00
2026-00129	WA Jones - 2026 Chevy Silverado 6500 HD & Equipment	\$84,135.00
2026-00130	River City Entertainment – 2026 Festival Audio Lighting	\$28,500.00

Mr. Kellums made a motion to approve the purchase orders as presented. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll to approve the purchase orders. Vote: Kellums: Aye; Schwegmann: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Fiscal Officer Report

Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$180,135.92 and disbursements in the amount of \$397,155.38 for March 3, 2026 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

Ms. Schwegmann reminded everyone that Daylight Saving Time will begin on Sunday. She also stated that she and Chief Penny would like to remind everyone that it may be a good time to replace smoke detector batteries.

Announcements

Mr. Weidman reported that the next Zoning Commission Meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on March 12th, and the next Trustee Meeting will be held on March 17th. He then referred the public to the website calendar for information on all other meetings and events.

Executive Session

Mr. Weidman requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2) to consider the acquisition of property and as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

End Regular Session: 6:16 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 6:18 p.m.

End Executive Session: 6:57 p.m.

Back in Regular Session: 6:57 p.m.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Discussion

Mr. Bickford brought up the discussion of the Assistant Fire Chief position and made a recommendation to terminate probationary employee, Mike Fronimos. Mr. Kellums made the motion to terminate probationary employee, Assistant Chief Mike Fronimos, effective immediately. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Bickford recommended promoting Captain Kelby Thoreson to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Mr. Kellums made the motion to promote Kelby Thoreson to be Sycamore Township's Assistant Fire Chief. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

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

Resolution - Setting Rate of Pay for Newly Promoted Township Employee.

Resolution "Setting the Rate of Pay for a Newly Promoted Township Employee" was presented by Mr. Bickford. Mr. Kellums made the motion to approve the resolution dispensing with a second reading. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion.

Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: Mr. Kellums: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye
Resolution 2026-021 passed this 3rd day of March 2026.

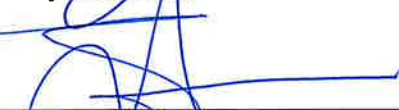
Mr. Kellums made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. Vote: All Aye.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



Tracy Kellums, Vice Chairman



Tracy Schwegmann, Trustee



Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer

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