

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**July 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums and Parks/Recreation Director McKeown. Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Kettelman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office were excused.

**Utility Aggregation**

Spence Faxon with Energy Alliances presented the results of the 2013-2014 natural gas aggregation program. The Township and those in the program saved collectively over \$140,000 in natural gas costs.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township has begun the certification process for electric aggregation.

**Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the festival was very successful and that the bands and vendors were very appreciative of the event.

Mr. McKeown suggested that the bands for the 2015 Festival be booked as soon as possible due to increased competition. The Board requested that Mr. McKeown provide an updated list as soon as possible.

**Vicious Dogs**

Mr. Bickford reported of an incident on July 4<sup>th</sup> of a pit bull dog in the Township that killed or severely injured another dog. The Board requested Law Director Miller to look into the State Statute to see what can be done.

Mr. Bickford reported that legislation was drawn up in 2008 to ban pit bulls but it never received a second reading. Mr. Connor will work on setting up a meeting with a local resident who has ties to a pit bull rescue group and Mr. Bickford will continue to research the issue.

**Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford presented case 20014-07MA to the Board. The public hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 7, 2014 at 6:30 or 6:45.

**Purchase Orders over \$2,500**

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Duke Energy Ohio	Electric Underground Montgomery/Galbraith	\$225,000.00
Frank Gates	BWC Services	\$8,107.00

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these requests.  
Vote: All Aye.

## **Schedule**

The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Bishop.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Compensation and Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Weidman and seconded by Trustee Connor. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:39 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:45 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:38 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:38 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Weidman and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

End regular session: 10:38 a.m.

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Cliff W. Bishop, President

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Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

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Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Greg Bickford, Administrator

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