

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
March 17, 2015

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

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported about a construction accident at Jewish Hospital where a construction worker had material fall on him. The worker was in stable condition.

Chief Penny requested permission to dispose of the old Toughbook computers. Mr. Miller will prepare a resolution.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that the monthly stats are out for February and there were 1,033 total details. Lt. Ketteman also reported that there have been 192 auto accidents so far in 2015.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that several rentals have been cancelled in the past few weeks due to some insurance companies now charging policy holders for the extra coverage. He reported this was never an issue in the past and must be something new insurance companies are doing. Mr. McKeown asked the Board if this is something the Board would consider waiving. The Trustees are inclined at this time to leave the requirement in place. Mr. Bickford will look at the Township's policy to see if the additional coverage can be purchase through the Township for a nominal fee.

Maintenance Department Update

The resolution "Approving a Change Order to a Contract for the Hosbrook Road Improvement Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-31 passed this 17th day of March, 2015.

Mr. Kellums presented a billing authorization for Duke Energy for \$10,000 for the Galbraith road utility project. Mr. Miller will prepare a resolution to accept the authorization.

Mr. Kellums reported that Contract Sweepers has submitted a proposal to sweep all Township streets and the price is the same as last year (\$11,875). In addition, Mr. Kellums had them quote the cost to sweep Montgomery Road because Hamilton County refuses to do so even though they were responsible for the grit that was thrown. The cost to sweep all of Montgomery Road from border to border is \$575. In addition, Sycamore Township will sweep the sidewalks because they are a hazard to walk on with all the stone and grit.

Mr. Miller will prepare a resolution for the contract.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Hosbrook Road Traffic Calming project is out to bid and the Hosbrook Road widening project is moving again with all utility crews working on finishing.

Mr. Bishop noted that the curb on American Way blends into the pavement and people are running over it because they can't see it. Mr. Kellums will look into ways to make it more visible.

American Way Commercial Sign

Mr. Miller reported that the businesses on Kenwood Road served by American Way are requesting signage. Mr. Bickford stated that the Township has provided electrical connections but will not build the sign. It is up to the private businesses to do so.

Mr. Bickford will provide Mr. Miller with the sign specifications.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford informed the Board that there will be three public hearings before the April 2, 2015 meeting starting at 6:15 p.m.

Zoning Case Resolutions

The resolution "Approving a Site Plan for the Pizzeria Locale Development in Sycamore Plaza" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2015-32 passed this 17th day of March, 2015.

The resolution "Approving a Site Plan for the Staples Development in Sycamore Plaza" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2015-33 passed this 17th day of March, 2015.

The resolution "Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan for an Approved Planned Unit Development for Reconstructive Orthopedic Properties, LLC" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2015-34 passed this 17th day of March, 2015.

Sheriff's Contract

Mr. Bickford reported that he and Mr. Miller were working on the Sheriff's contract extension.

Mutual Aid Contract

Mr. Miller presented a requested mutual aid contract that had been drawn up by the area fire chiefs for consideration. This would replace the existing mutual aid agreement that was signed several years ago. Mr. Miller has concerns about language on the contract that may contradict the Ohio Revised Code. The Board instructed Chief Penny to review the information with the other chiefs for clarification.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

SSP Northcreek LLC	TriHealth Draw #6	\$217,015.87
Duke Energy	Galbraith Road	\$10,000.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these requests. All voted yes.

Schedule

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

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

End regular session: 9:45 a.m.

Dennis W. Connor, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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