

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

August 2, 2018

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

The invocation from Good Shepard Lutheran Church was read by Mr. Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were President Connor, Vice President Weidman, Trustee LaBarbara, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Zoning Administrator Holbert and Parks / Recreation Director McKeown were excused.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 19, 2018 were presented for approval. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve them. Mr. LaBarbara objected to the April minutes not being put into the July 19th minutes. He stated he would submit his corrections. Mr. Porter called the roll. LaBarbara – Nay, Weidman – Aye, Connor – Aye.

Mr. J. Janus Jr., of 4462 Daffodil Avenue, addressed the Board. Mr. Janus stated he wants to see agendas and minutes placed in the bulletin board at the Township Administration Building. He also stated that there was a heavy amount of rain two Fridays ago and water was rushing around and under the block building in Bechtold Park. He also said that the Township should install truncated domes for handicap access at the Sheriff's Substation and the Schuler Community Room. He went on to discuss installing benches in the porch area outside of the administration building and wants increased water pressure at the Schuler Community Room water fountains. He then read off several upcoming community events and finally noted that the Township is not on Ohio Checkbook.

Mr. Bickford pointed out that the Township gave the final approval for the site over a month ago and the Treasurer's Office just made the site live today.

Mr. John Abraham, of 4978 Elmcrest Lane, addressed the Board. Mr. Abraham stated at the last Trustee meeting a resident complained about street lights. He said he was hopeful that the resident would come up with a solution before asking the Township to raise taxes. He also noted that there are limitations on videotaping people in public without their consent when the content could be used commercially or in a political advertisement.

Chief Penny presented the Fire Department statistics for July. He noted that residential and commercial runs are about equal so far this year and EMS revenue is up over last year.

Mr. Bickford reported that there will be a purchase order for converting the Hosbrook Road traffic calming medians from landscaping to stamped concrete.

Mr. Bickford noted that the Silvercrest and Garden sidewalk project will begin around September 1, 2018.

Mr. Miller reported that he is looking into the noise ordinance on ways to deal with noise during the day outside of the adopted hours. He will report back to the Board after conducting research.

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to advertise for bid the Fiber Optic Interconnect Project. He noted the final approvals are in process and, because it is a federal project, it will require three weeks of bidding time. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to advertise for the bid. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders:

Adleta Construction	Hosbrook Median stamped concrete	\$30,347.50
Lykins Oil	Fire Department Fuel	\$15,000.00
Blanket Vendor	Parks Utilities	\$20,000.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve the purchase orders. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

A communication from Gena Bailey of All Saints Church thanking the Fire Department for a donation to the Parish Festival auction was read by Mr. Porter.

A communication from Renee Kavetz, of 5848 White Chapel Drive, thanking the Firefighters /EMS for their care and compassion when coming to her aid for a recent injury, was read by Mr. Porter.

Mr. LaBarbara stated that the Board attended the grand opening of the Lolli and Pops store at the Kenwood Towne Centre. He went on to state that Township owned property on Montgomery Road is having a study performed on it and he has not seen it. He also noted that the Township has spent over \$37,000 on the study. Mr. Bickford indicated that it will be presented to the Board for their consideration when complete. Mr. LaBarbara also noted an email that was sent by Mr. Weidman to a resident regarding the Board's recent decision on the Myers Y. Cooper case mentions the development of the site.

Mr. Miller advised the Board not to discuss in detail the Montgomery Road property as it is part of ongoing litigation.

Mr. Weidman discussed that email and explained the Township is always seeking ways to lower the tax burden on the residents. He noted that Sycamore Township has one of the lowest property taxes in the County and has not asked for a tax increase from the residents in over 12 years. Mr. Weidman pointed out that the general fund lost 72% of its revenue in 2012 and the Trustees have maintained services since then without raising property taxes.

The resolution "Approving a Zone Change for the Myers Y. Cooper Office Development with a Planned Unit Development Overlay" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2018-80 approved this 2nd of August, 2018.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of an Ambulance from Penn Care, Inc. through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2018-81 approved this 2nd of August, 2018.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of Radios" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2018-82 approved this 2nd of August, 2018.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a Stryker Medical Cot" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading.

Chief Penny explained that this was a standard motorized cot and is not included in the base bid for the ambulance.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2018-83 approved this 2nd of August, 2018.

Mr. Connor referred those in attendance to the printed agenda for the schedule of events.

The Receipts and Disbursements of August 2, 2018 were available in the Fiscal Officer's Office 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: _____
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to accept them. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

A motion to enter into executive session for the purposed of Personnel – Employment and Collective Bargaining matters was made by Mr. Weidman and seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called the roll. Connor – Aye; Weidman – Aye; LaBarbara – Aye.

End Regular Session: 7:57 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 8:00 p.m.

End Executive Session: 8:10 p.m.

Back in Regular Session: 8:12 p.m.

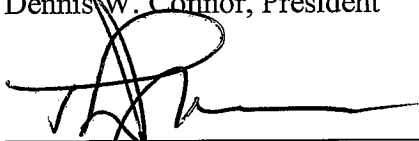
Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to transfer Ernie McFarlin to the Maintenance Department. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to begin the process of hiring a Planning and Zoning Inspector. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Dennis W. Connor, President



Thomas J. Weidman, Vice President

Jim LaBarbara, Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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