

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

July 21, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Sycamore Township was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Office Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, Zoning/Planning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff's Liaison Lt. Reid. EMS/Fire Director Jetter was excused.

Mr. Connor gave the invocation from Barbara Taggart-Milberg, Ritual Committee Chairperson, of Congregation B'nai Tzedek.

Pledge to the Flag.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held July 5 and 7, 2011 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Comment from resident: William Smith, resident; asked about getting rid of a bus stop. Mr. Kellums told him that it was scheduled to be removed this summer. Mr. Smith also asked about when we were going to put up the cameras in the parks. Mr. Bickford explained that we were waiting for shelter #3 to be finished and for the weather.

Comment from resident: Derek Nolan, resident; stated that he had been granted two variances from the Board of Zoning Appeals on July 18. On July 20 his wife received a phone call from Jay Janus, inquiring about their variances; Mr. Nolan said she was "creeped out" by the call.

Comment from resident: Jay Janus Jr., resident; made general complaints.

Lt. Reid reported on multiple car break-ins and reminded residents to take in valuables.

Mr. McKeown announced that the Twilight Concert that was rained out on May 14 will be held on Sunday, July 31, 2011 beginning at 6:00 pm behind the Township Administration Building, 8540 Kenwood Road. He also advised the Trustees of the upcoming Summer Bash and Car Show on August 20. Mr. McKeown thanked everyone for their assistance with the Festival and car show.

The Trustees thanked Mr. McKeown and Mr. Kellums for all of their hard work.

Communication from: Tom Taylor, resident; thanking Mike McKeown and the Parks Department for putting on such a great Festival.

Communication from: Mike Marek, resident: thanking Station 92's team for their help at his father's medical emergency on July 3rd.

Resolution "Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan for the Kenwood Towers Real Estate Development" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye. Resolution 2011-57 passed this 21st day of July, 2011.

The first reading of the resolution "Providing a Civil Fine for Obstructing Roads and Sidewalks in Sycamore Township" was read.

Resolution "Authorizing a Contract for a Demolition Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2011-58 passed this 21st day of July, 2011.

The nuisance property was abated.

The Receipts and Disbursements of July 21, 2011 were read by the Fiscal Officer 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. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop to pay these bills.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to enter into executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Vote: Mr. Bishop; Aye. Mr. Weidman; Aye. Mr. Connor; Aye.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 pm.

The executive session adjourned at 8:34 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to offer \$955,000.00 to purchase the property at 7781 Montgomery Road. If offer is declined and owner will allow access to the property, the Township will hire an appraiser not to exceed \$5,000.00.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to purchase the property at 4681 Orchard Lane for \$110,000.00 plus the Township will pay closing costs and no realtor fee; but authorizing Mr. Bickford to go up to \$115,000.00 plus Township paying closing costs and no realtor fee. Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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