

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

December 15, 2016

The Public Hearings for Nuisance Properties 8470 Blue Ash Road, 8109 Reading Road, 8701 Appleknoll Lane and 7714 School Road were called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Paul Darpel, attorney representing the property owners at 8109 Reading Road, spoke about the future plans for the site stating the owner is hoping to make application for a multifamily use. He requested 30 additional days since he was recently hired and is looking at all of the available information on the building. Mr. Weidman asked why the owner has not taken any action on the property despite being notified back in September of the condemnation order. Mr. Darpel stated he was unsure why.

Mr. Miller stated the attorney for the property owner at 8470 Blue Ash Road is currently out of the country therefore the matter will be discussed at the January meeting. Mr. Miller stated that the new owner of 8701 Appleknoll is planning on tearing the building down in January. Mr. Holbert stated no date has been given. Mr. Miller stated that the Princeton School Board has passed a resolution ordering the tear down of the building at 7714 School Road and has received bids, but no date for the teardown has been established.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

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The Public Hearing for case 2016-13LASR Modification was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Weidman.

Mr. Holbert presented zoning case 2016-13LASR Modification. He explained the case history and the request from Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams for an additional building sign.

Mr. David Byington, of Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, 135 One Comfortable Place, Taylorsville, NC 28681, addressed the Board. Mr. Byington presented a proposal for a revised sign package that showed various views of the proposed signage from different perspectives.

Mr. Mark Wilhoite, of PECO Real Estate, representing the property owner, also addressed the Board saying he is in support of the sign increase due to the unique location of the tenant space.

Mr. Weidman asked, considering this is a two story façade and there could be tenants on both floors, what would be the total signage permitted. Mr. Bickford stated approximately 175 square feet between the two floors.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

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The regular meeting of The Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Weidman.

The invocation from St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

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

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held November 29 and December 1, 2016 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these minutes.

Vote: All Aye.

Lt. Ketteman reported there had been 122 car accidents in the Township in December so far.

Trustee Connor expressed appreciation to Staff Sergeant Schmitt for his work on the D.A.R.E. Program.

Mr. McKeown congratulated the three winners of the Luminaria holiday decorations contest: The Lovett, Shearing and Walker households. He also reported he had not heard back yet from the bands he had approached to perform at the Festival in Sycamore 2017.

Mr. Bickford reported that the curbside leaf pick up program has concluded for the year.

Mr. Bickford stated he had no new report regarding the Duke Energy Pipeline project.

Mr. Weidman requested that a letter be drafted to the PUCO / Power Siting Board on the lack of notification from Duke Energy about the next public meeting.

Mr. Bickford also informed the Board that Taco Bell has decided not to renew its lease for its Montgomery Road location and will be closing on Saturday.

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Cincinnati School District	SYC Financial/Redstone TIF Payment	\$239,608.29
ARM Tough Equipment	Leaf Loader	\$24,665.35

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve these requests.

Vote: All Aye

Mr. Holbert reported on a senior living facility interested in property in the Township located at 8800-8812 Montgomery Road.

Mr. Holbert also informed the Board he will be meeting with Cincinnati Bell regarding mini cell towers in residential districts.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution approving Case 2016-13LASR Modification with the condition that the west elevation sign be no greater than 135 square feet and the north elevation sign be no greater than 40 square feet. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

There was discussion regarding the nuisance properties reviewed in the earlier hearings.

Mr. Bishop asked about the Blue Ash Road address.

Mr. Miller stated their attorney was out of the country and will be present at the next meeting.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to continue the hearing for 8701 Appleknoll Lane until the January 5th meeting.

The resolution “Declaring a Nuisance and Providing for Authorizing Building Removal for the Property Located at 7714 School Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio, Auditor’s Parcel No. 600-0011-1268-90” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-156 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Declaring a Nuisance and Providing for Authorizing Building Removal for the Property Located at 8109 Reading Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio, Auditor’s Parcel No. 600-0360-0025-00” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-157 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Authorizing and Directing Transfers of Funds to Reconcile Budgets and Appropriations in the JEDZ” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-158 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Authorizing and Directing Transfers of Funds to Reconcile Budgets and Appropriations” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-159 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Establishing and Reaffirming 2016 Appropriations” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-160 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Adopting Appropriations for Calendar Year 2017” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-161 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-162 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Setting Trustee Meeting Dates and Times” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-163 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Authorizing Payments for Association Dues” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-164 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Establishing Mileage Allowance for Township Employees and Providing for Reimbursement of Expenses” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-165 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Providing for Compensation to the Township Trustees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-166 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Providing Insurance Benefits to the Township Trustees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-167 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Employing R. Douglas Miller as the Township Law Director and the Law Firm of Donnellon, Donnellon & Miller as Legal Counsel” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-168 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Setting the Township Fiscal Officer’s Salary and Benefits” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-169 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Approving a Contract for Employee Insurance Benefits” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-170 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Approving a Contract for a Third Party Administrator and a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-171 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

The resolution “Establishing Rates of Pay for Township Employees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2016-172 approved this 15th day of December, 2016.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to nominate Tom Weidman as President of the Board of Trustees for 2017. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to nominate Cliff Bishop as Vice President of the Board of Trustees for 2017. Vote: All Aye.

The Board changed the time for the next Trustee Workshop Meeting on January 3, 2017 to 3:00 p.m. due to lack of a quorum at the regularly scheduled 9:00 a.m. meeting.

The receipts and disbursements of December 15, 2016 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. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept them.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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