

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

July 6, 2017

The Public Hearing for Zoning Case 2017-08MA was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Mr. Holbert presented the case and noted the differences between the original Zoning Commission submittal and the revised drawings. Mr. Barrett Tullis, Keating Muething & Klekamp explained the project. He also indicated that the property restriction to provide parking for the hotel had been addressed and that the structures have been moved to a minimum setback of 20 feet per the deed restriction of the FBI.

Mr. Weidman asked if the first floor parking garage was dedicated for hotel use only, and if so, how would access be separated for the dealership. Mr. Steve Zubieta, Mercedes Benz of Cincinnati, stated that access to the garage will be controlled and hotel guests will have direct access to the first floor of the garage while Mercedes customers will not be able to access that level of the garage.

Mr. Bishop stated he wanted to see more brick and/or stone on the exposed concrete for the garage and he requested an enhanced landscaping plan.

Mr. Weidman asked if ODOT had approved the removal of any additional sound barrier panels. Mr. Zubieta stated that ODOT had approved the removal of an additional seven panels pending the final sound study. Mr. Rusty Myers, Jones Lang LaSalle, stated that the property is best suited for this use as opposed to the original office.

Mr. Bimal Patel, Rolling Hills Hospitality, stated that the parking has been addressed to their satisfaction and they are excited about the use.

Mr. Mike Simms, Molasky Group, stated that the deed restriction with the FBI requires a minimum setback of 20 feet for any use.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 6:49pm.

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The Public Hearing for the 2018 Tax Budget was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Porter presented the 2018 Tax budget that shows the need for the Township to continue collecting property taxes outside of the 10 mill limitation. Mr. Weidman asked if anyone from the public was present to speak on the issue. No response, therefore the public hearing was closed.

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The regular meeting of The Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Weidman.

The invocation from Holy Trinity 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, Attorney Rob Butler was present for Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Fire Chief Penny, Zoning Administrator Holbert and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Law Director Miller and Parks and recreation Director McKeown were excused.

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus introduced herself to the Board and said she was reaching out to all 49 jurisdictions with information on the services provided by Hamilton County. The Board thanked Ms. Driehaus for her attendance.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held May 30, June 1 and June 13, 2017 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

J. Janus Jr., 4462 Daffodil Drive, asked Mr. Porter about the tax budget and how much of the JEDZ goes into police and fire. Mr. Porter stated he does not have that information readily available and it would have to be calculated.

Lt. Smith stated the monthly report would be available soon.

Chief Penny presented the June 2017 statistics.

Mr. Bickford stated that there was no new information to be presented for Parks and Recreation since the 5:30 p.m. workshop meeting.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Festival in Sycamore setup will begin Monday morning.

Mr. Bickford requested an executive session for the purposes of on-going litigation and employee compensation.

Mr. Bickford reported that residents in the gas aggregation program are receiving letters from Constellation indicating that they have changed their name. The new name is "Constellation

New Energy.” The terms, conditions and rates of the program remain unchanged. He also reported that Energy Alliances has negotiated a new rate for the electric aggregation program effective with the December, 2017 billing cycle. The new rate will be 5.49 cents per kilowatt hour and is guaranteed through the November, 2021 billing cycle. If a better rate becomes available, the Township has the ability to adopt it for the program.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

Wurzelbacher Staging Inc.	Festival 2017 Staging	\$4,800.00
Adleta Construction	Storm Sewer Repair Wicklow Ave.	\$7,769.00
Cumulus Cincinnati	Festival Radio Ads	\$5,500.00
River City Productions LLC	Festival Audio & Lighting	\$15,600.00

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Holbert reported that permits and property maintenance complaints continue to be strong through the summer. He also stated that the consultant is working on the final initial draft of the updated zoning resolution and it will be available for review soon.

Mr. Barret Tullis, applicant for Case 2017-08MA, requested a continuance of the case to the August 3rd meeting.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to accept his request to continue, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye:

The resolution “Adopting the Sycamore Township Tax Budget for 2018” 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. 2017-76 approved this 6th day of July, 2017.

The resolution “Designating No Parking on a Portion of Styrax Lane in Sycamore Township” 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. 2017-77 approved this 6th day of July, 2017.

The resolution “Approving an LPA Federal Local-Let Project Agreement for the Sycamore Township Montgomery Road Sidewalk Phase IV Project” 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. 2017-78 approved this 6th day of July, 2017.

The Receipts and Disbursements of July 6, 2017 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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to accept them.
Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Weidman read the schedule of events.

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and employee compensation was made by Trustee Weidman. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

Mr. Weidman stated there was no more expected business tonight.

End regular session: 7:25 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 7:26 p.m.

End Executive Session: 7:39 p.m.

Back in regular session: 7:39 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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