

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

August 3, 2017

The Public Hearing for Nuisance Property 8460-8472 Blue Ash Road was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Peter Koenig presented information to the Board on what has been accomplished at the property since the last meeting. Mr. Justice also explained in detail what has been done and what is scheduled.

Mr. Holbert presented pictures and his findings on the site which contradict what Mr. Koenig and Mr. Justice have reported.

Mr. Weidman stated that it appears that nothing is being done on this property.

The Board requested that Mr. Koenig submit the proper mold reports and other required documentation by the next Trustee meeting.

Mr. Koenig stated he will appear before the Board at the next meeting on August 17, 2017.

Trustee Weidman closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. after asking for and receiving no other public comments on the case.

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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:17 pm.

The invocation from St. Vincent Ferrer 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, Superintendent Kellums, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Parks /Recreation Director McKeown was excused.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held July 6 and 18, 2017 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

A Resolution Honoring Michael Sidenstick was read by Trustee Weidman. Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Porter called the roll, all voted yes.

A Resolution Honoring Austin Goddard was read by Trustee Weidman. Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Porter called the roll, all voted yes.

Mr. Peter Koenig addressed the Board stating he could not make the meeting on August 17th but could attend the workshop meeting on September 5th at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Weidman stated that he would still need to submit the required reports by August 17th. Mr. Koenig stated he would.

Lt. Smith reported that the monthly statistics would be presented at the next meeting.

Chief Penny presented the month's fire department statistics and stated that the run volume is high enough that more firefighters need to be hired because the part time pool is unreliable. Mr. Weidman agreed and asked the Chief how many would be required. Chief Penny stated six new full time hires would help ease the burden.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to direct the Chief to hire six new full time firefighter / EMTs. All voted yes.

Mr. Bickford stated that there was no new information to report for Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Kellums reported that the electric at Schuler has been fixed for most of the park. The sports lighting remains off as the damage to the underground lines and structural pole is being assessed.

Mr. Miller reported that the Norton Attorney is working with Norton on getting the Billboard removed.

Mr. Bickford reported that he is working with Duke Energy to determine the cause of the most recent power outages in Heitmeyer Farms and Sturbridge. Duke Energy will be auditing the lines and equipment to see if anything needs replaced, repaired or trimmed.

Mr. Bickford stated that Hamilton County is interested in doing a pilot project in Sycamore Township that detains storm water “in pipe” in order to prevent downstream flash flooding. The Board was generally in favor of this request, however, they want to see more information including what type of liability there is if this is allowed. Mr. Bickford stated he would have Hamilton County come and present the project at a later date.

Mr. Bickford stated that BC Bottle Lodge, which is opening a retail establishment on Hetz Drive, has requested approval for a D2 TREX liquor permit that would allow them to sell wine. The Board has already approved a D1 for the site. The Board had no objections to signing the permit.

Mr. Bickford stated that a resident of New England Court has repeatedly requested that the soccer goals located at the Administration Complex fields be moved away from her window. Mr. Bickford stated that he has tried to accommodate this resident and she is not happy with the way it is being done. Mr. Bickford stated staff will continue to attempt to move the goals but will not continue to engage in conversation on it and the goals may not always be moved. The Board agreed with Mr. Bickford and stated that the action we are currently taking is more than enough.

Mr. Weidman requested that the August 17, 2017 meeting be moved to August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to move the meeting. All voted yes.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

Motorola	Radios for New Firetruck	\$10,205.00
Howell Rescue	Rescue Tools	\$10,650.00

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

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township has received several records requests that have been very vague and have been working with the requestors to fulfill them. He noted that on one of the requests personal information was requested on the elected and administrative officials.

Mr. Holbert reported that there was no planning and zoning report.

A communication from Keith Spurling thanking the Trustees for allowing a block party in his neighborhood was read by Mr. Porter.

The Receipts and Disbursements of August 3, 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 adjourn was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 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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