

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

October 4, 2017

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

The invocation from Good Shepherd Lutheran 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, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks /Recreation Director McKeown, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Fire Chief Penny, Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Attorney Rob Butler in for Law Director Miller. Law Director Miller was excused.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held September 19 and 21, 2017 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

The Trustees presented the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Greater Cincinnati with a check in the amount of \$8,846.06 from the proceeds of the annual golf outing. Accepting on behalf of the organization was Victoria Molin. Rick Weitmarschen, golf outing organizer, was also in attendance and stated this was the largest amount ever raised.

Mr. Bishop thanked Mr. Weitmarschen for his efforts.

The nuisance hearing for 6330 Kugler Mill Road was held.

Mr. Holbert presented an update to the property. He stated that the Health Department and Building Department met on site with Mr. Miller, Mr. Holbert, and the property owner. The Health Department has indicated they will not condemn the building since it is unoccupied but agreed that the building is a hazard. No report has been issued by the building department. Chief Penny stated that he has inspected the property and believes the building to be unsafe and it should be razed. Mr. Butler asked Chief Penny if he felt the building to be dangerous to the general health safety and welfare of the Township. Chief Penny said yes as the building is harboring animals, has weak ceilings, exposed electrical and indicated that Mr. Holbert fell through a step during the inspection bringing the structure integrity into question. Mr. Butler asked if there were any other hazards. Chief Penny stated there were several issues with a potential fire hazard because of the contents in the building. In addition, there is a lawn mower in the attached garage that could pose to be a fire hazard.

Mr. Marley, property owner stated he had three bids for removal of the dead trees.

Mr. Holbert served Mr. Marley with a copy of the nuisance resolution at 7:26 p.m.

Polly Friedman and Andrew Friedman of 8330 Kugler Meadows Court, Angelique Gloster Waller of 8335 Kugler Meadows Court and Lisa Rutenberg of 8350 Kugler Meadows Court spoke about the property being dangerous, an eye sore, and their serious concerns about the dead trees.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Bishop stated that Mr. Marley has had ample opportunity to correct the problems with the property and structure.

Mr. Weidman stated that the residents have had to deal with this for long enough.

Mr. Connor stated that the trees needed to be removed as soon as possible and asked how the process would work if Mr. Marley did not remove the trees.

Mr. Butler stated that the nuisance resolution has been served to the owner of the property as well as the lien holders and, if not complete within 7 days, the Township could remove them.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to direct Law Director Miller or Mr. Butler to prepare a resolution to raze the structure and have it prepared to be read at the next meeting. Mr. Connor seconded the motion.

Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

Mr. Rob Jutze, of the Council on Aging, addressed the Board in support of the Issue 5, the Senior Services levy.

Ms. Janet Farist, 4651 Largo Drive, addressed the Board in regards to the sewer cross connection problem. The Board stated they would work with the Health Department to see if the process can be expedited so those wanting to sell or buy property in the area can move forward with the transaction.

Chief Penny presented the written report for September, 2017. He noted the department is having good results from improved staffing levels.

Mr. Kellums reported introduction letters had gone out to Sycamore Road residents. He also reported that the current ongoing road projects are in the process of wrapping up.

Mr. Bickford reported that the annual property and casualty insurance renewal rate has been held at 0% increase for the third year in a row. He asked the Board if they wanted to consider increasing the overall aggregate liability to \$10 million. It is currently \$5 million. The increase in premium is approximately \$2,800. Mr. Bickford also noted that the rate for property and casualty insurance has decreased in the past 12 years from a high of over \$100,000. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to raise the aggregate liability up to \$10 million. All voted yes.

Mr. Bickford stated opt-out letters for electric aggregation would be going out to residents next week. The rate, which is locked in until December 2020, is 5.49 cents per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Bickford informed the Board that a speed sign was up on Tenderfoot Lane and stated that the 85% speed was approximately 27 mph, which means 85% of the drivers pass the sign at 27 mph or less.

Mr. Weidman stated he believed the Township needs to consider a tree replacement program that will offset the lost trees from roadway improvement projects. Mr. Kellums stated that this could be accomplished as part of each road project's budget. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the creation of the program. Mr. Porter called the roll, all voted yes.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

The Enquirer	Zoning Legal Ads	\$5,000.00
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Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Holbert reported on cell tower sub stations stating that he is working with the Hamilton County Engineer's Office to find a solution so they are not placed in random locations in the right-of-way.

A communication from Diane Nichols, of 8815 Tudor Court, thanking the Township for prompt service fixing a pothole and removing poison ivy and limbs was read by Mr. Porter.

The resolution "Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor" 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. 2017-114 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 11962 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" 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. 2017-115 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicle(s) in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle(s)" 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. 2017-116 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

The receipts and disbursements of October 4, 2017 were available in the Fiscal Officer's Office and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

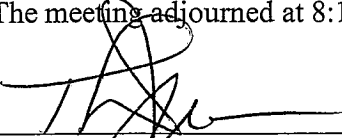
I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.


Signed:   
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

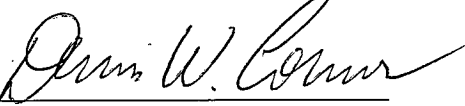
A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept them.  
Vote: All Aye.

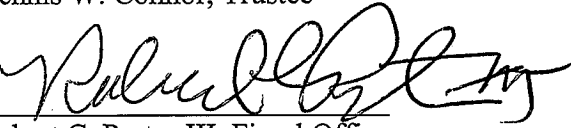
A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Thomas J. Weidman, President

  
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Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

  
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Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

  
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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer  
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