

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

September 5, 2019

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

The invocation from Kenwood Baptist Church was then read by Mr. Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Weidman, Vice Chairman Connor, Trustee LaBarbara, Fiscal Officer Porter, Attorney Deepak Desai, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Law Director Miller, Planning and Zoning Administrator Holbert, Fire Chief Penny and Parks and Recreation Director McKeown were excused.

The Proclamation designating September, 2019 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in Sycamore Township was presented by Mr. Weidman. Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye. Proclamation passed this 5th day of September, 2019.

Mr. Weidman discussed the fundraising efforts made by the Ovarian Cancer Alliance and noted they are hosting a 5K run/walk on September 14th at Summit Park.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held August 1, 2019 were presented for approval. Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve them. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Standish Fortin, of 12137 McCauly Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45241 addressed the Board. Mr. Fortin said he hopes there will be more Parks and Recreation Committee meetings and noted, if there is a Festival Committee, its meetings should also be listed in the newsletter. Mr. Fortin asked, in regards to the festival in Sycamore, what type of organization does not have a report or meeting after an event to discuss the event and its finances.

Lt. Smith reported on changes to the format of the Sheriff's Office monthly report to the Township.

Lt. Smith stated, as mentioned in a previous meeting, beginning September 9th there will be territory officers tasked with delivering subpoenas and other court documents and there will be an officer assigned to this area, meaning Sycamore Township and adjacent municipalities. He noted when they have completed their duties, they will be available to assist as needed on patrol. Lt. Smith said it was a relatively quiet summer with no felonious assaults or fatal crash incidents.

Mr. Bickford reported on behalf of Chief Penny the Fire Department monthly report was sent yesterday and is available on the Fire Department website.

Mr. Kellums reported that reconstruction of the stone wall along Kenwood Road had begun. He also stated work on the Sycamore Road roundabout had been slowed due to weather and went on to describe the work that would take place in the upcoming weeks.

Mr. Bickford reported on fiber video capabilities for surveillance in the parks funded by federal grant money.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

Blanket Vendor	Dump Fees	\$5,000.00
Indian Hill School District	TIF School Payment	\$2,356,071.00
Sycamore Board of Education	TIF School Payment	\$85,082.01
Princeton City Schools	TIF School Payment	\$74,488.92
Great Oaks Career Campuses	TIF School Payment	\$16,054.88
Deer Park Community City Schools	TIF School Payment	\$286,006.14
Blanket Vendor	Fire – Utilities	\$10,000.00

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

Mr. Bickford reported that Mr. Holbert is in the process of scheduling the first meeting of the Land Use Advisory Board.

The resolution “Renewing the Nodding Way Lighting District” was read by Mr. Desai. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2019-95 passed this 5th day of September, 2019.

The resolution “Renewing the Dillonvale Lighting District” was read by Mr. Desai. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2019-96 passed this 5th day of September, 2019.

Mr. Connor thanked all those who were involved in the planning and carrying out of the recent Community Forum held on August 27th regarding the addiction crisis. He also thanked all those in attendance and the partner organizations involved. Mr. Connor noted anything that we can do to help educate the community and help eliminate the addiction epidemic is worthwhile.

Mr. LaBarbara stated in response to a discussion at the Workshop meeting that the Chilero taco restaurant does have a food license.

Mr. Weidman stated he is on the Board for the Emergency Management Agency in Hamilton County and reported a test of the wireless alert system in Hamilton County took place on Wednesday, September 4th. He stated everyone’s phones should have received the test and this should be a great system in the future.

Mr. Bickford requested an Executive Session for Personnel – Employment.

The Receipts and Disbursements of September 5, 2019 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. LaBarbara, to accept them. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Personnel - Employment** was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara.
Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

End regular session: 7:28 p.m.


Begin Executive Session: 7:30 p.m.

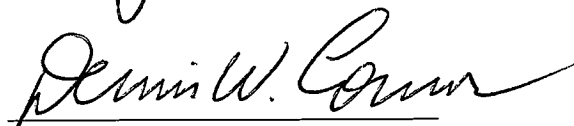
End Executive Session: 7:38 p.m.

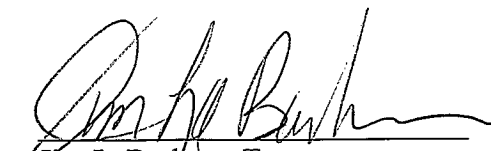
Back in regular session: 7:40 p.m.

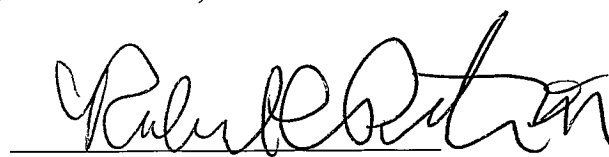
A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee Weidman.
Vote: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman


Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman


Jim LaBarbara, Trustee


Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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