## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

## October 21, 2020

**NOTE:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the issuance of guidelines to limit public gatherings to ten people or less by Governor DeWine and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, and due to enabling legislation (House Bill 197) which permits Ohio governments to meet remotely during this time, this meeting was held without members of the public physically present. Video of the meeting was live streamed to the public on the internet.

The special meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Chairman LaBarbara, Vice Chairman James, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Desai, Administrator Warrick, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums and Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller.

## Administrator Report: Purchase Order Over \$2,500.00

Mr. Warrick reported he had a large purchase order in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Board's consideration. The purchase order is for legal assistance associated with TIF money. He reminded the Board the State Legislature had passed a bill allowing 25% of unencumbered TIF funds to be used for road projects or fire services. He noted he had been on several Zoom calls pertaining to this subject and it was recommended the Township seek assistance from an attorney specializing in TIFs.

Mr. Warrick stated he called the Township's bond counsel, Brenda Wehmer, who is knowledgeable about this and said she could research whether the Township may be able to use some of its regular TIF funds for road projects also. Mr. Warrick noted some of the older TIF resolutions need to be rewritten and updated. He said Ms. Wehmer would be able to help us with all of that. Mr. Warrick requested approval of this purchase order for up to \$5,000.00 for her services which may be paid for using TIF money. He noted there are ample appropriations in both the TIF funds being used to cover this expense.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Brenda Wehmer, TIF Assistance \$5,000.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to approve this request. Mr. LaBarbara called roll. Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. James, to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. LaBarbara stated the next Workshop meeting scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> had been cancelled due to election day. He said the Board will next meet Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a zoning public hearing that evening at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Jim LaBarbara, Chairman Thomas James, Jr., Vice Chairman Thomas Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer Special Meeting 10/21/2020