

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio April 6, 2021

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 404) which extended the ability of local governments in Ohio to meet remotely during this time, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Members of the public were given the opportunity to participate live in the meeting remotely via Zoom audio. Video of the meeting was live streamed to the public on the internet.

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

The invocation was read by Mr. Miller.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were Chairman James, Vice Chairman LaBarbara, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Desai, Administrator Warrick, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller, Fire Chief Penny, Sgt. Sovern from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Parks & Public Spaces Supervisor Petty and Jessica Daves.

Mr. James explained the need for the meeting to be held remotely due to COVID-19 and requested approval from Board members for placing electronic signatures on documents approved at this meeting. All three Trustees, Mr. Porter, and Mr. Desai then gave consent for their signatures to be added electronically to any documents approved at the meeting.

Approval of the March 16, 2021 Trustee Meeting Minutes

The March 16, 2021 Trustees Meeting Minutes were presented for approval.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to accept them. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Public Comments

Mr. John Abraham, of 4978 Elmcrest Lane, addressed the Board. Mr. Abraham stated his intent to follow up on his comments from the June 4, 2020 Trustees Meeting about transparency and the Township Administrator's hiring and contract. He made comments about the Administrator being given a new contract and pay raise without having met any defined goals or having an annual review. He used Fairfield's hiring of a Finance Director out of 19 applicants as an example comparing it to Sycamore Township accepting only one resume for the Administrator position. He suggested the Trustees should have stayed with the Administrator's original two-year contract which contained a more reasonable pay increase in year two.

Mr. J. Janus Jr., of 4462 Daffodil Avenue, addressed the Board. Mr. Janus read a letter from his wife to the Board of Trustees dated April 1, 2021 praising a fireworks event put on by Mr. Josh Fortin last summer and requesting the Trustees consider sponsoring and supporting the event this

year. Mr. Janus requested the Trustees, Administrator and road department address the broken blacktop in front of 8805 Lancaster. He asked the Trustees and Administrator to consider blacktopping the trail in Bechtold Park and suggested paying for it using COVID-19 funds. He spoke in support of Mr. Fortin and his committee for their Red, White, and Boom event saying the Parks Advisory Committee voted unanimously in favor of it. Mr. Janus asked the Trustees to support Ms. Kathy Kugler's scavenger hunt idea. He then requested the Board keep him updated on the status of the property at 8805 Lancaster.

Ms. Kathy Kugler, 7106 Tenderfoot Lane, addressed the Board. Ms. Kugler asked Mr. Kellums about an email she sent him March 28th requesting information on the cost of blacktopping the nature trail in Bechtold Park. She asked for a response so that she could take that information back to the Park Advisory Committee.

Mr. James pointed out that Mr. Kellums responded to Ms. Kugler today and copied him noting Mr. Kellums had been on vacation.

Ms. Kugler asked Mr. Kellums if the walking paths in three parks could be cleared of snow in the winter. Ms. Kugler requested the Township support Mr. Fortin's fireworks event by providing the use of McDaniel Park, coordinating with Mr. Petty, and advertising using all Township avenues saying the event will be free to Township residents and our parks need to be utilized more.

Mr. Standish Fortin, of 12137 McCauly Road, addressed the Board. He stated April 19th is the original Patriot Day and suggested people research that if it is new to them. He said he discovered and sent to Mr. Miller part of a safe route to school report done by the City of Sharonville. He pointed out a map of an area in Northern Sycamore Township stating they are seeking funding for a safe route to school and said it appears Sharonville is proposing sidewalks in Sycamore Township. He said it is mind boggling no one in our Township is aware of this and he would appreciate any information the Township has on this being shared with the public.

Mr. James asked if anyone present had information on the plan Mr. Fortin discussed.

Mr. Kellums said the report is part of an attempt to get a grant noting he met with representatives from Sharonville about a year and a half ago. He said Sharonville is applying for the grant because the school is in their community.

Mr. James said it would be helpful to see if there is anything we can do to facilitate sidewalks in our community.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Sgt. Sovern reported on a March 29, 2021 active shooter drill which took place at Moeller High School in cooperation with Sycamore Township Fire Department and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. He noted the drill went very well.

EMS/Fire Report

Chief Penny stated the monthly report was sent to the Administrator and the Trustees. He then reported there are about 20 residents with COVID-19 in the Township who are quarantine at home, and hundreds have been released from quarantine. He noted Hamilton County Public

Health has a new website with quarantine information and will no longer be sending that information to him.

Chief Penny reported the Fire Department received a reimbursement from Hamilton County for \$279,186.41 for costs incurred from the start of the pandemic until the Township received its first CARES Act check. He stated the Township received a large supply of cloth masks from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and there are some in the lobby of Station 92 if any residents need masks.

Chief Penny reported there have been two fires at the old Carousel on Reading Road in the last week. He said vagrants have removed the boards from windows and doors to gain access to the building and are hanging out there again. He pointed out an area that is unsafe which the owner was instructed to remove and has not. He noted vagrants are in the Drake Motel building as well. He stated the buildings should be razed.

Mr. Weidman asked what must be done to get the buildings condemned.

Chief Penny said other than the one area, the buildings are structurally sound so it would be difficult to condemn them, but they are a menace.

Mr. Weidman asked for input from Mr. Desai on what could be done to address this as the buildings are a safety issue for our community.

Mr. Miller said the owner was ordered to tear down the unsafe area, but he does not know the timeline given. He said the problem is the buildings are not secure and the Township could use the Property Maintenance Code to enforce that. He suggested a meeting with the Hamilton County Building Department about the structures to decide the most effective course of action.

Mr. LaBarbara suggested a police presence there.

Chief Penny said the police would have to go through every room of the building.

Mr. James asked Mr. Desai if the Township has any recourse since the place is a menace but structurally sound.

Mr. Desai said the Township can go after the property owner(s) per the Ohio Revised Code as a nuisance due to criminal activity and the two fires posing a threat to the community and the firefighters who respond. He said if Hamilton County Public Health declares it is unsafe for habitation that is just a piece of paper; the Hamilton County Prosecutor must enforce it. He stated, in the meantime, the adjudication order to raze the unsafe portion of the building must be enforced and the owners should be cited for not securing the building.

Mr. James requested Mr. Desai, Mr. Miller and Chief Penny formulate a step-by-step plan to deal with this issue and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Weidman asked Mr. Desai to review the court order regarding the Drake Motel as well to determine what may be done to enforce that.

Mr. Desai said they may be in contempt of that order.

Mr. James reported there will be COVID-19 vaccines available at the Kenwood Towne Center this weekend. He stated Greg Kesterman, of Hamilton County Public Health, said there are a lot of appointments available in Wilmington, Ohio for those willing to drive that far. He suggested those interested search zip code 45117 on the Kroger website.

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

Mr. Petty read Section 15 of the Parks Rules and Regulations on alcoholic beverages which had been revised per direction from the Board and requested approval of the document.

Mr. Desai asked if based on this language a private citizen may have alcohol in a shelter area.

Mr. Petty answered yes.

Mr. Kellums questioned the language in the second sentence of Section 15.

Mr. Desai suggested changing the second sentence of that section to “Alcoholic beverages are only permitted in shelter or pavilion areas unless authorized in other areas by the Board or its agents.”

A motion to approve the Parks Rules and Regulations with the amended language in Section 15 as discussed was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll.
Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Petty reported the Parks Advisory Committee met last month and Mr. Fortin gave a presentation to the committee about proposed 4th of July fireworks and submitted a field use permit request. The committee was in support of the request and is in favor of the Township either sponsoring the event or advertising the event. Mr. Petty stated the committee recommended the field rental fees be waived for this event as well.

Mr. Petty reported the Parks Advisory Committee would also like the Township to provide funding for a scavenger hunt event to take place in the fall.

Mr. LaBarbara asked for clarification on the scavenger hunt.

Mr. Petty answered plans for the scavenger hunt are still in the beginning stages but may also include bicycle and fire safety as well as food trucks. He said the plan would be to hold it at McDaniel Sports Complex.

Mr. James said the scavenger hunt is a great idea but noted it would be nice to do some outdoor activities in the summer instead of putting it off until the fall. He gave some suggestions of smaller scale events that could be held this summer.

Mr. LaBarbara said he asked Mr. Petty to check on the cost for a small stage and electric for bands.

Mr. Petty noted the committee was awaiting survey results to plan summer events and noted he will investigate the costs Mr. LaBarbara mentioned.

Mr. James encouraged the committee to be ambitious with plans for park events.

Mr. Weidman noted he had two requests for yoga on Saturdays from people who go to church on Sunday mornings.

Mr. Petty said he is looking for additional yoga instructors to add classes on other days.

Mr. James addressed Mr. Fortin's request for field use for a 4th of July fireworks event and asked Mr. Petty questions about what Trustee approval is needed and noted the Trustees would have to review a plan before giving approval.

Mr. Fortin stated he paid \$805.00 for the fields in 2020.

Mr. Petty stated Mr. Fortin had submitted a permit request to use fields for specified times over three days. He said advertising the event on the Township's website and Facebook page would not cost anything. He noted the Park Advisory Committee was in favor of the Township sponsoring the event, advertising it, or both.

Mr. LaBarbara stated Blue Ash has the biggest fireworks event in the area and he is not sure we would be a good neighbor sponsoring an event the same day.

Mr. Weidman stated it was suggested by the applicant that maybe we were not being patriotic because we had some questions about supporting the event last year in the middle of a pandemic. He noted we agreed to approve it as a private event with no alcohol, no live music, no food, and no advertising of the event, but the applicant advertised it anyway in the Enquirer and by direct mail. Mr. Weidman said he is against turning this into a Township event with Blue Ash holding its event right next door to the Township. He then expressed concerns about allowing complimentary use of our fields for such an event setting a precedent.

Mr. Weidman pointed out this applicant violated almost all the conditions of the approval for his use of the fields in 2020. He said he resents that the suggestion that we are not being patriotic for not going out of our way to be supportive. He said Mr. LaBarbara is correct, the Township should not partner with the applicant for this event and the applicant has already shown his inability to follow orders the first time so he is not sure he should be given a second chance. He said the applicant could hold a private event but should pay the field rental fees.

Mr. James agreed it should be a private event and the rental fees should be paid.

Mr. Weidman stated someone told him they were solicited by Mr. Fortin as a member of the Park Advisory Committee to sponsor the event. He said Mr. Fortin is not on that committee but this person concluded that Mr. Fortin was representing the Township which is problematic.

Mr. James said we certainly do not want private parties suggesting they are acting on behalf of the Township, which has been a problem in other areas as well. He said the Board may consider renting it to Mr. Fortin for a private event once there is a plan presented to them.

Mr. LaBarbara agreed with Mr. Weidman and Mr. James.

Mr. Kellums reported on the Larchview Drive/Plainfield Road Improvements project noting there will be an open house style public meeting to provide information to the public about the project on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. which he would like to hold in-person at the Township Administration Building at 8540 Kenwood Road. He noted masks and spacing will be required and residents will be notified by mail about the open house. He said the information will also be posted on the website for anyone uncomfortable attending in person. There was discussion about the best way to handle the open house.

Mr. James asked if there were any preliminary plans and for details on where the improvements would be made. He suggested the addition of bike lanes like the City of Cincinnati put in on the former Eastern Avenue now Riverside Drive.

Mr. Kellums answered the Hamilton County Engineer's Office is not big on bike lanes and that would only be possible if it were reduced to two lanes which would cause traffic issues. He said he will bring it up to the Engineer.

Mr. James suggested a median going down to the roundabout.

Mr. Weidman said there are too many curb cuts on that road for a bike lane.

Mr. Kellums asked for the Board's permission to hold the open house in-person.

The Trustees all gave their approval for an in-person open house.

Mr. Kellums discussed the community room and suggested replacing the carpet with carpet tiles so that if there are stains during rentals the squares may easily be replaced. He said he received a bid for \$10,662.99 from McSwain. He said there is an approved parks and public spaces purchase order which could be used.

There was discussion about getting other bids and whether carpet tiles would be the best option. It was decided Mr. Kellums will solicit some additional bids.

Mr. Kellums reported he put out an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) for headwall work. He said five engineering firms submitted and Carpenter Marty Transportation, Inc. rated the best. He requested a motion to enter negotiations with them for design work for the Dillonvale Culvert Project.

Mr. Weidman so moved. Mr. LaBarbara seconded.
Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Kellums reported on the daily work the maintenance crews are doing and noted street sweeping is being done in-house this year with rented equipment due to sub-par jobs by outside companies in the past. He praised the hard work of his team.

Mr. James brought up the electricity going out in the Heitmeyer and Sturbridge areas on Easter Sunday, which was a beautiful clear day. He noted this is a very common occurrence. He asked Mr. Kellums if the Township could meet with Duke Energy about the problem.

Mr. Kellums answered Mr. Warrick spoke to Duke Energy and Mr. Warrick said he and Mr. Kellums have a Zoom call scheduled with someone from Duke Energy on Friday and will report back to the Board.

There was continued discussion about this ongoing problem.

Mr. James brought up the possible use of funds generated by sales tax through the recently passed Issue Seven in the Kenwood area which is eligible due to its proximity to Metro routes.

Mr. Kellums answered he will investigate it noting the lion's share of the money will most likely go to the City of Cincinnati. He said it will likely be condition-driven and our roads are in good shape comparatively.

Planning & Zoning Report

Mr. Miller reported he had a nuisance resolution for the Board's consideration for the property located at 4661 Kugler Mill Road and displayed photos of abandoned ATM machines on the property. He stated the owner has not responded to orders to remove them. He said this is commercial material which does not belong in a residential neighborhood.

There was discussion about whether the ATM machines may be considered garbage and if the owner had been properly notified of the violation.

Resolution -4661 Kugler Mill Road Nuisance Resolution

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4661 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution 2021-020 passed this 6th day of April, 2021.

Mr. Miller reported on the Business Focus Group Session held March 25th and said the Developer Focus Group Session will take place Thursday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. He then reported on the two cases to be heard at the next Zoning Commission meeting and the status of current policy document updates.

Mr. James asked if there had been any feedback from the developer with respect to the Trustees' March 16th zoning case denial.

Mr. Miller answered no and went on to discuss the status of the Kugler Mill Road development which was the subject of a Consent Decree.

Mr. Miller reported he will be drafting a resolution for the Board's consideration in the future to clarify compensation for Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission members.

Mr. LaBarbara discussed how the boards were compensated historically.

Mr. Miller explained the resolution states there would not be compensation if the meeting is cancelled noting that does not correspond to past practice. He then explained how he would like to simplify the language. There was continued discussion about the compensation for the Board members.

Law Director Report

Mr. Desai reported the Township had received two notices from the United States Bankruptcy Court in the Purdue Pharma opioid bankruptcy settlement about a hearing on the disclosure statement on the Chapter 11 Plan and about solicitation procedures. He stated he filled out and submitted the solicitation directive. He will give a presentation to the Board on the Chapter 11 Plan later after Mr. Warrick receives the plan information.

Administrator Report

Mr. Warrick reported he had a resolution prepared for the Board's consideration to retire the bonds for the newly constructed maintenance storage building. He pointed out a chart on page two of the resolution explaining how it would be paid and noted Brenda Wehmer, Bond Counsel, assisted with the resolution. He said Mr. Porter anticipated this, it was in the budget, and there is plenty of cash to pay this. He said retiring this saves the reissue and interest costs.

Mr. Weidman asked the current interest rate on the bonds.

Mr. Warrick answered 1.5% and Mr. Desai clarified it is 1.55%.

Mr. Weidman questioned if retiring the bonds is a good idea considering there may be serious inflation coming our way and interest rates may increase. He asked Mr. Porter's opinion on it.

Mr. Porter said interest rates are low at present. He said it is a policy decision for the Trustees and he does not have any objection to it.

Mr. James noted it must be retired or renewed by May 4th. He said it makes sense to pay it off and seems like that was the original intent.

Mr. Kellums commented it is a lot of money and his concern is not knowing what will happen with the JEDZ and people working from home.

Mr. James asked Mr. Porter if we have a solid credit rating.

Mr. Porter answered yes.

Mr. James pointed out typos in the table on page two of the resolution and asked that it be corrected.

Resolution -Retiring Bonds for Maintenance Building

The resolution "Authorizing Payment in Full of Various Purpose Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Dispensing with the Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency" was presented by Mr. Warrick. A motion to approve was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. James. Mr. James then amended the motion to approve the resolution with the

typos in the table on page two corrected. Mr. LaBarbara seconded the motion to amend the resolution.

Mr. James asked if Mr. Weidman thought this was a bad idea.

Mr. Weidman stated he is not suggesting it is a good or a bad idea, but after Mr. Kellums' comments and considering the low interest rate, he is concerned we are rushing to judgement on this. He noted there is financial uncertainty in the future in this country and interest rates could change. Mr. Weidman said it seems clear Mr. James and Mr. LaBarbara want to pay off the debt and noted they are each entitled to a vote.

Mr. James said he recognizes the concern but paying it off is the move to make. He said he does not foresee future borrowing in the imminent future, but he shares Mr. Weidman's concern about the current federal administration's spending.

Mr. Desai pointed out there is an emergency clause in Section 6 of the resolution which requires unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Mr. James said that is a good point because the bond is up for renewal May 12th.

Mr. Desai said he thought the maturity date is May 4th. There was discussion about which date was correct. It was decided May 4th is correct.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Mr. LaBarbara: Aye; Mr. James: Aye; Mr. Weidman: No
Resolution 2021-020 passed this 6th day of April, 2021.

Mr. James asked what this means as the maturity date is within the thirty-day waiting period since the vote was not unanimous.

Mr. Warrick answered we either must renew the bond again or possibly make them permanent.

Mr. Weidman asked what kind of rate we could get on permanent.

Mr. Porter said it would be a low rate.

Mr. Weidman made a motion to move forward with finding out permanent bond rates.

Mr. Desai suggested he broaden that motion.

Mr. Weidman revised his motion to direct Mr. Warrick to find out the permanent rates and renewal rates for these bonds. Mr. LaBarbara seconded the motion. Mr. Porter called roll.
Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Warrick pointed out there was a purchase order and a check in Mr. Porter's check run for paying off the bonds so that will be pulled out of the check run.

Mr. Desai questioned whether the purchase order should be kept in just in case since the resolution was approved.

Mr. Warrick said the purchase order may be brought back before the board later.

Mr. James asked if there could be a short-term refinance option.

Mr. Warrick answered he did not know.

There was a discussion about whether to rescind the resolution. Mr. Desai said to let the resolution stand for now and agreed with Mr. Warrick the purchase order should not be considered tonight.

Mr. James requested Mr. Weidman consider this topic further in the interim and noted the Board could decide later to pay it off or Mr. Weidman could convince them otherwise.

Mr. Weidman agreed saying he would like to see the rates.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00

Mr. Warrick presented blanket purchase order 8716A for administrative contracts.

Blanket Vendor	Administrative Contracts	\$88,600.00
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A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara.

Mr. Weidman asked what types of expenses would be paid for by this purchase order. Mr. Warrick answered contracts such as the person helping with the UAN conversion and other smaller contracts.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Warrick presented blanket purchase order 8757A for fire contract services. He noted the purchase order was stamped then and now because some of this is on-going maintenance of Fire/EMS equipment.

Blanket Vendor	Fire Contract Services	\$29,580.81
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A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Warrick presented blanket purchase order 8757B for additional fire contract services.

Blanket Vendor	Fire Contract Services	\$10,000.00
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A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Warrick presented purchase order 8790B for Covid-19 expenses, noting the money has already been appropriated.

Blanket Vendor COVID Expenses \$100,000.00

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Fiscal Officer Report

Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$765,853.80 and disbursements of \$5,098,646.85, now less the \$4,341,078.44 check for the bond payment that will be removed from the check run, were read by the Fiscal Officer, and are hereby made a part of these Minutes.

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara.

Mr. James suggested stating the exact amount of the disbursements less the bond check for the record.

Mr. Warrick said the new disbursement total is \$757,568.41.

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

Signed: /s/ Robert C. Porter III
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: LaBarbara: Aye; James: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Trustee Comments

Mr. Weidman reported on calls with the Covid-19 defense team, stating the Governor intends to lift the restrictions on outdoor gatherings, but still limit indoor gatherings to 25% capacity. He said masks and social distancing are still required. He noted SB22 passed the State Legislature which placed a 90-day limit on the State of Emergency issued by the Governor and allow the legislature to rescind orders or rules issued by the Governor in response to that State of Emergency. He noted this will go into effect June 24th and has the potential to change current rules.

Mr. Weidman reported on the differences in the vaccines and the quantities available in Ohio. He noted Wilmington, Ohio has many Johnson & Johnson vaccines available. Mr. Weidman said the correct zip code to search is 45107. He said there is a statewide push to get college students vaccinated on campus and there is a new program for homebound individuals to be vaccinated at home. He noted Sycamore Township homebound residents may register to have the vaccine administered at home by Sycamore Township Fire/EMS. Mr. Weidman reported 33% of Hamilton County residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, including nearly 75% of those 65 and older. He stated as a member of Hamilton County EMA Board, he can report HCEMA Director Nick Crossley has done a great job with distribution of vaccines and PPE. Mr. Weidman encouraged small businesses in Sycamore Township in need of PPE to contact him at 979-4700 and he will be happy to facilitate PPE distribution.

Mr. Weidman then discussed the American Rescue Plan which was intended to help all Americans but has left out Townships in Ohio. Mr. Weidman said he is working with Ohio Senators and the Ohio Township Association to modify this legislation to include Townships. He stated the Hamilton County Township Association Meeting date should be confirmed soon.

Mr. Weidman reminded residents of the upcoming Trash Bash and document shredding events.

Mr. LaBarbara reported he was also on the Covid -19 defense team call and noted the goal is to have 80% of the population vaccinated by July 4th. He stated cases are trending in the right direction. He then thanked Hamilton County Dusty Rhodes and others who are writing a letter to get Ohio Townships included in the American Rescue Plan Act. He stated it is clear the intent of the Act is to provide aid to all Americans. Mr. LaBarbara said Representative Brad Wenstrup is on board and Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus spoke with Senator Sherrod Brown directly about this as well but so far there is no update.

Mr. LaBarbara said when the pandemic is over, he hopes to have a party in the park with live music. He stated he is glad the Township is looking at the compensation for the Township's Zoning Boards. He closed by wishing Township residents stay safe and healthy.

Mr. James stated we are all concerned about Townships being left out of the American Rescue Plan, but Congress was very explicit so he fears there is not a way we can regulate around it.

Mr. James said he did not misspeak when he reported the zip code to search for vaccines in Wilmington. He and Mr. Weidman discussed which zip code returns the best search results.

Mr. James noted the cicadas are coming to our area this spring. He then discussed the difference between public records requests in Ohio versus Kentucky saying a request he made in Kentucky for a client was fulfilled via a flash drive delivered overnight. He said the flash drive contained a nine-page document which could easily have been emailed and assured the public the Township fulfills requests with much less expense to taxpayers.

Announcement Changes

Mr. James noted the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. had been cancelled and referred people to the website calendar for information on other events.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to adjourn the meeting to executive session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 to consider pending litigation.

Mr. James invited Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Desai, Mr. Warrick, Mr. Kellums and Mr. Miller into the executive session with the Trustees.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: James: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Aye

End Regular Session: 9:39 p.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:43 p.m.

End Executive Session: 9:58 p.m.

Back in Regular Session: 10:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. James noted the zip code to search for the Wilmington vaccination site is actually 45177.

Mr. Miller noted he put that information on the Township Facebook page.

Vote to adjourn: All Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

/s/ Thomas C. James
Thomas C. James, Jr., Chairman

/s/ Jim LaBarbara
Jim LaBarbara, Vice Chairman

/s/ Thomas J. Weidman
Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

/s/ Robert C. Porter III
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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