

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

September 21, 2021

The Public Hearing for the Richmond Avenue Lighting District Renewal was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present for the hearing were Chairman James, Vice Chairman LaBarbara, Trustee Weidman, Administrator Warrick, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller and Beth Gunderson.

Mr. James asked if anyone present from the public would like to comment on the Richmond Lighting District Renewal. No response.

Mr. Warrick reported staff will be asking the Board in the Trustees later in their public meeting to renew the Richmond Avenue Lighting District.

Mr. James closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.



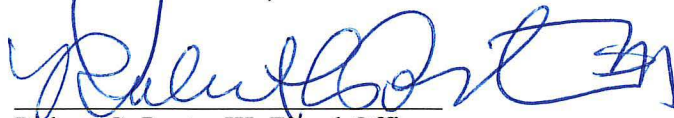
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The Public Hearing for the Hemesath Drive Lighting District Renewal was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Present for the hearing were Chairman James, Vice Chairman LaBarbara, Trustee Weidman, Administrator Warrick, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller and Beth Gunderson.

Mr. James asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the Hemesath Drive Lighting District. No response.

Mr. Warrick stated staff will recommend during the Trustees meeting that the Board renew the Hemesath Drive Lighting District.

Mr. LaBarbara stated he had an email from a resident stating Ms. Campbell was in her neighborhood delivering the public hearing notices. Mr. LaBarbara asked if there is a fee involved.

Mr. James noted the Fiscal Officer is statutorily entitled to a fee for each household in the lighting district.

Mr. LaBarbara asked how much that is.

Mr. Warrick answered it is something like 50 cents per house.

Mr. LaBarbara asked who gets that money.

Mr. Warrick answered the Fiscal Officer and Mr. James stated that is something provided for by State law.

Mr. LaBarbara stated in other Townships that money goes back to the Township.


Mr. James closed the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.



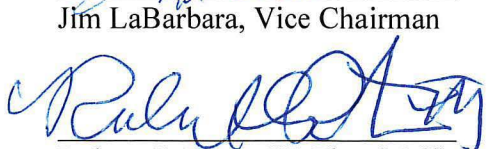
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The Public Hearing for the McCauly Road, Lewisclark Trail, Coyote Court and Bearvalley Court Lighting District Renewal was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Present for the hearing were Chairman James, Vice Chairman LaBarbara, Trustee Weidman, Administrator Warrick, Superintendent / Assistant Administrator Kellums, Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller and Beth Gunderson.

Mr. James asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the McCauly Road, Lewisclark Trail, Coyote Court and Bearvalley Court Lighting District.

Mr. James swore in a member of the public who rose to speak.

Mr. Edward Price, of 6480 Lewisclark Trail and current President of the McCauly Woods HOA addressed the Board. He stated 53 of the 55 lots in this lighting district are part of the McCauly Woods HOA. He reported he sent an email asking if people wanted to continue with the current lighting district or upgrade to LED lights. Mr. Price noted Ms. Campbell was helpful in getting all the information to him to pass along to the HOA members.

Mr. Price stated 21 members responded to the email. He said 14 of those wanted to retain the current lights due to their aesthetic appeal and the soft yellow of the lights and seven who responded wanted to change to LED. He said five of those said they like LED lights, but these are too bright; one person was only concerned about lowering the cost; and one wanted LED lights. Mr. Price concluded that the HOA recommends the Board renew the lighting district with the current fixtures and not upgrade to LED. He noted the HOA would like to find another option before the next renewal that appeals to the neighborhood at a lower cost.


Mr. James stated Ohio Law allows the Board to revisit the lighting district periodically, not just at renewal.

There was discussion about what would happen if the lighting district were not renewed and the cost of the lights.


Mr. Weidman thanked Mr. Price for coming and stated he had spoken to six other residents who were concerned about the cost of the lights and not interested in switching to LED lights.

Mr. James said he spoke to one resident who was also concerned about cost. He asked if anyone else wished to comment. No response.

Mr. James closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.




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