

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

September 6, 2022

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

Present for the meeting were Chairman Weidman, Vice Chairman Schwegmann, Trustee James, Attorney Katherine Barbieri, Fiscal Officer Porter, Planning & Zoning Administrator Miller, and Sgt. Sovern from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Interim Administrator / Superintendent Kellums and Fire Chief Penny were absent.

The invocation was read by Mr. Miller.

Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the August 16, 2022 Trustees Meeting Minutes

The August 16, 2022 Trustees Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, to accept them.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Mr. James: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

Approval of the August 19, 2022 Special Trustees Meeting Minutes

The August 19, 2022 Special Trustees Meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, to accept them.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Mr. James: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

Proclamation – Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

“A Proclamation Designating September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month” in Sycamore Township was read by Ms. Schwegmann. Mr. Weidman made a motion to pass the Proclamation. Mr. James seconded the motion. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

The Proclamation passed this 6th day of September, 2022.

Mr. Weidman stated, as the husband of someone who has battled Ovarian Cancer four times, he sits on the Board Member of the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, and we are thrilled that Sycamore Township recognizes Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month every September. He said the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Greater Cincinnati has raised over \$1 million for research in the last five years and has donated to the top researchers in the world in hopes of finding a cure. Mr. Weidman invited anyone who might be interested to participate in the Ovarian Cancer Alliance's 5K Run/Walk at Summit Park in Blue Ash on September 17th at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone in Sycamore Township for their support of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Public Comments

Ms. Mary Ann Lucas, of 4087 Belfast Drive, addressed the Board. Ms. Lucas stated several properties in her neighborhood are the subject of nuisance property resolutions. She stated she

appreciates that Sycamore Township is working to ensure properties are maintained to keep up the property value in her neighborhood.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Sgt. Sovern stated there have been no major incidents to report on at this meeting.

Mr. Weidman thanked one of the Sheriff's Officers for assistance in removing a dead deer on Marlette Drive.

EMS/Fire Report

No report.

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

No report.

Planning & Zoning Report

Mr. Miller reported he had nuisance property resolutions for the Board's consideration, and he would like to discuss property maintenance costs.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4093 Belfast Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-087 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8285 Fields Ertel Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-088 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 9055 Eldora Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-089 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4020 Limerick Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-090 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7256 Silver Crest Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-091 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7600 Montgomery Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-92 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

Property Maintenance Abatement Cost Discussion

Mr. Miller reported there are two purchase orders for the Board's consideration later in the meeting. He said there are two nuisance properties he would like to discuss with the Board. He said the first, 11962 4th Avenue, has already been declared a nuisance by the Board. Mr. Miller shared photos of the property and explained only one company, Sparks Landscaping, bid on the cleanup of the property at an amount of \$5,250.00. Mr. Miller stated this property has repeatedly been a nuisance and has already been cleaned by the Township numerous times. He discussed the property's value as compared to the liens being placed on it for expenses incurred by the Township for cleaning it. Mr. Miller pointed out the property is surrounded by others in very good condition.

The Board asked questions of Mr. Miller. There was discussion about the frequency of Township cleaning of the property and occupancy.

Mr. James asked the dollar amount of the liens and suggested the Township could foreclose on the property. There was a discussion about the best way to remedy the issues with this property.

Mr. Weidman asked if the house is inhabitable.

Ms. Barbieri suggested getting the Fire Chief involved to determine if the structure is unsafe.

There was a discussion about the best way to proceed.

Mr. Miller suggested spending the money to clean the property now out of respect for the neighbors who are caring for their properties. He stated he could then discuss long term options with the Township Law Director.

Mr. Miller then reported on the property at the corner of Estermarie Drive and Donna Lane in Dillonvale. He showed photos of the property and noted it used to be a well-manicured property and has since gotten away from the landowner. Mr. Miller stated it has already been declared a nuisance and the bid for cleanup is \$4,150.00. He said there is a purchase order for the Board's consideration that would take the remainder of the appropriated property maintenance funds so that the Township may finish property cleanup for the year.

Ms. Schwegmann asked if the Dillonvale property is mostly vegetation removal.

Mr. Miller answered the hedge row up against the sidewalk would be removed, as it is a hazard for pedestrians, and the remainder of the property will also be cleaned.

Mr. Miller reported there is a continuation of Zoning Case 2022-11MA for Landmark Recovery that will be heard by Zoning Commission on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. He stated the applicant has modified the proposal to be inpatient only, changed the number of beds and requested a new variance for parking allocation. He said assuming Zoning Commission decides on the case that night, it will come before the Board of Trustees in October.

Mr. Weidman asked Ms. Barbieri how the number of beds is allocated in Ohio.

Ms. Barbieri answered she did not know the answer to that and would have to look into it.

Mr. Miller noted their intent is to have outpatient services at another location.

Mr. Weidman asked Mr. Miller if 160 beds and 63 parking spaces meets the requirements of a convalescent home.

Mr. Miller answered no, saying, depending on how their staffing is interpreted, they would have to provide between 83 and 93 parking spaces.

Law Director Report

Ms. Barbieri stated she had no report.

Administrator Report

Resolution – Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds from the Sycamore Township, Hamilton County CIC, Inc. for the Sale of Property

The resolution “Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds from the Sycamore Township, Hamilton County CIC, Inc. for the Sale of Property” was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-093 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

Resolution – Amending 2022 Appropriations for the Marriott Fund and the Kenwood Crossings Fund

The resolution “Amending 2022 Appropriations for the Marriott Fund and the Kenwood Crossings Fund, Dispensing with a Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency” was presented by Mr. Miller. Mr. James made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, dispensing with a second reading.

Mr. Weidman asked for an explanation for the resolution.

Mr. Miller explained the TIF funds have brought in more revenue than originally anticipated so the Township must make larger school payments to Deer Park and Great Oaks. He also explained there is an outstanding payment to RLC3 LLC, which was included in a purchase order originally created and approved in 2021. He said the previous administration did not reappropriate the funds for that.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2022-094 passed this 6th day of September, 2022

Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00

Mr. Miller presented the following purchase orders over \$5,000.00 for approval:

22-100-1	Blanket Vendor	Fire – Utilities	\$15,000.00
22-102-2	Blanket Vendor	EMS Supplies	\$20,458.00
22-108-4	Blanket Vendor	Fire – Building Costs	\$10,000.00
22-109-6	Blanket Vendor	Fire Contracts	\$5,000.00
22-110-3	Blanket Vendor	Fire Tuition	\$13,100.00
22-116-1	Blanket Vendor	Materials – Roads	\$67,000.00
22-161-2	Blanket Vendor	Park Supplies & Materials	\$35,000.00
22-165-10	World Fuel Services	Fuel – Roads	\$10,000.00
22-188-1	Blanket Vendor	Property Maintenance	\$17,804.00
22-273	Indian Hill Schools	2 nd Half School Payment	\$3,070,330.82
22-274	Deer Park Schools	2 nd Half School Payment	\$382,033.43
22-275	Sycamore Schools	2 nd Half School Payment	\$92,449.77
22-276	Princeton Schools	2 nd Half School Payment	\$122,137.28
22-277	Great Oaks Career	2 nd Half School Payment	\$171,179.51
22-278	Sparks Landscaping	Prop. Maint. 11962 4 th Ave.	\$5,250.00

Mr. James made a motion to approve the purchase orders as presented. Ms. Schwegmann seconded. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Fiscal Officer Report

Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$11,547,736.69 and disbursements in the amount of \$4,727,186.84 for September 6, 2022 were read by Mr. Porter 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 to approve was made by Mr. James, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Mr. James: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

Trustee Comments

Ms. Schwegmann stated we just recognized Labor Day and it is worth taking a moment to thank those who work hard on behalf of the Township and those who are out working hard keeping our economy going.

Mr. James stated he is glad to see the Township recognizing Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Mr. James reported he is participating the Metro Bus System Bus Rapid Transit Stakeholder Advisory Committee which had its first meeting on August 29th. He said Metro is looking at putting some

Express Bus Rapid Transit Routes in, one of which would come to Sycamore Township near Kenwood Towne Center. Mr. James said the Township's Fall Newsletter is out and has a lot of good information for residents.


Mr. Weidman thanked the road crew team for removing a dead deer from Marlette Drive.

Announcement Changes


Mr. Weidman reported the Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting scheduled for September 19th has been canceled due to lack of an agenda. He then referred people to the website calendar for details on all meetings and events.

A motion was made by Mr. James, seconded by Ms. Schwegmann, to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

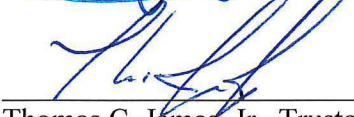
The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



Tracy Schwegmann, Vice Chairman



Thomas C. James, Jr., Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
09/06/2022