

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Schwegmann.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Schwegmann, Vice Chairman Weidman, Trustee James, Fiscal Officer Deters, Law Director Barbieri, Administrator Kellums, Superintendent Reutelshofer, Planning & Zoning Administrator Uckotter, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Tarr from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The invocation was read by Mr. Kellums.

Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the February 7, 2023, Trustee Meeting Minutes

The February 7, 2023, Trustee meeting minutes were presented for approval. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to accept them.

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

Presentation – Dan Deters, Energy Alliances, Electric Aggregation

Mr. Dan Deters, of Energy Alliances, Sycamore Township's aggregation consultant, addressed the Board. He stated the Board had previously given Mr. Kellums authority to sign a contract for electric aggregation, and the contract was executed today at a rate of 6.43 cents per KWH. He stated the new rate will begin in May and noted Dukes rate will be in excess of 9 cents per KWH. He said there will also be a renewable energy option which is a little more expensive. Mr. Deters said the contract is for two-year.

Mr. Kellums commented that this was a better rate than we expected.

Mr. James asked for an update on the Dynegy overcharges.

Mr. Deters answered he has an email from them he can share the email with Mr. Kellums to share with the Board.

Public Comments

No members of the public signed up to comment.

Planning & Zoning Report

Mr. Uckotter reported the public hearing before the Board of Trustees for Zoning Case 2023-01MA will be on March 7th at 6:00 p.m. He said the case is a Major Adjustment to a PUD for a medical office. Mr. Uckotter reported the Grooms CIG case, Case 2023-02Z, is tentatively set to be heard by the Trustees on March 21st at 5:30 p.m. He noted there is an open house for that case

on March 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Schuler Community Room and the Zoning Commission will hear the case on March 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution – Zoning Case 2022-17MA

Mr. Weidman made a motion to deny Case 2022-17MA. Mr. James seconded the motion.

Mr. James stated after listening to the zoning staff and our Law Director and in looking at the definition of halfway house versus the definition of hospital in the Zoning Resolution it seems clear to him the proposed Landmark facility fits the halfway house definition. He said Landmark Recovery has a great mission and does great things, but it does not fit in the “DD” zoning district in Sycamore Township.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

“A Resolution Denying Case Number 2022-17MA for a Major Adjustment to a PUD for Landmark Recovery of Louisville, LLC in Sycamore Township and Dispensing with a Second reading” was presented by Mr. Uckotter. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. James, dispensing with a second reading. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution 2023-008 passed this 21st day of February, 2023.

Sheriff Patrol Report

Lt. Tarr stated he had no report.

EMS/Fire Report

Chief Penny reported on the recent golf cart fire. He stated investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the fire which caused extensive damage to about 100 golf carts.

Chief Penny reported some Fire Department equipment that was declared obsolete was put on Govdeals and sold for \$1,025.00.

Roads, Maintenance & Recreation Report

Mr. Reutelshofer requested motion to advertise for the Gideon Lane Culvert Improvement Project.

Mr. James made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to advertise for the Gideon Lane Culvert Improvement Project.

Mr. Weidman asked about the timeline for the project.

Mr. Reutelshofer answered the start of construction should be in June.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. James asked for a status update on the Festival in Sycamore and asked if the budget was set.

Mr. Reutelshofer answered they just secured RVs and have been in negotiations with a carnival ride supplier.

Mr. Kellums said we have contracts with all the bands and \$150,000.00 appropriated although that is not the budget. He said so far, we have \$9,000.00 in sponsorship money. He stated the goal is to keep expenses less than \$100,000.00 even before we get sponsor revenue.

Mr. James asked what the plan is to sell beer.

Mr. Kellums said the hope is to have a local craft brewery participate.

Law Director Report

Mr. Barbieri stated he had nothing to report.

Administrator Report

Motion to Appoint JEDD Board Member

Mr. Kellums requested a motion to appoint Cintia Cerna as the district employees' representative to the JEDD Board to fulfill the original four-year term.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to appoint Cintia Cerna as the district employees' representative to the JEDD Board.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye

Resolution – Amending 2023 Appropriations

The resolution “Amending 2023 Appropriations for the Station 93 Projects Fund and the Deerfield Park Project Fund, Dispensing with a Second Reading and Declaring an Emergency” was presented by Mr. Kellums. Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. James, dispensing with a second reading.

Mr. Kellums explained the reasons for the amendments in the appropriations to the two funds.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution 2023-009 passed this 21st day of February, 2023.

Purchase Orders Over \$5,000.00

Mr. Kellums presented the following purchase order over \$5,000.00 for approval:

23-87	Wurzelbacher Staging, Inc.	Staging 2023 Festival	\$6,150.00
23-90	Advantage Tent & Party Rental	Tent, Tables, Chairs Festival	\$5,780.13

Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve purchase orders over \$5,000.00. Mr. James seconded.

Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Fiscal Officer Report

Pay Bills and Read Receipts

The receipts in the amount of \$4,838,793.19 and disbursements in the amount of \$90,401.73 for February 21, 2023 were read by Mr. Deters 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: 
Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Weidman made a motion to approve the receipts and disbursements. Mr. James seconded the motion. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Trustees Comments

Mr. James thanked Mr. Weidman for moving things along with the Heitmeyer Farms power situation. Mr. James thanked Township staff and Mr. Barbieri for addressing items over the holiday weekend.

Announcements

Ms. Schwegmann stated the February 22nd Board of Zoning Appeals meeting has been canceled. She said there is an open house on Monday, March 6th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Schuler Community Room on Deerfield Road regarding the proposed Grooms and E. Kemper Roads and there is a Special Zoning Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. She encouraged people to see the Township website calendar for all other meetings and events.

Executive Session

Ms. Schwegmann made a motion to adjourn into executive session as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the discipline of a public employee and compensation of a public employee. Mr. Weidman seconded the motion.

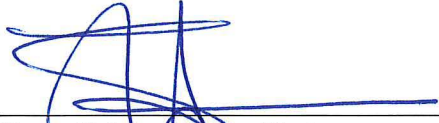
Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: Mr. James: Aye; Ms. Schwegmann: Aye; Mr. Weidman: Aye

- End Regular Session: 7:59 p.m.
- Begin Executive Session: 8:03 p.m.
- End Executive Session: 8:30 p.m.
- Back in Regular Session: 8:33 p.m.


Mr. Deters called roll. All three Trustees indicated they were present.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to terminate the employment of Angie Zammert effective immediately. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye.


Mr. Weidman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James seconded. Mr. Deters called roll. Vote: All Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34p.m.



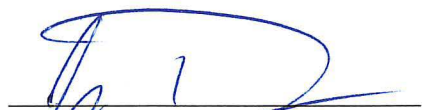
Tracy Schwegmann, Chairman



Thomas J. Weidman, Vice Chairman



Thomas C. James, Jr., Trustee



Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer
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