

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

August 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Kent, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Molloy, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Administrator/Assistant Township Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff's Liaison Cpl. Fritz. Lt. Dan Reid from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office was also present.

Gas Aggregation – Mr. Weidman discussed gas aggregation with Integrys for an opt-out program. This will require an affirmative vote in the November election. Law Director Miller was directed to prepare the necessary resolution for consideration at the August 7th meeting.

Resolution - Reconciling Budgets and Appropriations – Law Director Miller provided a resolution “Reconciling Budgets and Appropriations” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to dispense with the second reading.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2008-60 passed this 5th day of August 2008.

Law Director Miller also presented the resolution “Establishing Rates of Pay and Benefits for a Township Employee” A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to dispense with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2008-61 passed this 5th day of August 2008.

Public Information Coordinator – Mr. Molloy reported on negotiations with Feoshia Henderson as directed by the Trustees at the previous meeting. An hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour with a 21 day payment term was acceptable to Feoshia Henderson. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to hire Feoshia Henderson as Public Information Coordinator for Sycamore Township at a rate of \$30.00 per hour with a 21 day payment term. Vote: All Aye.

Kenwood Road Wall Reconstruction – Mr. Molloy requested that this item be tabled as all quotes have not been received. This request was approved by the Trustees.

Hamilton County Sheriff Contract / Future Cost Increase – Lt. Dan Reid of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office advised the Trustees of the Hamilton County Commissioners 6% across the board budget cuts and how the Sheriff's Office is being affected. Lt. Reid stated that beats are being filled by adjusting schedules.

The Trustees stated they want the terms of their contract to be fulfilled. Law Director Miller suggested the Trustees consider community court as a means of meeting any funding shortfalls.

Hamilton County Storm Water District – Water Quantity – Mr. Bickford informed the Trustees of a recent meeting attended by Mr. Kellums and himself with the Hamilton County Department of Public Works regarding water quantity issues. Additional fees to Hamilton County residents will be imposed through the Hamilton County Storm Water District. The meeting was informational only as no plan is in place at this time.

Landscape Consultant – Mr. Bickford revisited utilizing the Bloomin' Landscape and Garden Centre as a consultant for landscape review of zoning plans. Mr. Kellums no longer has the time for these reviews with his additional responsibilities. The proposal sets a rate of \$100.00 per hour. A motion was made by Mr. Kent, seconded by Mr. Bishop to accept this proposal. Vote: All Aye.
Also discussed was a review of the current landscaping requirements in the zoning code.

Upcoming Public Hearing – Mr. Bickford briefed the Trustees on a public hearing scheduled for 6:45 pm, August 7, 2008 for the BP Station at Hetz Drive and Montgomery Road. This redevelopment had been previously approved; however, the approval has expired.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal and Declaring a Nuisance for the property Located at 12178 Third Avenue” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to dispense with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2008-62 passed this 5th day of August 2008.

Sheriff's Patrol Update – Cpl. Fritz reported on continuing speed enforcement along Hosbrook Road.

Parks Update – Mr. McKeown reported on several incidents of vandalism at Bob Meyer Park and the North Sycamore Recreational Facility. Mr. Bickford was directed to set up a meeting with Power Net Global regarding wifi in parks which could include surveillance equipment. Mr. McKeown also discussed plans for the Park and Recreation Committee appreciation dinner.

Auto Accident Billing Update – Chief Jetter advised the Trustees of auto accident billing and the problems associated with collections. The Trustees requested the Chief to provide additional information.

Beta Test Site for Tele Medicine – Chief Jetter provided the Trustees with information on real time patient monitoring being tested in one of the life squad units. This 30 day test is to provide better quality of patient care while in transit.

Station 93 Future Construction Update – Chief Jetter reported on the July 15th bid opening for the design/build proposals for the North Fire Station.

CUC \$ 3,831,905.00

Alternatives listed

- Hydrants \$ 17,500.00
- Geo Thermic System \$ 155,400.00

Hemmer \$ 4,496,045.00

Alternatives listed

- Natural Gas Generator \$ 294,550.00
- Partition for Community Room \$ 27,400.00
- Geo Thermic System \$ 140,300.00

Performance Construction \$ 4,613,687.00

Alternatives listed

- Geo Thermic System \$ 264,700.00
- Alternative Heat System \$ 173,500.00

RSL Commercial Architect

Listed Hourly rates for the work-estimated cost between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

Fire Invoices / Purchase Requests – The Fire invoices and purchase requests were approved as submitted.

Deerfield Road Park Change Orders – Mr. Kellums submitted the following change orders for the Deerfield Road Park Project:

- Smith and Brown CWW check valve pit \$15,710.00
- Team All Sports irrigation in the ball field \$ 4,407.00
- B & J Electric scoreboard installation \$14,307.00

Mr. Kellums also reported on the cost difference between asphalt and concrete for the service drive.

Mr. Miller was directed by the Trustees to prepare the necessary resolutions for consideration at the next meeting.

Possitivity – Price Increase – The Trustees rejected a proposed 3% cost increase to Possitivity (formerly O.I.H.) due to an increase in fuel costs.

2008 Road Program – A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to advertise for bids for the 2008 Road Improvement Program. Vote All Aye.

Bechtold Park Shelter – Mr. Kellums reported on on-going issues with the Bechtold Park Pavilion Project including stonework on the columns and the use of non-treated lumber. He is awaiting a report from Truman Young and Associates.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Molloy presented the following purchase orders for consideration:

- Clark Power Services Inc. repairs to E-93 \$3,967.64
- Treasurer of State Marcs/Mobil Voice \$2,640.00

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Kent, to approve these purchase orders. Vote: All Aye.

Schedule – Mr. Molloy presented the upcoming schedule of events.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00–Mr. Molloy presented the following purchase orders:

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| Avizent | Third Party Administration for State Fund Ohio | \$9,500.00 |
| Truman Young and Associates | Bechtold Pavilion analysis | \$2,000.00 |

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve these purchase orders, seconded by Mr. Kent. Vote: All Aye.

Schedule – Mr. Molloy presented the schedule of events.

Executive Session – Property Acquisition and Personnel/Bargaining Unit Employee

Mr. Bickford requested an executive session to discuss property acquisition.

Vote: Weidman, Aye; Bishop, Aye; Kent, Aye.

Chief Jetter requested that Personnel-Bargaining Unit Employee be removed from the agenda. The Trustees approved this request.

The Board entered into executive session at 11:07 am.

The executive session adjourned at 11:14 am.

In a final item, Mr. McKeown reported on the annual Golf Outing and announced that a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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

Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Richard C. Kent, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Rob Molloy, Administrator