

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio May 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were, President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Law Director Miller, Administrator Raabe, EMS/Fire Director Jetter, Planning/Zoning Administrator/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Cpl. Sabers was present for Lt. Reid. Fiscal Officer Porter and Sheriff's Liaison Lt. Reid were absent.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions from the Trustees. Chief Jetter reported that during the week of June 21st, the Fire Department will undergo an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) inspection which occurs every 12 years. He also informed the Trustees that the partially completed high rise might be a potential problem area.

The Chief also wants to apply for a FEMA grant to replace the aging heart monitors; seven units at \$30,000 per unit will cost \$210,000. If Sycamore's population with the new Census is under 20,000, it would only require a 5% payment of this amount. He added that there was approximately a 48% chance of success.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown announced that the first concert behind the Administration Building will be Saturday, May 14th, 2011 starting at 6:00 p.m. with music by The Bloody Tinth. The Park Committee will man the food and beverage booths. The Show & Shine Calendar is now out on the marketplace and has the Sycamore Township ad in it; Mr. McKeown passed a sample around, as well as a sample concert brochure.

Mr. McKeown reported that baseball fields have been too wet to play, with 8 games played and 15 rainouts. The dugouts at Schuler were under water and thought has been given to putting in a dry well to pump out more water. Moeller High School wants to move most of its Varsity schedule to the Shuler fields.

Sheriff Patrol Update - Steve Sabers sat in for Lt. Reid, who is on vacation. There was no report of any incidents.

Upcoming Public Hearing – Mr. Bickford reported that there is a Public Hearing set for 6:30 p.m. on signage for The Salon, who is requesting a 30% increase in the size of the sign.

Kemper Road Water Tower – Mr. Bickford stated that Cincinnati Water Works needs a letter of permission from the Township to proceed with the building of the water tower.

It will be a 300,000 gallon tank with six parking spaces. The Zoning Board is requesting better landscaping around the perimeter along the barbed wire fence.

Mr. Bickford also reported a debris nuisance violation at 8475 St. Clair Avenue. The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8475 St. Clair Avenue” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2011-20 passed this 3rd day of May, 2011.

Bechtold Park Shelter Update – Mr. Kellums reported that the posts have been replaced by CFS at the Bechtold Park Pavilion and the stone surrounds are going back up, with two near completion.

Montgomery Road Sidewalks – Phase II Bid Results – Mr. Kellums reported that the April 26th bid opening revealed that Prus Construction was low bid at \$766,480.50 for the approximate 1500’ sidewalk project. Bruce Brandstetter, of Brandstetter/Carroll, recommended rejecting all of the bids due to excessive cost. Mr. Brandstetter is going to speak with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) about replacing the expensive set back high wall required with a 2’ wall right at the sidewalk. While this would be directly above the existing sewer, it would greatly reduce the overall cost. It would also not require a fence placed on top of the wall.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe presented the following purchase orders over \$2,500 for payment:

Huntington Bank	Kemper Gold Coast - Principle Payment	\$52,950.00
U.S. Bank	Access Road Bond – Interest Payment	\$34,450.01

Mr. Raabe informed the Board of the Bureau of Workers Compensation (BWC) presentation to Sycamore Township of the Safety Award – Accident Prevention for 2010.

Mr. Raabe was instructed by the Board to prepare a contract to purchase the home at 8608 Plainfield Road (at the corner next to Bechtold Park). A motion to purchase was made by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Raabe informed the Board that Duke Energy wants to lease the parcel at 11745 Solzman (the old Fire Station) for a CDL training spot for their single axle vehicles. They would be willing to pave the area where the building footprint was originally. A discussion ensued to ask Duke about stormwater retention requirements and any interference with recycling efforts. Mr. Raabe is to also check on the availability of the red recycling bins for future use.

Mr. Porter arrived at 9:56 a.m.

Mr. Miller stated that the Neyer Project at Hosbrook Road was not passed as a public project at this time by Brenda Wehmer of Peck, Shaffer & Williams, LLP, although this is not necessarily a final decision.

Chief Jetter reported that he has issues with the FBI building on certain aspects of their storage of hazardous materials and will meet with them next Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss it.

Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule of events.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator