

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio June 14, 2011

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

Sub House Bill 153 (Senate Budget) – Fast Food Provisions – Trustee Weidman stated that the original intent of the provisions was supposed to cover food preparation, such as trans-fat, and not intended to regulate zoning but the terminology in the bill is too loose. He went on to say that the Municipal League and O.T.A. (Ohio Township Association) were both working on clarifying this language. Trustee Weidman also suggested that the Township use its contract with GSG to help work on it. The final vote on the bill will be by the end of June.

Rob Porter asked about the estate tax bill and was informed that it ended on 12/31/12. He input \$0 in the estate tax portion of the 2012 budget being submitted to the Hamilton County Auditor to show what the difference in makeup would be.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid reported that deputies have been busy with the usual summertime activities, including an increase in burglaries at Kenwood Towne Centre, as well as other burglaries (predominantly vehicular) spread out throughout the Township and that they are considering increasing their presence in the Dillonvale area.

Trustee Connor complimented the Sheriffs' Department and its D.A.R.E. Program.

Upcoming Public Hearing – Mr. Bickford went over the First Financial options on the upcoming public hearing. Chief Jetter interjected that he had problems with access for emergency vehicles and would also like the building to have sprinklers and a fire hydrant installed on the property. He cited the code book on the issue. After lengthy discussion it was concluded that the Trustees wanted the hydrant, sprinkler system, no yellow on the building with stone or brick the same as Redstone, an ATM with brick on three sides and the fourth side with the computer screen facing Redstone (this would be OK in yellow) and no interior wall or graphics within ten feet of the front window. Mr. Bickford will craft the document with help from Mr. Miller.

Mr. Bickford informed the Board that the first meeting in July (July 7th) will have Neyer requesting signs for the Towers of Kenwood Project. They want two temporary signs (22' x 10') to be erected so they can be seen from the expressway, one sign to replace the existing one on Montgomery Road (100 square feet) and another sign at the entrance to their project (355 square feet). It was recommended that they be given a one year term on the temporary signage.

Mr. Bickford also stated that there will be a hearing on the Hills property at this meeting.

Nuisance Properties – Mr. Bickford presented five properties for nuisance violations:

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3731 Jeffrey Court, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2011-34 passed this 14th day of June, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8549 Deerway Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2011-35 passed this 14th day of June, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4309 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2011-36 passed this 14th day of June, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8248 Kenwood Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2011-37 passed this 14th day of June, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8615 Monroe Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45242” 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. 2011-38 passed this 14th day of June, 2011.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions for the Fire Chief concerning invoices and purchase requests. Chief Jetter informed the Board the ISO inspection would be the week of June 21st and that the department needed to buy tarps from Home Depot to satisfy one of their requirements. The Chief also stated that there were rolling meth labs driving through the community and the Township might have to dispose of lab remnants by declaring the property a nuisance and attaching a tax lien; he suspects there might be an imminent one in High Point. The Fire Chief also reported that the rash of suicide/drug overdoses due to the product being too potent seems to have subsided.

Parks and Recreation Update – Trustee Weidman thanked Mr. McKeown for accommodating Governor Kasich by allowing him to use the Community Room for a meeting.

Mr. McKeown reported that an anonymous donor gave an extra \$5,000.00 (total of \$15,000.00) for the Festival. He stated that the concert on Saturday, June 18 would be from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at McDaniel Park.

Mr. McKeown also stated that there were a lot of soccer camps going on currently, plus baseball tournaments and showcases.

The Car Show is ready to go and has room for 140 cars in 9 different categories. Food booths include Sammy's, El Pueblo, Italianette, and Pit to Plate.

McCauley Subdivision Road Work – Mr. Kellums talked about the McCauley Subdivision needing additional road work – the streets are 12 to 15 years old and were pulled out of the original project list due to budgetary considerations. He proposed doing a black mat to extend the life of the selected streets by six to ten years. The project would require a total of \$46,000 dollars - \$21,000 for the polyfill and \$25,000 for the black mat.

A motion to approve the McCauley Subdivision Project was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe reported that there were three purchase orders over \$2,500.00:

Johnny Schott Talent Agency	Festival	\$ 15,445.00
Rich Gaston Property Purchase	8608 Plainfield	\$119,544.74
U.S. Bank	Kenwood T.I.F.	\$318,472.20

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

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

Prior to ending the regular portion of the meeting and entering into Executive Session, Chief Jetter asked the Board if he could be excused from the Thursday night meeting but then retracted his request when asked to be there for the First Financial portion of the proceedings.

One of the audience, Charlie Meyer, asked about the traffic light going up at the Kenwood Theater and stated that he didn't see much of a traffic flow or parking problem there.

The meeting ended at 10:39 a.m., with a short break prior to entering into Executive Session.

Executive Session – A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to enter into executive session for the purpose of property acquisition.

Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

Executive session was entered into at 10:59 a.m.
Executive session ended at 11:06 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 11.07 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

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