

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio July 5, 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, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff Liaison Lt. Reid. Superintendent Kellums was absent.

**Fines for Street Dumping** – A discussion was held concerning dumping of gravel, topsoil, and mulch by contractors on public streets. Currently there is a \$124 fine – an example being the Ironwood incident of gravel on the street – and the citation is for placing an obstruction in the roadway. Trustee Weidman proposes making a Township fine that would hold the homeowner liable with 1<sup>st</sup> offense being \$350, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$700, and third offense \$1,000. Law Director Miller will create an initial draft for viewing.

**Nuisance Properties** – Mr. Bickford recommended changing the fee schedule on commercial solar panel (on building only) inspections from the current \$250 fee to \$100. A motion to change the fee schedule was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

The following nuisance properties were presented:

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 5171 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-41 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8575 Miami Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45243” 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. 2011-42 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4515 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-43 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8430 Donna Lane, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-44 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4601 Kugler Mill Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-45 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4311 Sycamore Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-46 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4400 Sycamore Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-47 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8619 Monroe Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-48 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8915 Blue Ash Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-49 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8655 Lancaster Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 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. 2011-50 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

**Upcoming Public Hearings** – Mr. Bickford discussed the upcoming public hearings for the July 7<sup>th</sup> Trustee Meeting. At 6:00 pm will be the Neyer Signage hearing (2011-06MA) where Neyer is requesting 2 temporary signs at 220 square feet. (22’x10’x20’ high). There will also be a

14'x12' sign on Montgomery (same location as current sign). The Board of Trustees desires uniform colors and letters on this signboard. The Zoning Commission recommended approval on all signage requests but want to wait for the building to be erected before signage can be changed. At 6:30 pm will be the consent decree hearing on the Hills Project. At 6:45 pm there will be the annual State of Ohio required budget hearing.

**Duke Energy – Underground Utilities** – Mr. Bickford reported that Duke Energy was getting ready to work on the underground utilities at Hosbrook Road for a cost of \$290,000.00 to the Township.

**Repair on Ladder 92 (Alternator)** – Chief Jetter reported that an emergency repair was made on Ladder Truck #92; an alternator was purchased for \$2093.00 and put on in-house.

**ISO Inspection Update** – Chief Jetter informed the Board that the ISO inspection was complete and went well – he is hoping we make the #1 rating. The inspector was here four days; of particular note was the water pressures were four times better in the south and three times better in the north compared to last inspection. The partially built high-rise was not a detriment to the rating since the water pressure is so significant. In addition, there have been 40 new commercial structures built in the Township since 1995 (including replacement structures).

**Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request** – Chief Jetter stated that invoices and purchase orders will be presented at the Thursday night Trustee Meeting.

**Parks and Recreation Update** – Mr. McKeown informed the Board that the Stooze Report will be next Friday with Willy Cunningham at the radio station. He also mentioned that the liquor license for the Festival was also outstanding – Law Director Miller will handle. He then discussed an email he had received from a Kenwood Meadows resident requesting a parcours trail along the easement strip of land behind the FBI building. The Board instructed him to ask for a plan design. Mr. McKeown informed the Board that preparation for the Car Show was going well.

**Deer Park School Board Request** – Lt. Reid discussed how the Deer Park DARE officer was being laid off due to budget problems and that they had requested Lt. Reid to teach it for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Amity School. Sixty of the students reside in Sycamore Township and 36 are Deer Park residents. It would amount to an 8 hour commitment. The Board instructed Lt. Reid to ask the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department if they could possibly do it as part of their county-wide program. Lt. Reid will get back to the Board once he has further information.

**Sheriff Patrol Update** – Lt. Reid stated that two heroin/prostitution busts had been made at the Drake Motel. An email request had been received from a resident on Chaucer on Wednesday and the bust occurred on Thursday; an ongoing investigation is underway.

**Plainfield Road-Gaston Property-Demolition** – Mr. Raabe reported that bids are currently being solicited for demolition of the house on Plainfield Road and that the asbestos report came back with no findings of excessive asbestos that would cause increased costs.

**Bid Opening for Playground Structure** – Mr. Raabe declared that the Township had received three bids on June 28<sup>th</sup> and the low bid was Langenheim & Thomson Co. for \$24,000.00. It was requested of Attorney Miller that he prepare a resolution awarding the bid for the Thursday night Trustee Meeting. A motion to award the bid to Langenheim & Thomson Co. was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

**Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00** – Mr. Raabe reported that there was one purchase order over \$2,500.00:      Enquirer                      Festival Ads                      \$3,890.00  
A motion to approve and pay this purchase order was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Law Director Miller reported that the Township received its tax exemption on Montgomery Road property and should be receiving refund checks from the County.

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

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

Executive session was entered into at 10:05 a.m.  
Executive session ended at 10:16 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

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Thomas J. Weidman, President

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Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

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Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Bruce A. Raabe, Administrator