

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio November 16, 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 Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, and Sheriff Liaison Lt. Reid.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – There were no questions or comments about the invoices or purchase orders, they were approved as presented. Chief Jetter reported that the average communication bill per month was around \$4,500 to \$5,000 for fire and \$19,000 for police calls. He stated that there were approximately 14,000 runs per year at the current charge of \$18.50 per call. A discussion ensued on how to reduce communication center calls and save money for the Township.

The Chief asked the Board for permission to be excused in order to attend the Hamilton County Fire Chief meeting, he was granted such, and left the meeting.

Resolution – Kenwood Baptist Church 100 Year Anniversary – A resolution “Honoring the Kenwood Baptist Church on the Occasion of its Centennial Anniversary” 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. 2011-105 passed this 16th day of November, 2011.

Kenwood Towne Center (KTC) Cameras – Mr. Miller discussed the possibility of purchasing equipment to patch into the KTC camera system so that the Township could have access to it in case of an emergency. Mr. Miller discussed the ability to use TIF funds for the purchase and described Project TIFs versus District TIFs. The estimated cost from KTC is projected at \$7,000 but it may be able to be done cheaper according to Mr. Bickford. He will speak with Rodney, KTC’s operations manager, about actual costs of the capital item as well as recurring operating costs. Mr. Bickford will also check on the ability to remotely manipulate the cameras.

Kenwood Traffic Control – Mr. Bickford and Mr. Kellums met with TEC and discussed a revised scope where TEC will modify the signals for this shopping season and have them aligned for two months with 24 hour monitoring and capability of adjustment for \$1,500 per month. They will meet with TEC tomorrow to discuss the long range system. A motion to proceed with the two month contract was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Nuisance Properties-5395 Autumnwood Dr. and 8509 Needlewood Ct. -

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 5395 Autumnwood Drive, 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. 2011-106 passed this 16th day of November, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8509 Needlewood 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. 2011-107 passed this 16th day of November, 2011.

Christmas Lights – Mr. Kellums led a discussion on which areas to decorate with Christmas lights without purchasing replacements, recommending that Bechtold Park and the Administration Building be decorated first and any remaining lights be used elsewhere. The Board was in agreement, although hoping to stretch the lights far enough to decorate most of the other sites done in previous years.

Crosswalks – A discussion took place concerning the thermoplastic crosswalks put down by the City of Blue Ash at all of the intersections in their business district. Mr. Kellums reported that there was a five year durability factor and the crosswalks would cost around \$6,000 per crossing. He pointed out that higher speeds with the snowplows on our county roads might be a problem. The total price for the intersections under discussion would be approximately \$50,000. It will be necessary to wait until spring to install them. Instead of the original eight crosswalks being discussed (two at the Kenwood Place, four at Kenwood and Galbraith, and two at Kenwood and Montgomery) it was suggested that only three be tried at first: one each at Kenwood Place, Orchard and Kenwood, and Jewish Hospital (Kenwood & Galbraith). These will be included as line items in next year’s road budget. Mr. Kellums also informed the Board that the document shredding program for residents will occur on April 21, 2012.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that the 5K Run dates were examined and he recommended using November 10th next year (two weeks later than the current weekend). Trustee Weidman requested the total cost of this year’s event. Mr. McKeown stated that Bethel Baptist Church wants to run a hayride through their lot with seven or eight stations for the “Bethlehem Story”. Attorney Miller will check on the secular nature of the project. The Board was also informed that Target was requesting use by their employees of the Bechtold Park parking lot off Plainfield Road for Black Friday. Mr. McKeown will get more information before deciding. He also passed out a list of bands to be considered for next year’s Festival. The Guess Who is available for approximately \$30,000.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid reported that December 10th is the first date for the new Driving Angels Program at the Fire Station Training Room on Kenwood Road. He also has a meeting scheduled with Heitmeyer Farms regarding kids smashing pumpkins with baseball bats and how to properly handle confrontations and call the Sheriff immediately. He also reported to the Board that there was no progress on the break-in investigation on Kemperridge Court yet but the case had not been closed.

Tree Work at Hosbrook – Mr. Raabe presented several options for the Board to consider on vertical mulching (fertilization) and removing problem trees on the Hosbrook Road/FBI Project. The Board desired to see additional bids on removing the trees but instructed Mr. Raabe to go ahead with the vertical mulching at a cost of approximately \$2,850.

Mr. Raabe also informed the Board that the final natural gas lock-in price from Integrys for the Sycamore Township Gas Aggregation Program had been received. It was locked in at \$0.5165/mcf compared to last year when it was \$0.547/mcf.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – There were no purchase orders presented.

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

The Receipts and Disbursements of November 16, 2011 were read by the Fiscal Officer 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: _____
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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

A motion to cancel Thursday night's Trustee Meeting was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 10:23 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