

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio December 13, 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.

2012 Lawn Maintenance Contract – Mr. Kellums reported that TruGreen quoted the same price as last year (\$14,715) and with the 5% prepaid discount, it will bring 2012 cost down to \$13,979.25, including field spraying for the Festival. This quote does exclude Schuler Park. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bishop, and seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Kenwood Crosswalks – Mr. Kellums discussed the proposed crosswalks; two at Orchard for \$11,963.40, one at Jewish Hospital for \$8,195.40, and one at the Theatre for \$1,971.84 with a total of four crosswalks at a cost of \$22,130.64. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop to approve these crosswalks, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

7791 Montgomery Rd Demolition – Mr. Kellums informed the Trustees of the three bids he received on the demolition of the building at 7791 Montgomery Road. They were as follows: Evans \$36,150; Loveland \$25,185; Pavement Management \$24,806. A motion to demolish and award the contract to Pavement Management was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that the Luminaria went well and announced the winners: 1st place went to 3924 Limerick with a \$100 gift card from Dillonvale IGA; 2nd to 9076 Eldora with \$50 gift card; and 3rd was 3954 Tramore with a \$25 gift card. The Trustees thanked all those that participated and Dillonvale IGA for sponsoring the event.

He also announced that the first three sponsors for the Festival/Summer Events donated a total of \$6,500. The sponsors were Jewish Hospital, The Kroger Company, and Bessel Transfer. Last years' donation total was \$55,000. The Board of Trustees authorized Mr. McKeown to make a \$30,000 offer to the band "The Guess Who" to perform at the 2012 Festival in Sycamore.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Reid handed out a press release on the Driving Angels Program. He said that he is working on getting grant money from the State of Ohio for the program. Lt. Reid reported that the traffic at Kenwood Towne Centre had been good this year with less problems and more traffic. The Kenwood Towne Centre detail has taken 44 theft reports, with 17 of those being shoplifters, 9 auto accidents, and 11 lockouts. Dispatch fees saved alone total \$1,260 for weekends but starting Friday officers will be there daily.

Lt. Reid reported that there are currently five sex offenders living in the Township. A new one on Village Drive that is not in a restricted area and two others which are in a restricted area but are grandfathered. Mr. Bickford will update the resolution map including churches, schools, and daycare centers within 1000 feet and notify all others within 300 feet.

Trustee Weidman received a call from Col. Hoffbauer letting him know that they are crunching numbers and he is requesting that we wait on our contract until he receives Hamilton County Commissioners approval.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request - The Board approved the purchase requests and invoices as presented. Chief Jetter reported that he had received a \$3000 grant from FM Global for smoke detectors for Sycamore Township residents. He said that he is requesting \$6 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for seniors to reduce Medicare costs, visiting nurses, and other medical expenses.

Chief Jetter reported that Saturday the Fire Department and Mt. Carmel Church will be distributing presents to 100 needy families.

Appointed Boards – Mr. Bickford reported that Roger Friedman and Jim Labarbara both had expiring terms ending on December 31st and requested the Board to renew their appointments. A motion to approve these appointments was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor.
Vote: All Aye.

Nuisance Property – Mr. Bickford presented three nuisance properties: 12193 1st Avenue, 7277 Chetbert Drive, and 12186 Stillwind Drive.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12193 1st Avenue, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45249” 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. 2011-110 passed this 13th day of December, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7277 Chetbert Drive, 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. 2011-111 passed this 13th day of December, 2011.

A resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12186 Stillwind Drive, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45249” 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. 2011-112 passed this 13th day of December, 2011.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00 – Mr. Raabe had no purchase orders but reminded the Board of the Christmas Party on Friday at noon at the Schuler Community Room.

Schedule – Mr. Raabe presented the upcoming schedule commenting that the first Workshop in January will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session –A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn to executive session to discuss employee compensation and employment and collective bargaining. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye. (9:41 a.m.)

The Board entered into executive session at 9:48 a.m.

The executive session adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to give a 1% raise to all civilian/non-union Township employees and a 2% raise to Mr. McKeown. Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, for a termination of two part-time employee contracts. 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 10:10 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Bruce Raabe, Administrator