

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**April 2, 2013**

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, Planning/Zoning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Fire Chief Gerome, and Lt. Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Parks/Recreation Director McKeown was excused.

**Presentation – Tom McKee** – The Board of Trustees honored Tom McKee for winning the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Reporting. Mr. McKee is a resident of the Township and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 was declared “Tom McKee Day” in Sycamore Township.

The resolution “Honoring Tom McKee” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2013-33 passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013.

The resolution “Approving Grants Equal to Joint Economic Development Zone Income Taxes to Township Residents Working in a Sycamore Township Joint Economic Development Zone” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2013-34 passed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2013.

**Motorola MDC Maintenance Agreement** – The Chief reported that the annual computer laptop maintenance agreement with Motorola was due in the amount of \$123.00. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.

The Fire Chief also requested purchase of 6 new tires for Quint 93 at an approximate cost of \$4,200. The old tires were previously bought during the Gulf War when most large truck tires were being diverted to the war effort so the tires put on then were not up to the weight specifications of the vehicle. A motion to purchase was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Vote: All Aye.

**Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request** – There were no questions or comments about invoices or purchase orders; they were approved as presented.

**Nuisance Abatements** – Mr. Bickford advised the Board that the Maintenance Department might be able to perform many of the nuisance abatement clean-ups; as long as they had time and it did not conflict with other duties. He suggested it might save money, as well as cutting the response time by 10 days. The Trustees approved the idea and instructed him to go forward with it.

**Future Public Hearings** – Mr. Bickford informed the Board that Eddie Merlot’s wants new signage in front of their property, as well as the ability to sell the adjacent outparcel. They will be coming to the first meeting in May to express their concerns.

The old Limerick Estate on E. Kemper Road (single family house next to Goldcoast) wants to use the building for a sewing business. It will be basically office (not retail). The zoning details will need to be resolved. The issue goes before Regional Planning this coming Thursday.

**Property Disposition** – Mr. Bickford stated that Law Director Miller has prepared a resolution for disposal of surplus Township property. Most of it will be listed on Hamilton County’s auction website. In addition, there is an old podium that Hamilton County Hazmat would like to purchase for \$300. Mr. Miller will have the resolutions for the Thursday night meeting.

**Sheriff Patrol Update** – Lt. Butler informed the Board that the two new Dodge Chargers are on order and should be delivered within five weeks. He also stated that the undercover car unit had apprehended a thief who had robbed eight phone stores in the area – they had been pursuing him for over eight months.

**Parks and Recreation Update** – Mr. McKeown was on vacation, so Mr. Raabe informed the Board that bleachers (seating capacity of 94) for Schuler baseball field would cost approximately \$7,123. Bleachers for the soccer field would be portable (moved with a forklift) and seat approximately 56 people. They normally cost \$2,530 but since these are new to the area the salesman is willing to offer a discount (actual purchase cost of \$1,800) in return for the ability to use this model for advertising value. There is also the possibility of purchasing two of these portable units, one for each side of the soccer field. They also could be used at other venues, like the Car Show or Festival. After discussion, the Trustees would like Mr. Kellums to inspect the durability of the portable model.

**Update/Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00** – Mr. Raabe presented the following purchase orders:

- BUCS                      Software support for financial applications                      \$ 4,200
- Carmaleen              Festival rides    \$10,000

Mr. Raabe also informed the Board that a lighting update will be done soon in the Administration Building. T-12 fluorescent light bulbs are no longer legally being manufactured and so we must switch to the more efficient T-8 models. Cost to switch will be approximately \$1,200 but with energy savings and Duke Energy grant money, the payout should only take about one year.

**Schedule** – The schedule of upcoming events was read.

**Executive Session – Personnel-Employment** - At 9:42 a.m. a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for personnel-employment was made by Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

Executive Session ended at 10:02 a.m.

Back in regular session at 10:05 a.m., a motion to pass the resolution for Tom McKee Day was made by Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Trustee Bishop, seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye. The regular meeting ended at 10:07 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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