

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
July 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, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Superintendent Kellums, Fire Chief Gerome, and Lt. Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Nuisance Properties – Mr. Bickford presented four properties for weed cutting and debris removal:

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4458 Crystal 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. 2013-95 passed this 2nd day of July, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8524 Donegal 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. 2013-96 passed this 2nd day of July, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7808 Styra Lane, 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. 2013-97 passed this 2nd day of July, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8728 Antrim 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. 2013-98 passed this 2nd day of July, 2013.

Sheriff Patrol Update – Lt. Butler informed the Board that there would be a final hearing before Judge Cooper at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 15th for the Drake Motel. Lt. Butler and Fire Chief Gerome will attend.

The DEA drug take-back will be on October 26th. Lt. Butler said over 100 pounds was collected last year.

National Night Out will take place August 6th at Silverton.

Lt. Butler also informed the Board that the new cruiser is on duty in the Township.

Parks and Recreation Update – Mr. McKeown reported that the Twilight Concert went well with a good crowd and broad age range even with the rainy weather. He also stated that WLW is currently running ads for the Festival. The Trustees will appear on the WLW Stogie Report next Tuesday. WGRR

will start running their ads next week. Finally, he reported that Cincyscape will be shooting the local bands.

Moeller High School will be at the July 18th Trustee meeting for recognition of their state baseball title. In addition, the Sycamore Chargers would like to make a presentation to the Trustees at the same time for taking second place in their State Tournament.

The Trustees also want to honor Township resident Jerry Scheve, Wilmington College Women's Basketball Coach, for being named to the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will be held in May of 2014.

Fire/EMS Invoices and Purchase Request – Chief Gerome reported that Firefighter Jeff Bartlett accepted a job with the City of Cincinnati. He also stated that he has received two tentative offers for the '01 Rescue Truck. With regards to using Gators for the Festival, the Chief reported that he has two ready to go.

2014 Proposed Budget – Mr. Porter informed the Board that the mandatory Auditor's Budget hearing will take place at the July 18th meeting.

Health Insurance – Mr. Raabe informed the Board that Administration has been attending various Horan health care conferences and following the latest in health care news. Another meeting with the Ohio Plan is scheduled in a few weeks at Springfield Township. News of the date will be passed on to the Trustees once it is received. Horan states that the original 30% increase in costs for Obamacare is now down in the teens.

Mr. Raabe presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Craig Grisso	Festival Sound	\$6,000.00
Wurzelbacher Staging Inc.	Festival Stage	\$3,600.00

A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these requests.

Vote: All Aye

Schedule – The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Raabe.

The Receipts and Disbursements of July 2, 2013 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 enter into **Executive Session for property acquisition** was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor.

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

End regular session at 9:29 a.m.

Break

Begin Executive Session at 9:36 a.m.

End Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

Back in regular session, a motion was made to make offers on the three right of way parcels discussed in session by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

A motion to adjourn regular session was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

End regular session at 10:20 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

Workshop Minutes 7/2/2013