

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
July 30, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Planning/Zoning Director/Assistant Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Gerome, and Lt. Butler from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Department Staffing

President Weidman addressed the current fire department staffing level and stated that the recently passed resolution to increase the part time pay has given the opportunity to increase the staffing level to 12 on duty with a backfill of certain paid time off days. By going to 12 on duty, a third squad could be put into operation.

Mr. Bickford stated that the net cost of the expanded staffing would be approximately \$11,000 because of budget reductions and additional revenue that is project to be received.

Chief Gerome reported that the third squad is operational now and ready to go but it will need to be replaced in the short term due to its age. He also reported that they are in the process of expanding the number of part time firefighters.

Vice President Bishop stated he was a strong proponent of adding the third squad as a service to the community.

Trustee Connor agreed and added that he would like to see the Board updated on a regular basis as to what the part time staffing levels are.

Fiscal Officer Porter suggested that the Township utilize flyers and advertisements to help recruit part time fire fighters.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to expand the staffing level to 12 firefighters on duty and allowing for that level to be reached by using part time firefighters as needed and allowing the backfilling of Kelly Days, vacation and personal time off.

All voted yes.

Sheriff's Patrol Report

Lt. Butler reported that a 13 year old radar unit has failed and requested to replace it with a new \$2,200 unit since the cost to repair was over \$800 and there would be no warranty included with the repair.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to replace the radar unit as presented by Lt. Butler. All voted yes.

Lt. Butler presented the department stats for the last six months.

Mr. Bishop noted that the categories that had increased were out our control.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that the Moeller High School baseball team will be at the Thursday meeting.

Mr. McKeown reported that the Summer Car Show is set for August 10, 2013 from 12-3pm.

Fire Purchase Requests / Invoices

Chief Gerome thanked the Board for their consideration of the increased staffing.

Chief Gerome reported that the department received 16 new mattresses from a charitable organization out of Louisville, Kentucky.

Nuisance Properties

Mr. Bickford presented the following 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 11990 6th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 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. 2013-127 passed this 30th day of July, 2013.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7607 Montgomery Road, 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. 2013-128 passed this 30th day of July, 2013.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00

Mr. Bickford presented the following:

Lee’s Electric	\$2,884.83	2013 Festival
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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. Bickford.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session for Property Acquisition and Personnel - Compensation** was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor.

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

End regular session: 9:58 am.

Begin Executive Session: 9:59 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:34 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to accept and sign the traffic easement with Regency Centers / DDR Properties. All voted yes.

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

End regular session: 10:35 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Assistant Administrator

Workshop Minutes 7/30/2013