

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
August 13, 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, 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.

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 4117 Ester Marie 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. 2013-134 passed this 13th day of August, 2013.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7808 Styrax 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. 2013-135 passed this 13th day of August, 2013.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4510 Harrison Avenue, 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. 2013-136 passed this 13th day of August, 2013.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500 - Mr. Bickford presented the following:

Duke Energy Ohio	Hosbrook/Reagan Drive Underground Utilities	\$251,117.91
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A motion to pay the invoice was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor. Vote: All Aye.

Kenwood Road Update - Mr. Kellums reported that all underground conduit is in place except for the run to Burger King and that all the east curb work should be completed by the end of the week. At that time, traffic will be shifted to begin work on the west side.

Mr. Kellums presented a change order for the Kenwood Road Project from Bansal Construction in the amount of \$11,544 for pull boxes. Mr. Bishop made a motion seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution. All voted YES.

Mr. Kellums presented a change order for the Kenwood Road Project from Bansal Construction in the amount of \$1,598.94 for a relocated pull box. Mr. Bishop made a motion seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution. All voted YES.

Mr. Kellums presented a change order for the Kenwood Road Project from Bansal Construction in the amount of \$17,600.64 for remedial site work. Mr. Bishop made a motion seconded by Mr. Connor to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution. All voted YES.

Parks and Recreation Update - Mr. McKeown thanked the Board of Trustees for judging the car show and announced that the 2014 car show would move up one week so as not to compete with other car shows.

Mr. McKeown reported that the park committee has set the 2014 Festival in Sycamore for July 11-12, 2014.

Mr. McKeown reported that all fields are in heavy use through the month of September and that a fast pitch softball organization is interested in using McDaniel Park for a large regional tournament.

Mr. Weidman asked what the current rates for the ball fields were. Mr. McKeown stated that McDaniel Park gets \$15 per game and Shuler Park gets \$65-\$100 per game.

Mr. Weidman asked if we should adjust our rates and Mr. McKeown stated that our rates were competitive with surrounding communities.

Rescue Truck - Chief Gerome reported that two bids were received for the sale of the Rescue Truck - \$205,000 from Public Safety Equipment Co., Inc. on behalf of the Worthington Fire Department and \$55,000 from New England Dire Equipment & apparatus Corporation.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to sell the truck to Public Safety Equipment Co., Inc. for \$205,000. All voted Yes.

Chief Gerome reported that the Department has hired seven new part timers and that sick, vacation and personal time off have been decreasing.

Mr. Weidman asked if the third squad was in operation. Chief Gerome stated it was and will remain in use as long as the staffing level is at ten or above. The Chief also reported that no incoming mutual aid has been needed since the third squad has gone into operation.

Fire Purchase Requests / Invoices - Chief Gerome presented the invoices and purchase requests. The board approved all invoices and purchase requests as presented.

Lt. Butler reported that an incident occurred in the Township this morning where a man was tased by officers after assaulting an officer on duty.

Mr. Miller reported that the County has offered up for sale property located at the stub end of Spirea at the Orchard Lane intersection. The Board directed Mr. Miller to research what the next steps would be if the property goes back to the State of Ohio.

Trustee Weidman read the upcoming schedule.

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: 9:20a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:21a.m.

End Executive Session: 9:24a.m.

Back in regular session: 9:24a.m.

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

End regular session: 9:25 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
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