

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**January 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Planning/Zoning Director/Acting Administrator Bickford, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Interim Fire Chief Penny, and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Superintendent Kellums was excused.

**Sheriff Patrol Update**

Lt. Ketteman stated that the final monthly and yearly reports are not completed yet and should be available later in the week.

Lt. Ketteman advised the Board that burglaries were down by 20 in 2013. Sycamore Township averages 90 burglaries a year.

**Parks and Receptions Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the Little River Band has dropped out of the festival before the contract was signed. He listed several potential replacements including, Loverboy, Survivor, ELO, Richard Marx, Molly Hatchett, and John Waite among others. The Board directed Mr. McKeown to pursue Survivor and Dave Mason as potential replacements.

Mr. McKeown reported that the clean-up from the Community Room sprinkler pipe rupture was going well and that most of the carpet stains had been removed.

**Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported that 174 runs have been made in 2014 so far and 73 of them were water related.

Chief Penny stated that the kitchen project is 99% complete and the final walk through will be this week.

Trustee Weidman asked if the Department responded to the Indian Hill fire. Chief Penny stated that since our ladder was taken out of service a few years ago, the Madeira / Indian Hill Fire Department has not added it back to its run card.

**TID Grant Contract**

The resolution "Approving an Agreement with the Hamilton County Transportation Improvement District for the Application for Grant Funding for the Kenwood Access Road Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2014- 02 passed this 14th day of January, 2014

### **Electric Aggregation**

Mr. Bickford presented the Duke Energy Retail website portal and stated the information would be sent to residents via the website, newsletter and Facebook page. The rates fluctuate daily and were at .539 this morning which is less than Duke Energy's regulated rates.

The Board directed Mr. Bickford to pursue placing an electric aggregation opt-out issue on the November ballot with the understanding that the Township is not obligated to aggregate electric if a better deal is found.

### **Consultant Selection Results**

Mr. Bickford reported that Brandstetter Carroll was the highest rated consultant for the design of the Hosbrook Road Calming Plan. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to enter into contract negotiations with the firm of Brandstetter and Carroll for the project. All voted, Yes.

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that a public hearing or meeting would be necessary to gather feedback on the final design and most notably, the construction of the sidewalk.

Mr. Bickford reported that Brandstetter Carroll was the highest rated consultant for the design of the Galbraith Road Utility Underground Project. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to enter into contract negotiations with the firm of Brandstetter and Carroll for the project. All voted, Yes.

Mr. Weidman requested that the Township look into the State Capital Budget to see if money was available to continue the Montgomery Road sidewalk plan.

### **Resolution for Galbraith Road Slip Lane**

The resolution "Approving an Agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Ohio for the Improvement of Galbraith Road in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-03 passed this 14th day of January, 2014

### **Purchase Orders over \$2,500**

Road Solutions	Beet Juice	\$6,975.00
Earth Alarm Records Inc.	Festival Entertainment	\$12,500.00
Pillar Insurance	Life & Accident Insurance Fire	\$7,915.00
Josh Mandel Ohio Treasurer	Sturbridge Subdivision Reconstruction Loan	\$37,499.18

### **Schedule**

The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Bishop.

Mr. Connor asked if there was any business to come before the Board on Thursday. Seeing none, Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2014. All voted, Yes.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session for Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee Weidman.

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

End regular session: 9:47 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:56 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:30 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:30 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:36 a.m.

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Cliff W. Bishop, President

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Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

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Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Greg Bickford, Assistant Administrator  
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