

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
June 3, 2014

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

Sheriff Patrol Update

Lt. Kettelman reported that the monthly stats are not yet available and he will pass them along once they are completed.

The Race for Humanity was successful with 200-300 racers. The group that sponsored the event thanked the Sheriff's Office for their help.

Lt. Kettelman also stated that the Pine Road block party was a success.

New Ambulance

Chief Penny reported that the new squad is almost complete and should be delivered the first week of July. During the bidding process, the former administration left radios for the squad out of the bid documents. Chief Penny requested that they be purchased separately and would have the final costs for Thursday's meeting.

New Full Time Hire

Chief Penny reported that Brent Uckotter will be hired as a new full time firefighter and his swearing in will be Thursday night. Mr. Miller reported that he had the necessary information for a resolution.

Chief Penny reported that the department has lost 21 part timers within the past year and 13 within the last six months. There have also been no recent applications submitted for part time employment. The Chief further stated that other departments that are paying \$16 per hour are getting very few applications as well.

Discussion continued on the part time program and Chief Penny will look into the costs of increasing the part time rate and will report back to the Board.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that the next twilight concert will be June 22, at 7 p.m. at Bechtold Park featuring the Jump N' Jive Show band.

The Township received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 for the festival.

Hartzell United Methodist Church Parking Lot

Mr. Kellums reported that per the agreement with Hartzell United Methodist Church, the parking lot is to be sealed this year. Mr. Kellums presented a proposal from 1-800-Blacktop DBA as Performance Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$6,395. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution approving the amount. All voted, Yes.

Blackmat Program

Mr. Kellums presented a proposal from Strawser Construction for the 2014 Township Blackmat Road Program in the amount of \$295,596. There are approximately 11 streets in the Trowbridge / High Point areas that will receive the Blackmat. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution approving a contract. All voted, Yes.

The Trash Bash North, which took place over the weekend at McDaniel Park, netted eight (8) dumpsters, which was down from previous years. Mr. Kellums asked the Board for direction on continuing to have both trash bash events. The Board stated they preferred to keep it at two events per year. Discussion continued on the annual shredding event and whether it should be moved to the same dates as the trash bash. Mr. Kellums will make a note of it and look into it for next year.

Construction Administration RFQ Results

Mr. Kellums reported that the only RFQ submitted for the Hosbrook Road Construction Administration and Inspection was from Brandstetter/Carroll. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to open negotiations for Construction Administration Services with Brandstetter and Carroll. All voted, Yes.

Dartmoor Storm Sewer Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the Alhambra storm sewer was recently video camera inspected and no lateral connections were found like there were on Dartmoor Court.

Mr. Bickford reported that the insurance company (HCC Public Risk) is still investigating the matter.

Nuisance Properties

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4004 Mantell Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-58 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4545 E. Galbraith Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-59 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

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. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-60 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8708 Antrim Court, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-61 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

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. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-62 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12127 2nd Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-63 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12003 4th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Miller Called the Roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-64 passed this 3rd day of June, 2014.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Josh Mandel Ohio Treasurer	Sturbridge Subdivision Reconstruction Loan	\$37,499.17
Blanket Vendor	Parks & Recreation	\$10,000.00
Lambert’s Body & Paint LLC	Repair of Sheriff SUV – I-71 Accident	\$6,082.88

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye.

Schedule

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

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

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

End regular session: 9:40 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:46 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:12 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:13 a.m.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve a purchase order to Willingham and Associates for property appraisals. All voted, Yes.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to cancel the July 3, 2014 Trustee's meeting. All voted, Yes.

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

End regular session: 10:14 a.m.

Cliff W. Bishop, President

Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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