

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**August 19, 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, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

**Kenwood Utility Underground**

Mr. Kellums reported that the project was ready to be awarded so construction could begin as soon as possible in order to be completed by the holiday shopping season. The cost of the project is \$270,010 and will be completed by Tri-State Construction.

The resolution "Approving and Authorizing a Contract for Construction Improvements for the Kenwood Underground Utility Improvement Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2014-107 passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

**Winter Operations**

Mr. Kellums reported that salt delivery will be a challenge this year as the salt companies are running into supply issues. He stated that we have an order in and hopefully some of it can be delivered this summer to top out our load. Typically we use two loads per winter. He also reported that because we were ahead of the curve and received a price early, we may get some. The latest bids have come in at over \$100 a ton and delivery is not guaranteed.

Mr. Kellums also reported that he will be requesting additional equipment in order to pre-treat roads this year in anticipation for salt supplies being low.

Mr. McKeown added that he received an estimate for the playground repairs for McDaniel Park for approximately \$1,100 for parts and approximately \$1,350 for labor to install. Mr. Kellums stated that he would look into Township crews doing the repair.

**Sheriff Department Update**

Lt. Ketteman reported that the monthly statistics were in and there were 1,157 details in the month of July.

Officer Singleton will be taking over maintenance of the sex offender list for the Township and will be keeping up on notifications of new offenders. We have also recently had two sex offenders move out of the Township.

Lt. Ketteman also stated that patrols have been stepped up on Plainfield Road near Deer Park High School.

**Engine 92 Repairs**

Chief Penny reported that Engine 92 had been damaged by a gate at Indian Creek Apartments and an estimate will be forth coming.

## **Medic 92**

Chief Penny reported that Medic 92 is now in service and has the proper radios installed. The Township now has three newer medic units available and a fourth, Medic 292, to serve as a backup.

Chief Penny reported that Station 92 is the third busiest in Hamilton County based on the number of runs per station. The statistics from the communications center showed that the Seasons retirement facility has the most runs to it and the Kenwood Towne Centre has the most runs to any business.

Mr. Weidman requested that stats be compiled for runs in the JEDZ districts.

## **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Proclamation**

A proclamation "Designating September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Weidman stated that he would have the president of the Ovarian Cancer Board attend the next Thursday night meeting to receive the proclamation.

## **Traffic Cameras**

Mr. Bickford reported that the traffic camera project has completed design and should be operational by the holiday shopping season. The Ohio Department of Transportation is donating the software to operate the cameras.

## **Highway Signage**

Mr. Bickford reported that ODOT was looking into ways of improving traffic flow into the Kenwood Towne Centre to reduce the number of backups onto the highway. They are limited in what they can do short of redesigning the entire interchange. They have offered up signage on the "Gas" and Food" highway signs.

Mr. Bishop stated that at one time there was a portion of a bill that would have put "Kenwood Shopping" on highway signs.

Mr. Weidman stated he would work with Senator Seitz for help from the Legislature and requested Mr. Kellums get in touch with ODOT District 8 Director Marry to see if there was anything that could be done to extend the off ramp to the existing shoulder.

## **JEDZ Expenditures**

Mr. Bickford requested that the Board of Trustee's approve a \$300,000 expense request from the Kenwood East JEDZ Board to fund road improvements. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor to approve the request. All voted, Yes.

## **Northcreek Development Resolutions**

The resolution "Approving and Authorizing a Service Agreement with SSP-Northcreek LLC" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2014-108 passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

The resolution “Approving and Authorizing an Escrow Agreement with US Bank National Association” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-109 passed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

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

Mr. Bickford reported that there were no purchase orders over \$2,500 for this meeting.

### **Schedule**

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining** was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Weidman.

Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:42 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:49 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:12 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:12 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:12 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, Administrator

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