

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

September 16, 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. Kettelman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported on an auto accident on I-71 that occurred this morning. Chief Penny also informed the Trustees the ladders were tested on the trucks and, by doing so, the Township saved over \$10,000.

Chief Penny reported that the thermal imaging cameras need to be repaired or replaced. The repair cost was significant and due to the age of the cameras, Chief Penny recommended replacement at a cost of \$10,344 for two cameras. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. Vote: All Yes.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Kettelman reported on a hit and run accident at the intersection of Galbraith Road and Plainfield Road, the driver is unknown. The child who was hit was not injured. A witness reported that the driver was texting and the vehicle could have been a red Chevrolet.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown asked the Board of Trustees if they would like to hold an appreciation dinner for Park Committee Members for their work on the Festival. The Trustees agreed. Mike McKeown will make the arrangements.

Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the Hamilton County Snow Plow Rodeo was held this past week and two of Sycamore Township's drivers finished in the top ten. Mark Homan took fifth place and Daniel Lehane took sixth place. Mr. Bishop instructed Mr. Bickford to write a congratulatory letter to each of them. Mr. Kellums also stated that the Kenwood Towne Centre Underground Utility Project was to start this week. He also said Hosbrook Road is closed at Montgomery Road to southbound traffic while the road elevation is raised. Mr. Kellums reported that the Maintenance Department completed the road striping in-house this year, saving the Township approximately \$11,000.00. Mr. Connor noted he had received positive comments from residents regarding sidewalk repair. Mr. Kellums stated the Maintenance Department will construct the salt brine pretreatment equipment in-house saving the Township approximately \$10,000.00 when compared to the cost of purchasing the equipment from outside sources. He noted that road salt remains in short supply for the year.

Nuisance Properties

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property located at 1850 Chaucer Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45237" 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. 2014-119 passed this 16th day of September, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property located at 8801 Tudor Court, Sycamore Township, OH 45242” 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. 2014-120 passed this 16th day of September, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property located at 4207 Woodlawn Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” 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. 2014-121 passed this 16th day of September, 2014.

Northcreek/SSP Construction Bids

Mr. Bickford reported that the Board of Trustees must approve the accepted bids for the Northcreek / SSP project. The bids have been obtained by the Oswald Company and were done so in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Bickford recommended approval of the following bids for the project: Evans – Demolition, Sehlhorst- Sitework, TR Gear – Landscaping / Irrigation, Accurate Masonry – Masonry, Queen City Mechanical – Plumbing, Dalmatian – Fire Protection, Perfection – CO Sensors, Denier – Electric.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. Vote: All Yes.

Mr. Bickford also reported that the following items needed to be re-bid and approval was required: Concrete, Steel, Caulking / Waterproofing, Painting, Architectural Bollards, Fire Extinguishers.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. Vote: All Yes.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported that Zoning Case 2014-10MA was recommended for approval by the Zoning Commission and will be heard by the Board of Trustees on October 2nd at 6:45 p.m.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Cystic Fibrosis	Golf Outing Proceeds	\$7,674.67
Cincinnati Bell Telephone	Communications	\$12,000.00
Vogelpohl Fire Equipment	Thermal Imaging Cameras	\$10,344.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the purchase orders.
Vote: All Aye

Schedule

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, Property Acquisition and Pending Litigation** was made by Trustee Bishop.

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

End regular session: 9:36 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:36 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:42 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:42 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:42 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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