

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
November 18, 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, Chief Penny and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Parks/Recreation Director McKeown was excused.

Health Insurance 2015

Mr. Bickford requested to table the discussion.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that about 15 fire hydrants were turned over to Public Works for maintenance and repair. Painting of the hydrants will take place in the spring.

Trustee Bishop asked if we had a volunteer paint the hydrants last year. Mr. Bickford reported that Rockwern Academy painted several last year.

Chief Penny reported that Engine 92 is out for repair due to a gas pedal problem.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that the ALPR system was able to be used in reverse to help a dementia patient last week.

Mr. Bishop asked if there were any accidents due to the inclement weather yesterday.

Lt. Ketteman reported that there were no serious accidents in the Township and that our deputies assisted in the City of Blue Ash.

Chief Penny reported that there were several powerlines that collapsed under the weight of the snow. Mr. Bickford explained the benefits of the utility underground project and how that has helped prevent more power line collapses.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. Bickford reported that Mr. McKeown has requested direction from the Board about getting a second national act for the 2015 Festival in Sycamore.

The Board directed Mr. McKeown to look at local acts instead.

Hosbrook / Montgomery Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the snow and ice will impact the project and that sidewalks may not be poured until next year along with the pulling of the new utility lines.

Mr. Weidman inquired about the poles in the road. Mr. Kellums reported that they are working on long term solutions to get through the winter.

Montgomery Road Sidewalks Phase Three

Mr. Kellums reported that because of the studies required and other conditions of the grant, the Galbraith to Sturbridge sidewalk project will take several years to complete.

Mr. Kellums reported that the grant provides us with an opportunity to extend the sidewalk even farther from Sturbridge to Dearwester Drive. The funds that were earmarked for the Galbraith – Sturbridge portion can now be put towards this section. Mr. Kellums stated he had a proposal from Brandstetter/Carroll, Inc. for engineering services in the amount of \$18,000.00.

Mr. Weidman asked if it was in the budget. Mr. Bickford replied it would be taken from the Karrington TIF which currently has a balance of \$800,000 available for projects. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution authorizing a contract with Brandstetter Carrol for engineering work on the project in the amount \$18,000. All voted yes.

Winter Operations

Mr. Kellums reported that winter operations went well in the recent snowfall. The brine machines and pre-treat equipment are all working and there are a few plows that need repaired.

Mr. Bishop commended the maintenance crew on their excellent job of working in house to repair and build the necessary equipment thus saving the Township thousands of dollars.

Mr. Weidman asked about the salt supply and deliveries. Mr. Kellums reported that we have about 1,000 tons on hand and a hard winter usually takes about 2,000 tons to get through.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Kenwood Access Road is awaiting striping and that should be done in the next two weeks.

Mr. Miller stated he received a communication from Burger King about the Township constructing a loop driveway in front of their building. Mr. Kellums reported that no such agreement was ever made for the Township to construct any such loop driveway. Mr. Bickford reported that it was never agreed upon by the Township to construct the driveway.

The resolution “Accepting a Billing Authorization for the Hosbrook Road Improvement Project” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-133 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

The resolution “Approving Change Orders to a Contract for the Hosbrook Road Improvement” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-134 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

The resolution “Approving Change Orders to a Contract 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. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-135 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract for the Purchase of a Staff Vehicle for the Fire Department” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-136 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

Nuisance Properties

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8710 Kenwood Road, 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. 2014-137 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8728 Kenwood Road, 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. 2014-138 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8692 Kenwood Road, 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. 2014-139 passed this 18th day of November, 2014.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

SSP Northcreek, LLC	TriHealth Garage Draw #1	\$67,485.28
Huntington Bank	Debt Service	\$140,300.00

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, 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 Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Bishop and seconded by Trustee Connor.

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

End regular session: 9:42 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:47 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:50 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:50 a.m.

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

End regular session: 10:57 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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