

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
January 13, 2015

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

Organization of the Board

Mr. Porter opened the meeting. Trustee Weidman nominated Trustee Connor for President of the Board. Trustee Bishop seconded. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted Yes.

Trustee Weidman nominated Trustee Bishop for Vice President of the Board. Trustee Connor seconded. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

EMS Billing

Chief Penny reported that he is recommending a change in EMS billing rates due to an increased cost of doing business. He has met with Medicount on the issue and they feel that our change in rates is justified based on what other communities are charging and collecting. Our rates will be in line with Loveland-Symmes and Forest Park and will be lower than Mariemont.

Mr. Miller will prepare a resolution to adopt the new rates.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that he is still waiting on the final year end statistics report and will forward them on when they arrive.

Lt. Ketteman noted that there were over 12,000 dispatches and 1,100 crashes in 2014 with 228 on I-71 and 95 on I-275. Sycamore Township was number four of all Hamilton County Communications Center agencies in number of dispatches.

Festival Committee / Rules

Mr. McKeown presented a preliminary set of rules for booths and other outside entities that wish to participate in the Festival in Sycamore. He also recommended the formation of a committee that will oversee the festival and handle the booth registrations. The committee will be appointed by the Trustees.

The Board advised Mr. McKeown that they will look over the list of rules and provide comments before it is finalized.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract with the Full Magilla, LLC for the Performance of Kansas" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-01 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

Mr. McKeown reported that Deez Guys from Hilton Head requested \$13,000 to perform at the Festival.

Mr. McKeown reported that the group that runs the Car Show is unable to hold the event on the regularly scheduled weekend and is looking for another date. Mr. McKeown will work with the group to find a possible alternative date.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that a stop sign was requested on Kennedy Lane at the intersection of Kennedy and Shadetree Drive. Mr. Kellums, Chief Penny, and Lt. Ketteman feel it is not warranted and recommended that it not be installed. The Board concurred with staff.

Mr. Kellums reported that the utility work was ready to resume on the Hosbrook Road project and ODOT would be starting the ramp work at Montgomery and I-71 in April.

Mr. Kellums reported that Sibcy Cline had received alleged water damage from an improperly sealed utility conduit run as a result of the Hosbrook Road project. The contractor is looking into why the conduit was not sealed. Mr. Miller stated we could withhold payment to the contractor for the issue should they not fix the situation.

Mr. Kellums stated he is meeting with Water Works about the fire stand pipe issue for the Kenwood City Place development and will provide an update after the meeting.

Mr. Kellums reported that the owner of 4697 Orchard Lane, which is a rental property, is requesting the Township reimburse them for work they did in removing a tree branch that fell on the property. The tree in question is located on Township property. Mr. Kellums noted that the owner contacted the Township to repair the fence that was damaged by the branch but did not request the branch removed. The owner also claims they did not know who the owner of the property was and that's why the branch was removed by a contractor. However, the dates provided on checks and invoices do not match with the date the fence was repaired. The Board is inclined not to pay for the branch removal.

Electric Aggregation

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township has received a favorable rate for electric aggregation with Duke Energy Retail at 5.84 cents per kW/h. The rate will go into effect in March, 2015 and will be locked in for 33 months. Account holders who are with Duke Energy Utility will receive an opt out notice later in January and will automatically be included in the program unless they specifically opt out. Duke Energy Retail customers will be able to switch to the lower aggregated rate without penalty later in February; however, they must contact Duke Energy Retail directly to make the switch. Mr. Bickford stated more details will follow next week once the exact dates are determined.

ODOT Jobs and Commerce Grant

Mr. Bickford reported that the previously awarded then cancelled grant has been refunded and the Township is eligible for up to \$135,000.

Solid Waste District

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township is progressing on the formation of the group and a draft bid document would be ready soon. However, a countywide Township Solid Waste District is unlikely due to the economies of scale and logistics of solid waste hauling. We are more likely to partner with Symmes and Anderson Townships on a district.

Consultant Agreement Resolutions

Mr. Bickford requested that this item be tabled until Thursday's meeting.

Appointed Boards

Mr. Bickford reported that the terms of Mr. Rich Barrick, Zoning Commission and Mr. Jeff Heidel, Board of Zoning Appeals expired on December 31, 2014.

Mr. Bickford recommended that both terms be renewed through December 31, 2019.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to extend the terms. All voted yes.

Nuisance Property and Vehicle Resolutions

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8608 Blue Ash Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45242" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-02 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8401 Wexford Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-03 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicle(s) in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle(s)" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-04 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of Junk Vehicle(s) in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle(s)" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-05 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

2015 Blanket Purchase Orders

Mr. Bickford presented the 2015 blanket purchase orders.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to second them. All voted yes.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase order for approval:

Josh Mandell Ohio Treasurer Sturbridge Loan \$37,499.18

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve the purchase order. All voted yes.

Schedule

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel – Compensation** was made by Trustee Connor. Mr. Porter called the roll.

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

End regular session: 10:00 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 10:08 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:55 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:55 a.m.

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract with the International Association of Fire Fighters Union Local 3907” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2015-06 passed this 13th day of January, 2015.

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

End regular session: 10:56 a.m.

Dennis W. Connor, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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