

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
March 31, 2015

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

Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the bid opening for the Hosbrook Road Traffic Calming project has been pushed back to April 9, 2015.

Mr. Kellums reported that a resident had requested a school zone on Sturbridge Drive in front of Rockwern Academy. Mr. Miller will review the Ohio Revised Code to see what process exists for setting a zone up.

Mr. Miller presented a resolution "Authorizing a Contract with Thelen Associates, Inc. for Test Borings" A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Miller called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015- 38 passed this 31st day of March, 2015.

Mr. Kellums reported that the poles should be down on Hosbrook and Montgomery Roads by the end of May.

Mr. Kellums reported that "American Way" has been dedicated and accepted. Mr. Connor stated that he noticed the scuff marks on the curb that had been previously reported by Mr. Bishop. Mr. Kellums stated that the curb would be painted soon so it is more visible.

Mr. Kellums stated he had received a call from Burger King's legal counsel regarding the sign at American Way. Mr. Miller stated he would contact all parties in reference to the sign.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that the Academy of Medicine will conduct a site visit this year to verify that our EMS service is up to date. This visit occurs every five years or so. In addition, ISO will be rating the Township in the next two or three years.

Chief Penny reported that several Township Firefighters will assist the City of Cincinnati with coverage at their stations during the funeral of FAO Gordon.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that the monthly statistics should be out in the next few weeks and so far this year we have had over 70 accidents compared to over 100 at this time last year.

Lt. Ketteman reported on an aggravated burglary and attempted abduction on Kugler Mill Road. The suspect was known to the victim and a warrant is out for his arrest.

Mr. Weidman requested accident statistics at the intersection of Garden and Montgomery Roads.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that all fields are now open and Moeller had their first game this week. CHCA is also now using McDaniel Park for baseball games.

Mr. McKeown stated that there is one band spot available for the festival and it is being held pending an anonymous sponsor donation.

Liquor License Renewals

Mr. Miller reported that the Township had received notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor control about all liquor licenses and requesting comments on any of them. Mr. Bickford stated the only issue may have been with Bar 312, but the new ownership seems to have improved that.

Mr. Bishop requested an update on the Blue Ash Road building that the Board has had complaints on in the past. Mr. Bickford stated they have pulled building permits but have not done any work as of yet and the building remains in the same condition as it was when representatives of the owner appeared before the Board in the fall. Mr. Miller stated he would contact their legal counsel for an update.

Mr. Bickford also reported that Integrys Energy has changed its name to Constellation Energy and that all rates, terms, and contact people will remain the same. In addition, Duke Energy Retail is now called Dynegy.

Nuisance Property

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4457 Emerald Avenue, 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. Miller called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-39 passed this 31st day of March, 2015.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported that the only new information for the upcoming public hearings was that Hamilton County Public Works had comments on storm water management for the Brookdale request. The hearings will start at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 2nd.

7781 Montgomery Road Lease

Mr. Bickford reported that SDI Foods had requested and agreed to extend the lease for 7781 Montgomery Road through 2016. Mr. Miller will prepare a resolution for the lease extension.

Mr. Weidman asked the status of the litigation over the billboard. Mr. Miller stated that it was still in the court process.

Sheriff Contract Resolution

Mr. Bickford reported that the Sherriff and County were prepared to sign the contract and Mr. Miller will have a resolution for Thursday.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Thelen Associates	Galbraith/Montgomery Roads Boring	\$5,763.50
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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 Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Connor. Mr. Miller called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:20 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:27 a.m.

End Executive Session: 9:51 a.m.

Back in regular session: 9:51 a.m.

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

End regular session: 9:51 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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