

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
August 18, 2015

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

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny was excused from the meeting.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that there were 1,150 calls for service and 100 accidents in July which is normal for this time of the year.

Lt. Ketteman reported that the suspect in the Kenwood Towne Centre armed robbery had been apprehended. The suspect agreed to meet several other individuals in the parking lot after hours to purchase clothes. The suspect then robbed the individuals at gun point. The victims and suspect knew each other.

Mr. Bickford reported that several of the police vehicles had over 100,000 miles and were in need of replacement. The cost of a new Ford SUV police vehicle is \$26,185 with an additional \$4,800 required for the police equipment. The two existing vehicles with the highest mileage will be replaced.

Lt. Ketteman explained that the vehicles idle constantly when in the field to support the equipment attached to them and a police vehicle with 100,000 is equivalent to a civilian vehicle with 140,000 miles on it.

Mr. Weidman stated these were better vehicles than the Dodge Chargers. Lt. Ketteman stated the Deputies prefer the Ford vehicles because there is more room.

Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Weidman to purchase two vehicles. All voted yes.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported McDaniel Park will be home field for girls fast pitch softball through November 1st and that the Schuler Park baseball diamond will close in early September for rehabilitation. Landmark Christian will be playing their home soccer games at Schuler Park and several organizations are using the fields behind the Administration Complex.

Mr. McKeown stated the 2016 Festival in Sycamore is scheduled for July 15-16 and he is looking into bands.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the signs received as a part of the ODOT Sign grant have been delivered to the Township and will be installed as time permits.

Mr. Kellums reports that OKI has awarded the Township a grant for phase four of the Montgomery Road sidewalk project. The amount of the award was approximately \$941,000. Mr. Connor asked what the match percentage was. Mr. Kellums stated he believes it is a ratio of 80% grant / 20% local funds.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Hosbrook Road Calming project continues on schedule and should be completed next year. He also stated that the poles on the Hosbrook / Montgomery Utility project have been removed and the project should be completed soon.

Prus Construction is getting ready to begin the 2015 Curb and Sidewalk program on certain Township roads.

Assurance Health Systems

Mr. Miller reported that Assurance Health Systems had submitted a letter requesting the opportunity to speak to the Trustees prior to the passage of a resolution on their Zoning Case.

The Board agreed to allow them on the agenda as an old business item for the first meeting in September.

Nuisance Properties and Vehicles

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 11951 1st Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" 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. 2015-96 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8701 Appleknoll Lane, 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. 2015-97 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7747 Cincinnati Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" 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. 2015-98 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4458 Crystal 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. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2015-99 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12051 5th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" 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. 2015-100 passed this 18th day of August, 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 roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-101 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8570 Plainfield Road, 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. 2015-102 passed this 18th day of August, 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 roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-103 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8409 Beech 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. 2015-104 passed this 18th day of August, 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 roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-105 passed this 18th day of August, 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 roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-106 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8303 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. 2015-107 passed this 18th day of August, 2015.

Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Bickford requested a motion to hire James Curee as a contracted code enforcement officer. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve the contract. Mr. Porter called the roll, all voted yes.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported that the two lighting district public hearings were set for Thursday evening, August 20th. The Caralee Lighting District involves one light serving six residents. The Sterling Run Lighting District involves the entire subdivision and the Homeowner’s Association has sent an email to its members recommending continuing the district without upgrading the lights.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

TEC Engineering \$8,300.00 Traffic Analysis

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve this request.

Vote: All Aye

Brandstetter Carroll \$13,623.53 Montgomery/Galbraith Roads Project

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve this request.

Vote: All Aye

Brandstetter Carroll \$5,142.46 Hosbrook Road Traffic Calming Project

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve this request. Vote: All

Aye

Schedule

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

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

End regular session: 9:46 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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