

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
January 19, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Weidman, Vice President Bishop, Trustee Connor, 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 that the Hamilton County Communications Center has updated the Computer Aided Dispatch program. In addition, our portable radios will be updated with new software. The Chief is also working on getting the Maintenance Department a dedicated channel for their portable radios.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Kettelman reported that the December statistics were distributed last week and the final statistics for 2015 showed 12,756 details and 1,208 auto accidents.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown asked if the Board was inclined to adopt a policy on flying drones in the parks. Mr. Bickford noted that other Townships are considering limiting or banning them all together. Anderson Township Park Board has recently passed a resolution banning drones in their parks unless permission is received from the park director.

Mr. Bishop stated it might be a good idea to get out in front of the issue. Mr. McKeown stated there have been no issues so far in any of our parks.

Mr. Miller stated that there may be an FAA preemption on drones and that he would look into it.

The Board directed staff to look into the issue of drones and report back.

Mr. McKeown stated that bands for the festival are booking up quickly and a decision needs to be made soon.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that work has resumed on Galbraith Road.

Mr. Kellums updated the Board on the Montgomery Road sidewalk project, phases two and three, which would extend the sidewalk on the west / north side from Galbraith to Dearwester. A problem has arisen with a headwall at the Kugler Mill / Montgomery intersection that will impact the sidewalk. Mr. Kellums reported as it currently stands, ODOT won't have the funds to fix the culvert at their expense for five to six years. Mr. Kellums said he is working with ODOT on a solution that will be both economical and time sensitive. In the meantime, Mr. Kellums recommended building the Kugler Mill to Dearwester section now and revisiting the remaining section after the head wall issue is resolved. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to move forward with the Kugler Mill to Dearwester section. All voted, yes.

Nuisance Property

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8960 Paw Paw Lane, Sycamore Township, OH 45236" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Porter called the roll.

Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2016-05 passed this 19th day of January, 2016.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Phipps Reprographics	Safeco Flat File Cabinets Zoning Storage	\$3,225.00
Bureau of Workers Compensation	BWC Premium 2015 Policy Year	\$49,963.62

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

Schedule

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss property acquisition** was made by Trustee Weidman. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:22 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:25 a.m.

End Executive Session: 9:50 a.m.

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

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

End regular session: 9:52 a.m.

Thomas J. Weidman, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

Greg Bickford, Administrator

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