

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
January 17, 2017

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

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that two bids were received for the new pumper truck. E-One submitted a bid of approximately \$563,000 and Seagrave submitted a bid of approximately \$699,000. Mr. Miller requested a contract to review from the apparent low bidder, E-One. Mr. Bickford stated he is looking into funding sources.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Ketteman reported that the yearly statistics have been distributed and there were over 12,400 calls for service in 2016. In addition, automobile accidents were up slightly over 2015.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that he has contacted several bands and has heard back from Blood Sweat and Tears (\$25-30,000), Ted Nugent (\$60,000), and Night Ranger (\$27,500). Mr. McKeown stated we typically spend between \$40-50,000 on bands.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that Sycamore Township is now certified by ODOT as a Local Planning Agency which means the Township may be a direct recipient of federal funds for projects instead of having to go through Hamilton County.

Mr. Kellums stated that construction on the fiber project has begun and the poor weather conditions have caused the contractor to do substantial damage to McDaniel Park.

The general consensus of the Board was that the contractor should stop work until the soil is more conducive to trenching so that the project may be completed without so much damage to the park.

Mr. Kellums reported that Greater Cincinnati Water Works is preparing to replace several water mains in Dillonvale. As a result, they will reimburse the Township for the repaving of the roads. Mr. Kellums stated that Gwilada Drive, while not part of the project, is slated for routine maintenance this year and it would be more economical to resurface it as part of this project.

Mr. Kellums recommended that the 2017 Road project consist of Donna Lane reconstruction, Charter Oak resurfacing, Gwilada Drive resurfacing, and black mat on various streets. The total cost will be approximately \$1.7 million.

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that short term debt can be financed at a rate around 2% with flexible payback terms. By committing more money to roads in 2017 it will allow the Township to catch up with the maintenance schedule so that future road program budgets do not need to be increased for routine maintenance and repairs. In addition, by jump starting these projects, the debt will be able to be paid out of the future road program budget while not increasing costs or putting the Township behind in road maintenance.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to move forward with a short term bond issuance for road construction. All voted yes.

Mr. Kellums requested a motion to advertise for Donna Lane reconstruction. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman to advertise. All voted yes.

Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline

Mr. Bickford reported that Mr. Connor attended the NOPE meeting last week and no new information was presented. Mr. Bickford stated Mr. Miller will attend the Duke Energy Open House next week. He noted it has been widely believed that the PUCO will accept Duke's application shortly after the public meeting, at which time the Township must move forward with various actions. Mr. Weidman stated that Pat Davis-Hagens, Jewish Hospital President, has reached out to the Township about the pipeline.

Mr. Miller stated he has conducted research with respect to the use of park property for this type of project and it would appear that the Township may have the right to deny the use if it takes an active park out of use.

Resolution – Zoning Case 2016-15MA

The resolution "Approving a Site Plan for the Neal's Remodeling Development in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman. Mr. Miller called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-06 passed this 17th day of January, 2017.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that there will be two public hearings for the first meeting in February with times to be announced. He presented case 2017-01MA and case 2017-02P2. He also advised the Board that a retirement facility has recently submitted for a zone change on the property located at 8760, 8784, 8800, 8810 and 8812 Montgomery Road. Its public hearing may be as early as the first meeting in March.

Mr. Miller stated that owner of the Drake Motel has requested a public hearing regarding the order to demolish the building or bring it up to code. The Board requested that the hearing be scheduled for the second meeting in February.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

2017 Blanket Purchase Orders

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye

Schedule

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

Mr. Bickford noted there was currently no agenda for Thursday. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to cancel the Thursday meeting due to lack of an agenda. All voted yes.

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

End regular session: 9:55 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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