

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

March 14, 2017

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, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

Nuisance Properties

Trustee Weidman moved Mr. Holbert to first on the agenda. Mr. Holbert presented three distressed properties for the Board to consider for demolition. The properties in question are 7806 School Road, which was damaged by a fire and has been abandoned, 6330 Kugler Mill Road, which has been vacant for many years, and 8784 Montgomery Road, which has been vacant for three years and is not structurally sound.

The Board requested that Mr. Miller prepare resolutions for the next meeting.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that he is working with the medical director and the various shopping centers on providing tourniquet kits and training as part of a nationwide campaign. The kits are provided at no cost to the shopping centers.

Maintenance Update

The resolution "Authorizing the 2017 Road improvements Project" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Kellums explained that the Ohio Revised Code requires Townships to pass a resolution stating what roads are part of the program. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2017-20 passed this 14th day of March, 2017.

Mr. Kellums reported on the 2017 Road Program bid results. The lowest bidder was JK Meurer, Inc. with a bid of \$693,412.50. The engineer's estimate was \$829,125. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution. All voted yes.

Mr. Kellums reported on the Montgomery Road Sidewalk bid results. The lowest bidder was Adleta Construction with a bid of \$128,478.37. The engineer's estimate was \$199,827. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution. All voted yes.

Mr. Kellums stated that there is a plan for Galbraith Road to be paved in early June. He also reported that Township crews have been repairing catch basins and doing blacktop repair throughout the Township.

Mr. Kellums reported that the Schuler Sports Complex athletic fields need to be top dressed with dirt but expressed concerns about doing the work now with the proposed Duke Pipeline.

Mr. Miller stated he was of the opinion that Duke can't take public land by eminent domain, however that is ultimately up to the courts to decide.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Kettelman reported that the monthly statistics were sent out last week.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that the contracts for the festival bands have been returned and will be presented at the Thursday, March 16, 2017 meeting for approval.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported that Zoning Commission had recommended approval of Case 2017-05P2 on Montgomery Road and the public hearing before the Board of Trustees is tentatively set for April 6, 2017 at either 6:30 or 6:45 pm.

Mr. Bickford reminded the Board that nuisance property hearings for 8109 Reading Road, the former Drake Motel Property, and 8456-8470 Blue Ash Road will be heard at the April 6th meeting and the April 20th meeting respectively.

Duke Pipeline

Mr. Bickford reported that PUCO has determined the Duke Pipeline application to be complete as of March 3, 2017. Any public hearing on the matter is still to be announced. Mr. Miller stated that he is in the process of filing the formal intervention motion.

ESID

Mr. Bickford reported that the ESID Board met on Monday, March 13, 2017 and has approved the Kids First energy improvement project. He said there will be several resolutions for the Board to pass at the Thursday evening meeting, March 16, 2017. These resolutions will set up the special assessment on the property. Mr. Bickford stated that the Township is not in any way responsible for the repayment and is not backing the debt.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

There were no purchase orders presented for approval

The resolution "Authorizing a Rental of the Real Property Located at 4713 Orchard Lane in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-21 passed this 14th Day of March, 2017.

Schedule

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

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

End regular session: 9:50 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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