

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**August 15, 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, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

#### **Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation In Pipe Detention**

Mr. Adam Lehmann, Hamilton County Soil and Water, presented a concept of in pipe storm water detention that he would like to have engineered for a storm water pipe in Bechtold Park. The pipe is in a storm water easement to the benefit of Hamilton County and the pipe itself is owned and maintained by the County. The District believes that two year storm in pipe detention will help with "flashy flood" flows and creek bed erosion. The Board likes the concept but has concerns on liability should the detention orifice fail. Mr. Lehmann stated he would seek an option of liability from the prosecutor's office and present it to the Trustees along with a proof of engineering concept.

#### **Nuisance Property and Vehicle Resolutions**

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8471 Monroe Avenue, 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. 2017-87 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2017-88 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8125 Irwin Avenue 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. 2017-90 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2017-91 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2017-92 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2017-93 passed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

#### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported that the fall newsletter will have information on CPR classes. The Chief asked the Board if they still wanted to charge residents \$5 and businesses \$25 for the class. The Board stated the class should be free for residents and remain at \$25 for businesses.

#### **Sheriff’s Department Update**

Lt. Smith reported that Sgt. Nash, who was the liaison between the Sheriff’s office and the schools, was promoted and will no longer be in that role. The Sheriff’s office is looking into a replacement.

The Lieutenant also reported that the Sherriff’s office is aggressively pursuing all subjects that have outstanding warrants and capiases from the Clerk of Court.

Mr. Bishop asked about DARE in Township Schools. Lt. Smith stated that Sgt. Schmidt with District 4 is teaching the program this year noting that St. Vincent is part of the program as well as All Saints.

#### **Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the annual car show was successful and well attended. In addition, the annual appreciation dinner for the Parks Committee will take place September 13, 2017 at Maggiano’s. Mr. McKeown also noted that the September 11, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting has been cancelled.

#### **Maintenance Update**

Mr. Kellums reported the RFQs for Sycamore Road property appraisal services have been received by the Township and are in the process of being reviewed.

He also stated that Donna Road curbs are complete and paving will begin soon. In addition, Township crews are working on repairing sidewalks throughout the Township.

### **Township Fiber Project**

Mr. Bickford reported that the first phase of the Kenwood fiber loop has been completed and the existing cameras are working on the fiber network. Phase two, the parks, will be under construction soon.

### **Kenwood Acres Storm Water / Sanitary Cross Connections**

Mr. Bickford reported that the Health Department and MSD are issuing letters to residents of Kenwood Acres about the possibility of cross connected storm and sanitary sewers. To date, 20 houses have been tested and 12 have been found to be cross connected. There are over 100 homes that need to be tested and the response to the letters has been slow. The Health Department and MSD will continue to follow up and push forward with the testing. The Health Department has noted that the gray water from the cross connections is mostly settling out in ditches and swales which is preventing the full flow of gray water downstream.

### **Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford reported that there will be an Eagle Scout Presentation at the Wednesday, August 16th Trustees meeting. Mr. McKeown also stated that the State Champion Moeller Lacrosse team will be at the meeting for a presentation.

Mr. Bickford reported that the revised Camden development was denied by Zoning Commission in a 3-1 vote and would be tentatively heard by the Board of Trustees on September 7, 2017.

Mr. Bickford stated that an open house was held for the proposed Reading Road development.

Mr. Bickford noted that he has received several compliments from residents on the Township's efforts to make sure properties are maintained.

### **Purchase Orders over \$2,500**

There were no purchase orders presented for approval.

### **Schedule**

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

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

Mr. Miller stated that he is working on the TIF extensions and will be filing them with the State.

End regular session: 9:53 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 10:10 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:40 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:42 a.m.

Mr. Bickford stated he had a purchase order in the amount of \$22,500 for Streetsense. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the request. All voted yes.

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

End regular session: 10:42 a.m.

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Thomas J. Weidman, President

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Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

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Dennis W. Connor, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

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Greg Bickford, Administrator

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