

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**September 5, 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, Administrator Bickford, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Tom Donnellon was present in place of Law Director Miller. Superintendent Kellums and Law Director Miller were excused.

#### **Nuisance Property Resolution**

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 11989 2nd Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" 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. 2017-96 passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Mr. Holbert introduced Terry Shumate with Mobilitie who presented a proposed mini-cell tower to be located on Kenwood Road in the right-of-way just north of Galbraith Road.

Mr. Shumate explained the proposed location as the west side of Kenwood Road north of Galbraith Road. The pole will be approximately 40 feet tall and be made of wood like a standard utility pole. It will house equipment for Sprint.

The Board stated they were concerned that if a mini-cell tower is allowed in this location it will spur more requests for locations in an area in which the utilities have just been placed underground. If this one tower is granted they will be forced to grant any others that come along. Trustee Weidman stated that companies like this are requesting the right-of-way so they don't have to deal with a private property owner while at the same time they are not public utilities but rather public convenience which does not give them the right to locate in the right-of-way without approval.

The Board was also concerned that the Hamilton County Engineer is approving these towers without consulting the local governments. Mr. Holbert stated that there have been meetings with the Townships and County over the issue. The Engineer's Office has stated they will work with the Township's on locations, but that has not happened yet. There is a disagreement about who owns the right of way and who controls the right of way. The Engineer's Office has stated that they will be seeking an opinion on the matter from the County Prosecutor.

#### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported that the new full time fire fighters will be sworn in at the Thursday meeting. Chief Penny reported that Ohio Task Force One, whose commander is Captain Jeff Newman, is on their way back from helping in Texas after Hurricane Harvey.

### **Sheriff's Department Update**

Lt. Smith reported on a felony arrest during a routine traffic stop outside of the Kenwood Towne Centre in which the alleged thief attempted to make off with \$2,500 in sunglasses. During the traffic stop stolen credit cards and narcotics were discovered.

Lt. Smith reported that the Sheriff's office could potentially be getting body cameras after the first of the year.

Trustee Connor stated that residents were concerned about the increasing number of car break-ins. Lt. Smith stated that most times they are crimes of opportunity with items left out in plain view or unlocked doors. He also stated he was working on a new article for an upcoming newsletter.

### **Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the storm damage at Bob Meyer Park has been repaired and that the McDaniel Park benches and tables have been installed. He also reported that the annual park committee appreciation dinner would take place on September 13, 2017.

### **Whole Foods TREX Liquor Permit**

Mr. Bickford presented a request from Whole Foods for approval of an economic development liquor permit transfer (TREX). The permit is a D2 which will allow Whole Foods to carry wine. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to authorize Mr. Porter to sign the TREX request. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

### **Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford updated the Board on case 2016-14MA, submitted by The Camden Group, which will be heard by the Board of Trustees in a public hearing on Thursday, September 7, 2017.

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

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Adleta Construction	\$12,120.00	Montgomery Rd. Sidewalk Phase 2 Change Order
ProSource	\$60,000.00	Document Management

### **Schedule**

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss personnel – employment** was made by Trustee Weidman. Mr. Porter called the roll.

Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:31 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:33 a.m.

End Executive Session: 9:41 a.m.

Back in regular session: 9:42 a.m.

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

End regular session: 9:42 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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