

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**October 3, 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. Smith of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

#### **Public Hearing: Continuation of Hearing for Nuisance Property 6330 Kugler Mill Road**

Mr. Weidman opened the public hearing at 9:02 am. Mr. Marley was not present.

Mr. Holbert requested direction on right-of-way maintenance issues along I-71 at the Montgomery Road onramp. ODOT is unable to maintain the area. Mr. Kellums stated he will work with ODOT to get the area cleaned and also noted that this area is part of the interstate beautification.

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

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7949 Keller Road, Sycamore Township, OH 45243" 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. 2017-110 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4139 Larchview Drive, 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. 2017-111 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Weed Cutting and Debris Removal, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 8459 Vorhees 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. 2017-112 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 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. 2017-113 passed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2017.

#### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported on open burn complaints that the Township has been receiving. He noted that camp fires and fire pits are legal but bonfires are not permitted. He also stated enforcement

ability is limited, however, the Fire Department can assist in putting out smoldering fires if they are "smoking" someone out. He also stated there have been seven open fire complaints in the Township during the month of September.

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

Lt. Smith reported that the September monthly statistics will be distributed soon.

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

Mr. McKeown reported that Luminaria will be on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Maintenance Update**

Mr. Kellums reported that Duke Energy is in the process of removing the wires along Galbraith Road. The utility poles should be down within the next two weeks and paving may still be a possibility at the end of October.

Mr. Kellums reported that the right-of-way acquisition is about to begin on Sycamore Road. He requested that the Board give authorization for staff to sign offers for right-of-way that were under \$2,500. Anything larger would be brought to the Trustees for their consideration. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to authorize staff to sign on offers up to \$2,500. Mr. Porter called the roll. All voted yes.

#### **Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford reported that the draft of the new zoning resolution should be out in late November for public comment.

He also reported on potential future public hearings for the Skyline Chili property on Montgomery Road as well as the Drake Motel public hearing on Reading Road. Both properties would be heard in November or December.

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

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Deer Park Community City Schools	TIF School Payment	\$310,144.84
Great Oaks Career Campuses	TIF School Payment	\$10,032.96
Indian Hill Exempted Village	TIF School Payment	\$2,070,752.00
Sycamore Board of Education	TIF School Payment	\$11,062.37
Blanket Vendor	OBBC/Inspections Contract	\$15,000.00

Mr. Bishop made a motion to approve the purchase orders, seconded by Mr. Connor. All voted yes.

#### **Schedule**

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

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

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

End regular session: 9:30 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:35 a.m.

End Executive Session: 9:49 a.m.

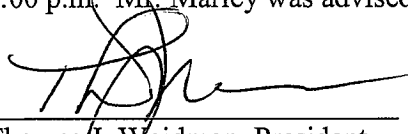
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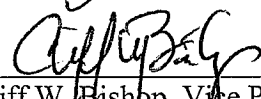
Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Marley was supposed to be in attendance at 9:00 a.m. and suggested the Board continue until tomorrow night and notify Mr. Marley. Mr. Connor asked if all notifications were made on this hearing. Mr. Bickford stated all lien holders had been properly notified. Mr. Bishop made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to continue the hearing to 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening. All voted yes.

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

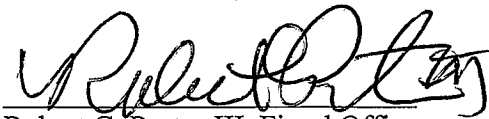
End regular session: 9:57 a.m.

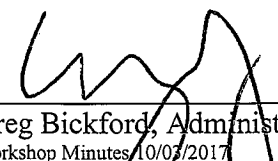
NOTE: Mr. Marley entered the meeting room at 9:59 a.m. after the meeting had been adjourned. He was advised by staff that since he did not appear, the hearing was continued until tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Marley was advised to attend.

  
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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