

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

December 19, 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.

Reading Road Corridor Study

Mr. Holbert reported that the Reading Road Corridor Group which consists of Sycamore Township, Reading, Cincinnati, Amberley Village and Hamilton County met last week to discuss creating a district plan with common goals and zoning. The next meeting will take place in January.

Nuisance Property Resolution 7977 Bearcreek Drive

The resolution "Providing For and Authorizing Removal of Trash and Debris, Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 7977 Bearcreek Drive, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2017-148 passed this 19th day of December, 2017.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported that the insurance company will pay \$41,000 for the damaged squad. He also reported that Horton Ambulance will be providing a quote to reconstruct the chassis of the damaged squad. This would entail a new frame, engine, lights, drivers cab and floorboards. They are estimating the cost at this time to be \$145,000-\$150,000. A new squad will cost over \$260,000. The Chief recommended that we consider replace versus repair of the chassis because of the cost savings for a squad that would have to be replaced in two years anyway. He also recommended that if we decide to repair the squad, we do not take the offer as presented but allow the insurance company to fund the repair in case any unexpected or unseen damage arises. The Board took it under advisement.

Sheriff's Department Update

Lt. Smith reported that the holiday shopping season is going well and there have been no major incidents.

Lt. Smith stated that body camera training will start on January 22, 2018 and should be in full use by the middle of February. All officers below the rank of Sergeant will wear them. The Sheriff is working on policies and procedures for the cameras that will be in place when the program begins.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported that Luminaria was well attended despite the cold weather.

Mr. McKeown requested the Trustees review the band list and provide feedback to him.

Maintenance Update

Mr. Kellums reported that leaf season is complete and the crews and equipment are now ready for snow and ice.

Mr. Kellums reported that despite several attempts to submit plans for the Kenwood Road median, the County Engineer has not granted final approval for landscape installation. After conferring with Anderson Township, who had a similar situation on a County road, Mr. Kellums requested approval to hire Carpenter Marty to complete detailed construction and landscaping plans for plant material, irrigation, and electric.

Mr. Connor stated he would help facilitate the process with Mr. Hubbard.

Mr. Kellums reported that he will be meeting with Brandstetter and Carol to discuss plans for a potential storage building at the administration complex and a new shelter in Bechtold Park.

Mr. Connor stated that an old TV had been dumped in the Hosbrook Road right-of-way. Mr. Kellums stated our crews would take care of it even though it's a County road.

Resolution Correcting Scrivener's Errors

The resolution "Correcting Scrivener's Errors" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-149 passed this 19th day of December, 2017.

Mr. Miller stated that the TIF extensions have been filed with the State and he is working with them on their administrative process since this is the first of its kind.

Resolution Transfer of Funds to Reconcile Budgets and Appropriations

The resolution "Authorizing and Directing a Transfer of Funds to Reconcile Budgets and Appropriations" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2017-150 passed this 19th day of December, 2017.

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase and Closing of the Real Property Located at 8622 Plainfield Road in Sycamore Township

Mr. Miller stated he had a resolution that was previously requested by the Board.

The resolution "Authorizing the Purchase and Closing of the Real Property Located at 8622 Plainfield Road in Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2017-151 passed this 19th day of December, 2017.

Appointed Boards

Mr. Bickford reported that the Zoning Commission term of Mr. Mees and the Board of Zoning Appeals term of Mr. Leugers expire at the end of the year. Both have indicated a desire to continue serving.

Mr. Bickford reported that the Township has received a resume from one interested person for the open Board of Zoning Appeals position.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to promote Mr. Scholtz to Board of Zoning Appeals member from the alternate position and to contact Ms. Julie Glassmeyer about serving as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. All voted yes.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to extend the Zoning Commission term of Mr. Bill Mees for an additional five years. All voted yes.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to extend the Board of Zoning Appeals term of Mr. Ted Leugers for an additional five years. All voted yes.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that the public hearing for Zoning Case 2017-19MA will take place on January 18, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

Purchase Orders over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

Carpenter Marty Transportation	Engineering for Kenwood Rd. Median	\$5,400.00
Mt. Carmel – Deer Park Baptist Church	Sycamore Rd. Easement	\$4,649.00
Joe E and Nancy E Bobbitt	Sycamore Rd. Easement	\$6,341.00
Ruth Sara Hart Schneider	Sycamore Rd. Easement	\$2,668.00
Cincinnati City School District	SYC Financial/Redstone Payment	\$254,752.45

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye.

Schedule

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

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Compensation, Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining and Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee Bishop.

Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Weidman: Aye; Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:34 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:38 a.m.

Mr. Bishop left the executive session at 10:34 a.m.


End Executive Session: 10:48 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:48 a.m.

Mr. Kellums requested, per the previous authorization by the Board to hire a mechanic, that the Board approve the hiring of Jamie Gooch for the position. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to hire Jamie Gooch as a mechanic in the Maintenance Department. All voted yes.

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

End regular session: 10:50 a.m.

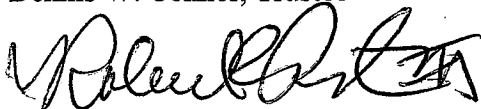


Thomas J. Weidman, President

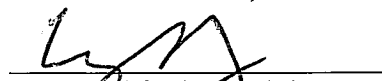
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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer



Greg Bickford, Administrator

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