

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting**  
**Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio**  
**April 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Present for the meeting were President Connor, Vice President Weidman, Trustee LaBarbara, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent/Assistant Administrator Kellums, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. Fiscal Officer Porter was excused.

**Dollar General Liquor License**

Mr. Holbert noted that the liquor permit hearing requested by the Board regarding the Montgomery Road Dollar General liquor permit is scheduled April 9, 2018 at the Hamilton County Administration Building. He stated that the hearing was requested based on resident complaints about Planning and Zoning issues at the business. Mr. Holbert noted that the issues have been abated and asked the Trustees if they wanted to continue.

Mr. Miller added that unless there are real nuisance issues, it is unlikely that the Liquor Control Board will deny the application.

Mr. Weidman made a motion to drop the license challenge, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

**Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny advised the Board that he is working on starting a campaign with the schools that do not have a portable radio system to get one for them so they may have emergency access for safety services.

Chief Penny reported that the crews made 30 runs in yesterday's 24 hour period which was an all-time high. He also advised the Board that the new pumper is in Erlanger, Kentucky getting fitted with equipment lettering and will be in operation soon.

Mr. LaBarbara inquired about honoring Moe Cooper for his service. Mr. Bickford stated that both he and the Chief reached out to him with no response.

**Sheriff Department Update**

No report.

**Maintenance Department Update**

Mr. Kellums advised the Board that Galbraith Road will be paved as a night time job due to the traffic as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Kellums reported that he walked Silvercrest and Garden with the consulting engineer and will be sending a letter to all residents advising them of the potential sidewalk project and the upcoming surveying. He stated that it looks like the sidewalk will be better suited on the inside

of each street. He also stated that, once preliminary engineering is completed, an open house will be conducted.

Mr. Kellums stated that he is meeting with a structural engineer regarding the Bechtold Pavilion.

Mr. Kellums advised the Board that he is in the process of finalizing the cape seal, reclamite and onyx for 2018. He also noted that the contractor will be fixing the onyx issue on certain roads from last year where it didn't perform as expected. He advised the Board that the contractor switched onyx products and it was supposed to perform better but that was not the case.

Mr. Kellums stated that the Board had previously authorized the hiring of new maintenance employees. Mr. Kellums recommended that the Board hire John Estell for the part time position at Schuler Park and hire Adam Bauer for the open maintenance position.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to hire John Estell for the part time position at Schuler Park. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to hire Adam Bauer for the open full time maintenance position. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

The resolution "Establishing the Rate of Pay for a Township Employee" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Miller called roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2018-32 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

The resolution "Establishing the Rate of Pay for a Township Employee" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Miller called roll. Vote: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2018-33 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

Mr. Kellums also reported that Mr. Petty had passed two of the four required spraying and pesticide licenses from the State of Ohio.

### **Parks and Recreation Update**

Mr. McKeown reported that the weather this spring has not been kind to the fields and their usage. He noted that Moeller has only played two baseball games.

Mr. McKeown stated that the lifeline screening group will again be offering screenings at the Schuler Community room on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McKeown requested a motion to approve the band deposit for Dave Mason. He noted the contracts have been reviewed by Mr. Miller. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve payment of the deposit. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

### **IAFF 457 Plan**

Mr. Bickford reported that the fire union was looking to switch 457 plan providers and it

required a signature from the Township. Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to authorize Mr. Bickford to sign the document. Mr. Bickford noted that this is not an agreement with the Township, but rather with the provider and fire union. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

#### **Kenwood Collection Camera Agreement**

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that the Township has requested an agreement with the Kenwood Collection for the traffic cameras located at the Kenwood Collection. In the agreement, the Township agrees to pay \$150 per year for electric usage. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to authorize the Administrator to sign the agreement. Mr. Miller called the roll. All voted yes.

#### **Resolution – Mercedes Benz Zone Change**

The resolution “Approving a Zone Change for the Mercedes Benz Development with a Planned Unit Development Overlay” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Miller called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2018-34 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

#### **Resolution – Authorizing Issuance of a Road Improvement Bond**

The resolution “Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$750,000 Road Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, First (2018) Renewal Sycamore Township, Ohio” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Bickford explained that the \$1 million road bonds that were issued last year are renewed each year until paid off. The Township paid \$250,000 of the debt this year. Mr. Miller called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2018-35 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

#### **Resolution – Honoring William Mees**

The resolution “Honoring William Mees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara. Mr. Connor noted that this was for his successful years as Indian Hill High School boys’ varsity soccer coach. Mr. Miller called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2018-36 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

#### **Resolution – Honoring the 2017-2018 Deer Park High School Basketball Team**

The resolution “Honoring the 2017-2018 Deer Park High School State Basketball Champions” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2018-37 approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

Mr. Connor noted that he spoke with Nancy Stanforth of the Kenwood Women’s Club and they will be disbanding after 50 years and he would like to see a resolution honoring the club at a future meeting.

#### **Upcoming Public Hearings**

Mr. Bickford advised the Board that the public hearing for the Texas Road House zoning case will be held at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow and the public hearing for the Taz Fresh Mediterranean Grill

will follow at 6:15 p.m. He also advised the Board of an open house for the Hills Property scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and another open house for the proposed mixed use development on Kenwood at Happiness Way on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Holbert showed the Board plans for the two Thursday public hearings and explained that the Zoning Commission had received complaints about the LED lights around the roof of Texas Road House. He also advised the Board that new drawings will be shown tomorrow outlining a requested drive thru for Taz Fresh Mediterranean Grill.

**Purchase Orders Over \$2,500.00**

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase order for approval:

Kings Ford	2018 Explorer-Admin	\$25,176.50
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Mr. Bickford stated this is a staff vehicle to replace the 20 year old Chevy Blazer.

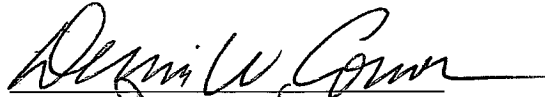
A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve this request. Mr. Miller called the roll. Vote: All Aye

**Schedule**

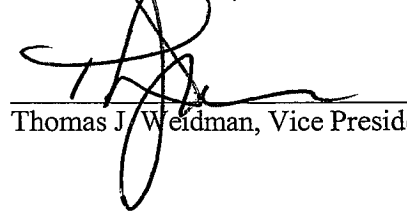
The schedule of upcoming events was read by Mr. Connor. He also stated the National Day of Prayer will take place in May and requested it be added to the schedule.

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

End regular session: 9:43 a.m.



Dennis W. Connor, President

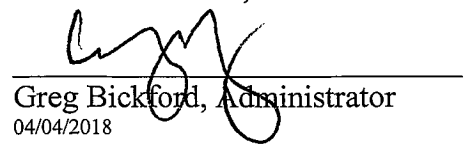


Thomas J. Weidman, Vice President

Jim LaBarbara, Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer



Greg Bickford, Administrator  
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