

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
March 5, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Weidman.

Approval of February 19, 2019 Workshop Minutes

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve the February 19, 2019 Workshop minutes.

Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Aye

Mr. Miller proposed that the political discussions, which are not Township business, be removed from the January and February Trustee meeting minutes and the revised minutes be presented for approval at the next workshop meeting. He stated those discussions can be added as comments in the minutes book but would not be part of the official minutes. The Board was in agreement with Mr. Miller's proposal.

Upcoming Public Meetings

Mr. Bickford reported zoning case 2019-02MA would be heard by the Trustees on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m. He noted the case involves a restaurant called Vinaigrette Salad Kitchen which proposes to move into the former Orange Leaf Yogurt tenant space. He said the restaurant use, per the conditions for the development, must be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Resolution – Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12168 6th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 12168 6th Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2019-22 passed this 5th day of March, 2019.

Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Kellums reported that the work to be done by MSD at Bechtold Park with the sewer overflows has been cancelled until further notice due to the stream retro fit project with the EPA at the creek.

Mr. Kellums also updated the Board on the status of the Fields Ertel/Conrey/McCauley Roads intersection project. He said he spoke to the engineer who said the County asked them to factor in a growth rate of three percent (3%) which made right turn bypass lanes necessary for the round-a-bout which would be too obtrusive for construction. The engineer then looked at the intersection and determined a traffic light is warranted. Mr. Kellums said there will now be an open house regarding the

project on April 4, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sharonville Community Center where they will be presenting a variety of options for the project. He said Hamilton County has also requested input from the Township. Mr. Bickford and Mr. Kellums then showed the various options to the Board and there was discussion about them.

Mr. Weidman stated he had a problem with the Board supporting the proposal to close 2nd through 6th streets without input from the residents. He noted it would be a hardship for residents and too restrictive. Mr. Kellums agreed.

There was continued discussion about the four options. Mr. Kellums stated he would pass on the Trustees' opinions and let the County know that the Township would like feedback from the residents prior to supporting any of the options.

Chief Penny and Lt. Smith both agreed that from an emergency services standpoint it is better not to close the streets at one end as multiple access points are crucial.

Mr. Kellums noted that the April 4, 2019 meeting date conflicted with a Township meeting. He noted that he would work with Hamilton County and the consultant on the project to see if the date and location could be changed so it would be more convenient to Township residents.

Mr. Kellums went on to report that Duke is starting to move utility poles as part of the Sycamore Road project. He notes that part of the project must be completed before the next steps may be taken. He also stated the Bechtold Park Pavilion project is about to begin.

Resolution – Authorizing an Amendment to a Contract with Choice One Engineering Corporation for Engineering Services

The resolution “Authorizing an Amendment to a Contract with Choice One Engineering Corporation for Engineering Services” was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2019-23 passed this 5th day of March, 2019.

Resolution – Authorizing a Contract to Reconstruct a County Road for the Kugler Mill Road Improvement Project

The resolution “Authorizing a Contract to Reconstruct a County Road for the Kugler Mill Road Improvement Project for Engineering Services” was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2019-24 passed this 5th day of March, 2019.

Establishing the Rate of Pay for a Township Employee

Mr. Kellums reported he would like permission to hire Joseph Ford to replace an employee who left the Township a few months ago. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to hire Joseph Ford. Mr. Porter called roll. All Aye.

The resolution “Establishing the Rate of Pay for a Township Employee” was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2019-25 passed this 5th day of March, 2019.

Mr. Kellums noted he would have a resolution to hire an additional employee at the next workshop saying the Trustees had approved expanding the department.

Mr. Kellums also requested approval for a change order to the Bechtold Pavilion contract with Ridge Structures with a date extension to March 31st.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution approving a change order for a date change for the Bechtold Park Pavilion project. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny requested approval to purchase a new staff car for about \$10,000 below the state bid amount of \$37,723.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to direct Law Director Miller to prepare a resolution approving the purchase of a new Fire Department staff vehicle. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Kellums stated he had one other item to report. He showed the plans for the proposed new maintenance facility noting it will be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals at their March meeting.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Smith had no report.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported the parks crew is waiting on the weather to improve to begin refurbishing the fields to prepare them for use.

Mr. McKeown also reported on possible bands for the 2019 Festival in Sycamore stating he'd like the Board to consider the Fabulous Thunderbirds for Saturday night at a cost of \$20,000. He explained he looked into a lot of bands and many were booked or had raised their prices, noting Tommy James and the Shondells now want \$50,000. He said Survivor is available at \$35,000. Mr. McKeown suggested Blessed Union of Souls or Greg Kihn Band for Friday night. Mr. McKeown reported he looked into Felix Cavaliere at Mr. LaBarbara's suggestion, stating Mr. Cavaliere's fee is \$25,000 and his rider is \$40,000.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to offer the Fabulous Thunderbirds \$20,000 to play at the Festival Saturday night. Mr. Porter called roll. All Aye.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

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| Cincinnati City School District | Redstone School Payment | \$253,639.09 |
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A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye

Schedule

Changes to the schedule of upcoming events were pointed out by Mr. Weidman, most of them having to do with the Trustees meeting changing to Wednesday, March 6th.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll.

Vote: Weidman: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Connor: Aye.

End regular session: 9:40 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:44 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:28 a.m.

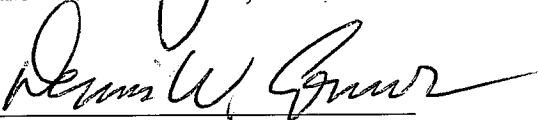
Back in regular session: 10:28 a.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara

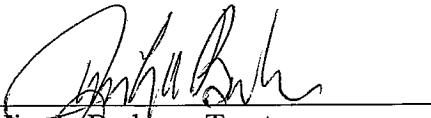
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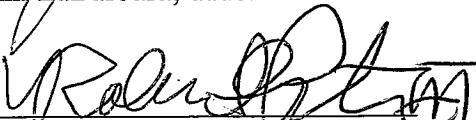
Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



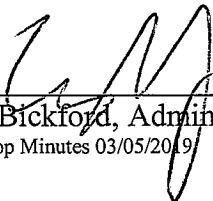
Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman



Jim LaBarbara, Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer



Greg Bickford, Administrator