

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
March 19, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Connor.

Approval of March 5, 2019 Workshop Minutes

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara to approve the March 5, 2019 Workshop minutes.

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

Upcoming Public Hearings

Mr. Bickford reported there would be two public hearings on April 4th beginning at 6:30 p.m. He said in Case 2019-03MA UDF proposes a use change to take over one of the Belcan buildings for food production. He noted there is no building addition proposed and stated Zoning Commission recommended approval of the proposal. Mr. Bickford said the second public hearing that evening will be Case 2019-04MA. Camp Safety Equipment on Blue Ash Road proposes to add on to an existing storage building. He noted Zoning Commission recommended approval of that case as well.

Mr. Bickford then discussed the proposed Duke Energy Pipeline noting he will be deposed prior to the hearing and stating there is a public hearing regarding the pipeline on Thursday, March 21st at UC Blue Ash.

Mr. Connor reported on the NOPE! Cincy meeting he attended stating Commissioner Driehaus spoke at the meeting and said the Ohio Power Siting Board members are all newly appointed by Governor DeWine. She also said she spoke to one of the newly appointed members who told her he had no knowledge of any opposition to the proposed pipeline.

Resolution – Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan for an Approved Planned Unit Development for Kenwood Place Venture LLC

The resolution "Approving a Major Adjustment to a Site Plan for an Approved Planned Unit Development for Kenwood Place Venture LLC" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent
Resolution No. 2019-28 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Resolution – Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3904 Mantell Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236

The resolution “Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 3904 Mantell Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45236” was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Resolution No. 2019-29 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Resolution – Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and Other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 11962 4th 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 11962 Avenue, Sycamore Township, OH 45249” was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Resolution No. 2019-30 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Bickford reported on behalf of Mr. Kellums providing updates on the fiber project and the Sycamore Road project.

Mr. Bickford went on to state that the Maintenance Department has been dealing with a lot of flooding issues lately due to all the rain.

Mr. Connor noted flooding was a major issue in his neighborhood. Mr. Bickford commented keeping the catch basins clean is the biggest issue noting last week’s storm was a deluge of rain. Mr. Connor stated his neighbors were appreciative of the Fire and Maintenance Departments’ efforts to clear the drains.

Mr. LaBarbara brought up a post on NextDoor by Fred Riggs saying the fire hydrant by his house in Dillonvale had not been tested or painted in five years. Chief Penny responded he is considering having someone part time in the summer to focus on flow testing and painting the hydrants as it is difficult for the Department to keep up with between runs. He noted there are about 1,100 hydrants to maintain.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported the Department’s Hazmat suits are in need of replacement due to age. He requested eight new Hazmat suits at a total cost of \$7,551.11.

Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the purchase of the eight Hazmat suits. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Chief Penny also reported the new ambulance will be picked up on April 17th.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Smith reported on traffic stops that resulted in the recovery of drugs and firearms and the arrest of a known drug dealer.

Mr. Bickford reported the Township's contract with the Sheriff's Office expires in 11 days. He noted the contract has a provision that if the Township does nothing it renews automatically. Mr. Bickford stated he sent an updated contract to Mr. Miller for review and reviewed rate changes saying the cost would go up from \$1.8 million in 2018 to \$2.1 million in 2019. He said the study with UC is on-going and he would recommend proceeding with the renewal because we have 180 days after the contract starts to back out if a better option becomes available.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown stated crews are working now to prepare McDaniel fields for use. He went on to report he has received WGRR's proposal in the amount of \$5,135.00 for marketing the Festival in Sycamore.

Mr. Connor made a motion to approve the payment to WGRR for marketing. Mr. LaBarbara seconded. Mr. Connor noted it is great that the cost has remained the same as last year and includes the additional value at no cost. Mr. Porter called roll. Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Mr. McKeown stated he would also like approval to contract with DV8 to perform at the Festival for \$2,500.00 on Saturday, July 13th. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara to contract with DV8 for \$2,500.00. Mr. Porter called roll. Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Resolutions – Authorizing Entertainment Contracts for the Festival in Sycamore

The resolution "Authorizing an Entertainment Contract with The Fabulous Thunderbirds" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading.

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

Resolution No. 2019-31 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

The resolution "Authorizing an Entertainment Contract with Secret Knock LLC for Jefferson Starship" was read. A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, dispensing with the second reading. Mr. Porter called the roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Resolution No. 2019-32 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Mr. Connor commented that last year the Township paid \$65,000.00 for the national acts for the Festival in Sycamore and congratulated Mr. McKeown on cutting that number about in half which he said is the responsible thing to do.

Resolution – Authorizing and Directing a Transfer of Funds to the CIC

The resolution "Authorizing and Directing a Transfer of Funds for Economic Development Purposes to Sycamore Township CIC, Inc., The designated Community Improvement Corporation of Sycamore Township" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, dispensing with the second reading.

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

Resolution No. 2019-33 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Resolution – Establishing the Rate of Pay for a Township Employee

Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to hire Brandon Price. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

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: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Resolution No. 2019-34 passed this 19th day of March, 2019.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

WGRR	Festival in Sycamore Marketing	\$5,135.00
DV8	Festival in Sycamore Performance	\$2,500.00
Vogelpohl Fire Equipment	SCBA Equipment	\$6,910.00
Pillar Insurance	Renewal Accident and Health Policy	\$8,247.00
Specialty Paint & Auto Body	Vehicle Repair	\$4,050.73

Mr. Bickford noted insurance paid the Township directly for damage done to a Township vehicle by a deer; the Township must in turn pay the auto body repair shop.

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve this request. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Schedule

Mr. Connor referred those in attendance to the written schedule of upcoming events noted on the agenda.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Employee Compensation and Property**

Acquisition was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll.

Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Absent

Mr. Miller stated Mr. Bickford had given him a Board of Health 100 year resolution. Mr. Connor suggested holding off on that for now.

End regular session: 9:35 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:40 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:15 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:18 a.m.

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

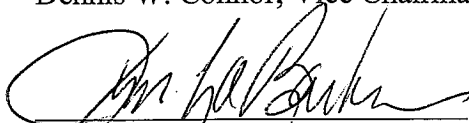
End regular session: 10:18 a.m.



Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



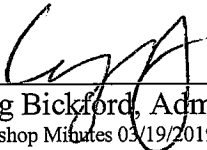
Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman



Jim LaBarbara, Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer



Greg Bickford, Administrator
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