

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

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

**April 16, 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 April 16, 2019 Workshop Minutes**

Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the April 16, 2019 Workshop minutes. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

#### **Planning & Zoning Update**

Mr. Bickford stated the department continues to be busy with plan review for zoning certificate applications.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4321 Sycamore Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236" 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. 2019-40 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Providing for the Removal of a Junk Vehicle in Sycamore Township, Hamilton County and the Proper Disposal, Storage or Impoundment of Motor Vehicle" 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. 2019-41 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Approving a Major Adjustment to the United Dairy Farmers Kemper Road Planned Unit Development" 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. 2019-42 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Approving a Major Adjustment to the Camp Safety Equipment Planned Unit Development" 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. 2019-43 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

#### **Maintenance Department Update**

Mr. Kellums reported the North Trash Bash was busy noting 17 dumpsters were filled as opposed to 11 filled in 2018. He stated the South Trash Bash and document shredding will take place in a couple weeks. He noted hazardous household chemicals, tires and oil based paint will be accepted at the

South Trash Bash. Mr. Kellums stated Matthew 25 Ministries on Kenwood Road accepts latex paint for recycling.

Mr. Kellums requested a motion to advertise for the 2019 curb replacement project. He stated this year curbs will be replaced in the Heitmeyer neighborhood, noting the neighborhood is so big most likely half will be done this year and the remainder in 2020. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to direct the Superintendent to advertise for bids for the 2019 curb replacement program. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Kellums informed the Board the he will be submitting a SCIP application for Larchview Drive reconstruction.

Mr. Kellums went on to discuss Strauser's failed 2017 Onyx product used on Glenover and Miami Hills stating he met with them about redoing the project with Cape Seal and refunding the money for the Onyx work. He stated the work would be done in June.

Mr. Kellums said the contractor working on Bechtold Park Shelter #2, Ridge Structures, is struggling to get the project done. He then explained the issues with the stone that was ordered for the project. There was discussion about reviewing the contract. Mr. LaBarbara made a motion, seconded by Mr. Connor, to authorize the Township Administrator or Assistant Administrator to terminate the contract. Mr. Porter called roll. All Aye.

Mr. Kellums then reported there was a preconstruction meeting with Schweitzer Construction for the Bechtold Pavilion project which should be starting in the next couple weeks.

#### **Kennedy Lane Sidewalk Project**

The resolution "Approving and Authorizing a Contract with the City of Montgomery, Ohio for the Construction of Sidewalks on Kennedy Lane" 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. 2019-44 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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

Mr. McKeown reported there will be a Life Line Screening event taking place at the Schuler Community Room on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. McKeown also discussed the little free library that a Boy Scout would like to build in the Township for his Eagle Scout project. He noted Township legal counsel would be in touch with the Scout Master to obtain details and showed a photo example of the project to the Board.

#### **Fire Department Update**

Chief Penny reported, pending completion of a background check, he would like to hire Joseph Homan to replace the full time firefighter who left the department. He also reported the new ambulance is scheduled to be picked up tomorrow.

#### **Sheriff Department Update**

Lt. Smith stated he had no report but had comments for the next agenda item.

Mr. Bickford reported the Township had discovered last week that a sexual predator had moved into the Township within 500 feet of a church. Mr. Miller stated the person had been served a copy of the

resolution prohibiting sexual predators in close proximity to churches, schools etc. but it has not been confirmed that he lives there.

### **Purchase of Additional Portable Speed Signs**

Mr. Kellums reported a rechargeable, programmable speed sign unit costs \$3,200.00 and a solar unit costs about \$3,500.00, is more difficult to set up, but can be left in place longer because the solar panel charges the battery. He noted from the data that has been collected from the sign the Township has used at a variety of locations shows that 85% of the people are driving at or below the speed limit. He stated the majority of Township roads have more capacity issues than speeding issues.

The Board asked questions about the portable speed signs. Mr. LaBarbara shared information on the number of speed signs some other municipalities have. There was then discussion about how many to purchase. Mr. Weidman suggested starting with the purchase of one noting the Board could always decide to buy more at a later date. Mr. Connor suggested creating an internal calendar to schedule rotation of the signs in areas where the Township receives requests for them.

Lt. Smith stated the Sheriff's Office is in support of purchasing an additional sign and interested in the data that can be gleaned from these devices. He noted his office receives a lot of complaints about speeding in neighborhoods and two things he has learned is that it is never as bad as it seems and the speeders are people who live in those neighborhoods. He discussed the importance of relying on historical traffic data rather than emotions when making decisions regarding expenditures for traffic safety. Lt. Smith said he is in support of using the speed trailers to obtain that data.

Mr. LaBarbara asked about a different size sign and stated he is in support of purchasing two additional. Mr. LaBarbara requested Mr. Kellums look into the cost for the 12 inch size sign.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to authorize the purchase of one portable speed sign. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

There was discussion about whether to spend the extra money for the solar powered sign and if they are as reliable.

Mr. Connor amended his motion to purchase the solar powered speed sign. Mr. LaBarbara seconded. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office for Police Protection Services" 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. 2019-45 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Authorizing an Agreement for Supplemental Police Protection 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. 2019-46 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Approving and Authorizing a Contract with the University of Cincinnati for a Police Agency Staffing Analysis" 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. 2019-47 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Designating Records Managers for 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: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2019-48 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

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: All Aye.  
Resolution No. 2019-49 passed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

### Schedule

Mr. Weidman noted a few items coming up on the printed schedule of upcoming events including the South Trash Bash on April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and the National Day of Prayer on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: Connor: Aye; LaBarbara: Aye; Weidman: Aye.

End regular session: 9:45 a.m.


Begin Executive Session: 9:52 a.m.

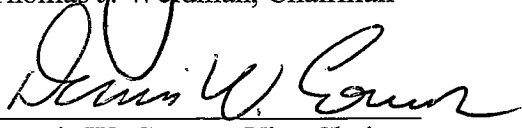
End Executive Session: 10:06 a.m.

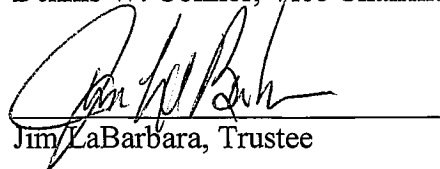
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A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Connor and seconded by Trustee LaBarbara. Vote: All Aye.

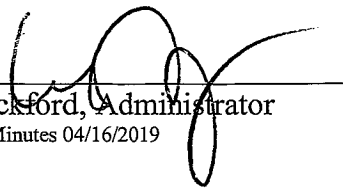
End regular session: 10:06 a.m.

  
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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