

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Meeting
Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio
April 30, 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, Zoning Administrator Holbert, Parks/Recreation Director McKeown, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Smith from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

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

Planning & Zoning Update

Mr. Holbert reported permits are up about five percent from last year at this time. He stated there are 53 open violations for the year. He then noted the number of Zoning Commission cases are also up from last year while Board of Zoning Appeals cases are about the same. He also reported the new Planning and Zoning Assistant, Jessica Daves, is doing a great job.

Mr. Holbert stated the underground work for the Myers Y. Cooper project is underway, noting the contractor is keeping the streets clean and he has not had any complaints about it.

Mr. Holbert reported the public hearing information for zoning cases is now posted in the case in front of the Administration Building.

Mr. Connor discussed some concerns that were heard at the Highpoint Neighborhood Watch meeting the previous night. He asked that Mr. Holbert or Mr. Clark put together a schedule for abatement of nuisance properties to share with the residents at the next Highpoint Neighborhood Watch Meeting.

Mr. Holbert stated he has received calls asking about 6066 Bayberry Drive and explained the status of that court case.

Resolution – Declaring 4545 E. Galbraith Road to be a Nuisance

Mr. Holbert noted there are two resolutions for the same address because there are two different parcel numbers.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4545 E. Galbraith Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236" (Parcel ID 600-210-98) 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. 2019-50 passed this 30th day of April, 2019.

The resolution "Providing for and Authorizing Removal of Vegetation, Garbage, Refuse and other Debris and Declaring a Nuisance for the Property Located at 4545 E. Galbraith Road, Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236" (Parcel ID 600-210-97) 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. 2019-51 passed this 30th day of April, 2019.

Mr. Holbert explained the issues with this property and the building, which was damaged in a fire.

Maintenance Department Update

Mr. Kellums reported the South Trash Bash was extremely busy with 19 dumpsters filled and 20,000 pounds of paper shredded during the document shredding. He stated he thinks the Township should separate those services and hold the document shredding at the Administration Complex on a different date because of how backed up traffic was on Plainfield Road.

Mr. Kellums reported on the curb and sidewalk replacement project in parts of Heitmeyer Farms subdivision. He went on to say the contract for the cape seal is being worked out so that the streets which received the unsuccessful onyx work previously could be redone.

Mr. Kellums said things are moving along quickly on the Sycamore Road project.

Mr. Kellums reported work had begun on the Bechtold Park Pavilion project. He said there will be a resolution regarding a change order for the Shelter 2 project presented for the Board's approval at the meeting Thursday night.

Mr. Kellums went on to say he is looking into replacing the Administration complex sign noting it is currently parallel to Kenwood Road and, therefore, difficult to see. He stated he would like to replace it with one running perpendicular to the road and add new landscaping.

Mr. LaBarbara commented there have been a lot of signs at the I-71 exit ramp. Mr. Holbert stated he had spoken to Mr. Clark about checking the ramps especially to remove those signs and send notices.

Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. McKeown reported on the little free library Eagle Scout project saying Township legal counsel has contacted the scout master for more details.

Mr. McKeown stated when the Trustees appointed committee members for the Festival Committee, an alternate was not appointed. He suggested the Board appoint John Estell as an alternate in the event one of the regular members cannot make a meeting.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to appoint John Estell to the position of alternate for the Festival in Sycamore Committee. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Fire Department Update

Chief Penny reported he had looked into the cost of an electric hose tester and explained the benefits of the device.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to approve the purchase of an electric hose tester for \$2,613.75. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Penny said he received physical results back for the new fulltime firefighter and requested that the Board approve the hire and swear him in at the Thursday evening Trustee meeting.

Resolution – Correcting an Error in the EMS & Fire Department Fee Schedule

Mr. Miller reported he had a resolution to correct a minor error in the recently approved Fire and EMS fee schedule.

The resolution “Correcting an Error in the Recently Adopted EMS & Fire Department Fee Schedule” 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. 2019-52 passed this 30th day of April, 2019.

Sheriff Department Update

Lt. Smith reported we are closing in on a year since the officers began wearing the body cameras. He stated he received a complaint from an individual who was dissatisfied with her police service during a traffic stop. He noted the camera footage proved the officer did everything right, addressed the motorist as ma’am, was courteous, and direct when necessary. Lt. Smith pointed out the vehicle had multiple violations on it. He said since the cameras came into use, they have only had a couple complaints and both times the officers were proven to be professional.

Lt. Smith reported about an incident at Kids First involving heated exchanges and shoving at a girls’ basketball game that resulted in two disorderly conduct arrests of individuals from outside the area.

Resolution – Authorizing 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: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2019-53 passed this 30th day of April, 2019.

Purchase Orders Over \$2,500

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

US Bank	2010 Road Improvement Bonds	\$32,450.00
US Bank	Various Purpose Refunding Bond	\$148,050.00
US Bank	2014 TriHealth Bonds	\$54,825.00
Pacewell 2 LLC	7900 E. Kemper & 7450 Keller	\$254,105.77
Sycamore Board of Education	TIF School Payment	\$89,298.06
Princeton City Schools	TIF School Payment	\$71,430.40
Great Oaks Career Campuses	TIF School Payment	\$13,997.04
Indian Hill Schools	TIF School Payment	\$2,310,064.92
Deer Park Community Schools	TIF School Payment	\$286,074.06
Castrucci Ford	Administration Vehicle	\$26,948.50
Gudenkauf	Fiber – Phase 2	\$34,104.00
Fire Hose Direct	Fire Hose Tester	\$2,613.75

A motion was made by Mr. LaBarbara, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these requests.
Vote: All Aye

Schedule

Mr. Connor stated both he and Mr. Weidman have a conflict on Tuesday, May 14th and asked if the next Workshop could be moved to May 21st. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to move the next Workshop Meeting from May 14th at 9:00 a.m. to May 21st at 9:00 a.m.

A motion to enter into **Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation and Property Acquisition** was made by Trustee LaBarbara and seconded by Trustee Weidman.

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

End regular session: 9:32 a.m.

Begin Executive Session: 9:38 a.m.

End Executive Session: 10:20 a.m.

Back in regular session: 10:23 a.m.

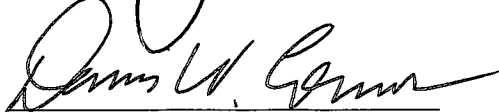
Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. LaBarbara, to authorize an additional \$25,000.00 to pay the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl for legal services. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

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

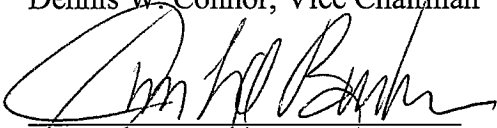
End regular session: 10:23 a.m.



Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman



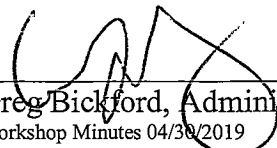
Dennis W. Connor, Vice Chairman



Jim LaBarbara, Trustee



Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer



Greg Bickford, Administrator
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