

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

January 2, 2014

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Fiscal Officer Rob Porter.

The invocation from Trinity United Church of Christ was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Fiscal Officer Porter swore in Trustee Thomas J. Weidman and Trustee Cliff W. Bishop. Mr. Porter entertained a motion to establish the officers for the Board of Trustees. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to nominate Mr. Bishop as President of the Board of Trustees. Vote: All Aye. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to nominate Mr. Connor as Vice President. Vote: All Aye.

Present for the meeting were, President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Trustee Weidman, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Planning/Zoning Director/Acting Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Parks /Recreation Director McKeown, Interim Fire Chief Rob Penny and Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held December 17 and 19, 2013 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Penny reported that Station 92's kitchen remodel was nearing completion and is now functional. Mr. Bishop thanked Jerry Cooper and all those who had helped with the project.

Mr. McKeown reported that he had gotten a lot of calls inquiring about field use for 2014.

Mr. Kellums reported that maintenance crews had been out since 4:00 a.m. and roads in the Township were in good condition. He said his department had used a lot of salt so far this winter.

Mr. Bickford presented the CIC grant application document and stated that it will be ready in the next few weeks after the terms and conditions were reviewed by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Bickford presented the proposed blanket purchase orders for 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the 2014 blanket purchase orders. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford also reported that Duke Energy Retail will offer residents a discount through an opt in electric aggregation program. The discount will be off of Duke Energy's regulated rates. The Township will also receive special pricing for Township specific accounts including street lighting. There was discussion about future opt out electric aggregation that could take place on

the November 2014 ballot. Mr. Weidman stated he was not sure if the electric market was as favorable to opt out aggregation as the gas market. A motion was made by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Connor, to approve the electric rate agreement with Duke Energy Retail. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford announced that the Planning and Zoning Department had issued 330 permits in 2013; the most since 2002.

Mr. Porter read the following communications:

A communication from: Tom Meiers thanking the Fire Department for tree rescue.

A communication from: Patty Hadden thanking the Fire Department for assistance providing food baskets to those in need through the Deer Park Holiday Food Basket Program over the holidays.

The Receipts and Disbursements of January 2, 2014 were available in the Fiscal Officer's Office and are hereby made a part of these Minutes.

I hereby certify that the money for payment of these bills is in the fund provided and duly and properly appropriated.

Signed: _____
Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to accept them.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Cliff W. Bishop, President

Dennis W. Connor, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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