

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

November 20, 2014

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bishop.

The invocation from Congregation B’Nai Tzedek was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

Present for the meeting were President Bishop, Vice President Connor, Fiscal Officer Porter, Law Director Miller, Administrator Bickford, Superintendent Kellums, Fire Chief Penny and Lt. Kettelman from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office. Trustee Weidman and Parks /Recreation Director McKeown were excused.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held November 3 and 6, 2014 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these minutes. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Penny demonstrated the Microsoft tablet for the Board and how it will work in the squads. There is currently one in operation with three more on the way. Mr. Connor asked about a long term service plan on the devices. Chief Penny said they are currently reviewing their options.

Mr. Bishop asked how we verify addresses if they are wrong in the system. Chief Penny said they work with the property owner to get them corrected through the County and Post Office.

Mr. Kellums reported that plans for Luminaria are underway with Dillonvale IGA.

Mr. Bishop stated the event will be held on December 6th.

Mr. Kellums reported the part of the salt order (525 tons) from North American Salt had been delivered.

Mr. Connor asked what the total supply was. Mr. Kellums reported that we have about 1,000 tons on hand and a bad winter will use about 2,000 to 2,500 tons. Our current facilities max out at 1,000 tons. Mr. Kellums stated he was looking into prices for a new larger salt dome that can support 2,000 tons to replace the current facility.

He also stated that the Montgomery/Hosbrook Roads project was winding up for the year.

Mr. Miller reported that the Heitmeyer property in Kenwood was being used as a farm and that the nuisance resolutions had been posted on the property.

Mr. Bickford reported that he made contact with the property owner and explained the situation. Mr. Miller asked if he should hold off on filing the injunction on the property. Mr. Bickford requested a 30 day hold to see if the property owner addresses the issues.

Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to file the injunction in 30 days. All voted yes.

Mr. Miller requested an executive session for the purposes of property acquisition..

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

SSP Northcreek, LLC TriHealth Garage Draw #2 \$97,562.30

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve this request. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford reported the Montgomery Road cameras are operational and will help with the flow of traffic during the holiday season. Mr. Bickford also reported that Duke Energy Retail is offering the Township a long term rate for Township facilities and street lighting districts. Mr. Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to approve a three year commitment. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Porter read a communication from Fr. George Kunkel, Pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Church, thanking Superintendent Kellums, Chief Penny and the Maintenance and Fire Department crews for their quick and professional response when aiding the Church in an incident where a tree fell onto a school bus in the driveway.

Mr. Bickford presented the changes that the applicant made to the initial proposal for zoning case 2014-13P2. The applicant spoke in regards to the project. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to direct Mr. Miller to prepare a resolution approving the project with conditions.

The resolution "Authorizing a Contract with Brandstetter/Carroll, Inc. for Engineering Services" was read. A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve the contract. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.

Resolution No. 2014-141 approved this 20th day of November, 2014.

The Receipts and Disbursements of November 20, 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. Bishop, to adjourn the meeting to executive session for the purpose of discussing Property Acquisition at 7:52 p.m.
Vote: Bishop: Aye; Connor: Aye.

The meeting reconvened after the executive session at 8:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Connor, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 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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