

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

January 15, 2015

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Connor.

The invocation from St. Vincent Ferrer Church was read by Trustee Connor.

Pledge to the Flag.

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

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held December 16, 18 and 30, 2014 were read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these minutes.

Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to appoint Tracy Kellums to Assistant Administrator and Harry Holbert to Zoning Administrator.

Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Bickford reported that Lt. Ketteman was attending an Awards Ceremony in which one of his officers was being honored.

Chief Penny thanked the Trustees for viewing the power cot clamp and explained its benefits. Chief Penny stated the new rates for EMS billing would take effect soon. He also thanked the Trustees for approving the union contract.

Mr. McKeown reported on car show scheduling difficulties. Mr. Bishop suggested trying a different venue. Mr. Connor suggested moving it to September perhaps. Mr. McKeown said a Festival planning committee would be established.

Mr. Kellums announced that work had begun again on the Hosbrook / Montgomery Roads Project. Mr. Kellums reported that Steve Mary, Ohio Department of Transportation District 8 Deputy Director, had resigned his position. Mr. Kellums informed the Trustees that the Maintenance Department had spread 200 tons of salt thus far in the season.

Mr. Bickford reported on the status of the Electric Aggregation Program.

Mr. Bickford presented the following purchase orders for approval:

SSP Northcreek, LLC	Tri-Health Garage Draw #3	\$569,649.81
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Vote: All Aye.

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Mr. Bickford reported the Township Land Use Plan and Zoning Resolution are in need of updating. Because staff does not have the time to take on such a large project, a consultant will be hired.

Mr. Holbert reported that the Zoning Department is still working on property maintenance issues in the winter. He also informed the Trustees that the property maintenance and zoning violations on the Heitmeyer property had been abated.

Mr. Porter read the following communications:

A communication from an anonymous Sycamore Township resident stating her appreciation and support of the police for their service to the community.

A communication from Herb and Rose Adler of 4601 Orchard Lane stating that they have lived in Sycamore Township since, June 1960, and that it has been a great place to live. They also thanked the police and EMS for their services and said “thanks for the memories” as they prepare to move out of the Township.

A communication from Marc Mitchell of Saint Regis Drive letting the Trustees know the Maintenance Department did a superb job on leaf removal this fall.

The resolution “Determining to Approve a Road in Sycamore Township, Authorizing a Contract with TEC Engineering, Inc. for the Sycamore Road Improvements Project” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-07 approved this 15th day of January, 2015.

The resolution “Determining to Improve Roads in Sycamore Township by Installing a Fiber Optic Interconnect System within Sycamore Township, authorizing a Contract with TEC Engineering, Inc. for the Sycamore Township Interconnect Project” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-08 approved this 15th day of January, 2015.

The resolution “Setting New Rates and Fees for EMS and Fire Department Services” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-09 approved this 15th day of January, 2015.

The resolution “Authorizing an Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for a Jobs and Commerce Economic Development Grant” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye.
Resolution No. 2015-10 approved this 15th day of January, 2015.

The resolution “Establishing Rates of Pay and Benefits for Township Employees” was read. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. Mr. Porter called roll. Vote: All Aye. Resolution No. 2015-11 approved this 15th day of January, 2015.

The Receipts and Disbursements of January 15, 2015 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. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Weidman, to accept them.
Vote: All Aye.

A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Connor, to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Dennis W. Connor, President

Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer
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