

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

December 17, 2015

The regular meeting of The Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Connor.

The invocation from St. Saviour Church was read by President 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, Lt. Ketteman from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and Zoning Administrator Holbert.

The minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings held November 17 and 19 and December 1, 2015 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Weidman, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these minutes.

Vote: All Aye.

Lt. Ketteman reported the expanded patrols for the holiday season are going well.

Chief Penny thanked the Trustees for their generous contributions to needy families in the Township. Chief Penny also announced that the Fire Department had received a grant for the purchase of 40 vials of Narcan a \$1,600 value.

Mr. McKeown reported he has contacted some bands about possibly performing at the 2016 Festival in Sycamore.

Mr. Kellums thanked the Fire Department for their response to his home.

Mr. Kellums reported he had a purchase order for \$65,000.00 for additional curb repairs to Charter Oak Drive. The reason this street was added was because the core samples came back indicating that the subgrade and road base are in good condition and the cracking in the road is from the asphalt only.

Mr. Miller announced Phillips Edison was preparing to reissue bonds for the Kenwood Collection and requested that Dinsmore represent the Township in the transaction. In order for that to occur the Board must sign a bond conflict waiver. Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop to sign the waiver. All voted yes.

Mr. Bickford announced that the gas rate had been locked in at 3.44 cents or lower per CCF for the Township aggregation program with Constellation Energy. He noted this is a very good rate.

Mr. Bickford thanked the Board for allowing the Township staff the leeway in doing their jobs for the residents of Sycamore Township.

The following purchase orders were presented for approval:

County Commissioners	Communications/Dispatch Dec.	\$22,785.80
Kleem, Inc.	Plainfield Rd. Crosswalk	\$6,966.00
Prus Construction	Additional Quantities 2015 Curb Program	\$65,000.00

Mr. Weidman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bishop, to approve these requests. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Holbert announced that property complaints were on the rise from last year. He said the case load for both Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals was also greater than the previous year. Mr. Holbert reported that the new Texas Roadhouse restaurant in Sycamore Plaza was set to open in January, 2016.

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. 2015-178 approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

The resolution “Approving a Contract for Employee Insurance Benefits” 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. 2015-179 approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

The resolution “Approving a Contract for a Third Party Administrator and a Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan” 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. 2015-180 approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

The receipts and disbursements of December 17, 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.

Mr. Bishop made a motion to appoint Mr. Weidman as President of the Board effective January 1, 2016, seconded by Mr. Connor. All voted yes. Mr. Connor made a motion to appoint Mr. Bishop as Vice President of the Board effective January 1, 2016, seconded by Mr. Weidman. All voted yes.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Dennis W. Connor, President

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Cliff W. Bishop, Vice President

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Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

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Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer  
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