
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Elected officials (Trustees and Fiscal Officer) present were: Mr. Phil Beck, Mr. Kenneth Bryant, Mrs. Jodie Leis, and Mr. John Borchers.

Also present: Brian Elliff - Township Administrator; Robert Malloy - Township Law Director; Carol Sims - Township Assistant Fiscal Officer; Bill Pitman - Director of Public Works; Lt. Thomas Butler - Hamilton County Sheriff's Department; Otto Huber - Chief, Loveland Symmes Fire Department.

PRESENTATION

FRANK WELCH, CINCINNATI HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - Stated they wished to provide the Board with a 6-month update on activities at the Meade House.

JULIE SINGER presented the Board with pictures showing before and after of the plantings at the Meade House. The flowers are doing great and encouraged the Board to visit. Mrs. Singer advised the arbor has been repaired and a new patio installed at the rear of the house. The rose garden has been planted. These projects were completed with in-house labor and donations. These improvements total approximately \$9,000.00. Mrs. Singer stated the Fresh Air School will continue next year and there is a plan to install window boxes on the front of the house.

Mrs. Singer reported on the upcoming October 5 event, as well as their participation in Fallfest.

MRS. LEIS stated that a friend noted how fabulous the house looks.

MR. BRYANT noted that he appreciates the work that is being done and questioned the status of the requested Master Plan for this property. Mr. Bryant stated that the outside kitchen building needs some brick work.

MRS. SINGER stated they have done some minor things to improve the look. However, there are some major repairs that should be addressed in a few years.

The Board thanked the Cincinnati Horticultural Society for the update.

RECEIPTS

Receipts totaling \$2,809,803.63 were read and accepted.

WARRANTS

MRS. LEIS moved that the Township pay its bills. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'. Proper certification having been made, warrants totaling \$1,072,171.87 were issued.

REPORTS

BRIAN ELLIFF - Reported on activities in the township since the last meeting:

1. ENTRY/BEAUTIFICATION PLAN - Presented the Board with a draft plan for updating certain Township entryway and median points. Mr. Elliff reviewed the various locations and proposed ideas. Mr. Elliff stated, if the Board is agreeable, this would then be presented in final form for adoption by the Board.

MRS. LEIS stated she is not in favor of the white fencing and would to see something more natural; however, she liked the concept for the Loveland Madeira area.

MR. ELLIFF advised the idea was to have white fencing as a reflection of Symmes Township.

MR. BECK stated he agreed with the locations, but would like to know about different landscaping options available to the Township which might establish a theme.

MR. BRYANT noted this type of fencing was installed along Blong Road. Mr. Bryant stated he feels fencing should be tasteful, not expensive and low in maintenance.

MR. BECK stated the Township needs to explore the possibility of groups willing to assist with the future maintenance of these areas.

MR. ELLIFF questioned if the Board wished him to have a landscaper recommend the possibility of using plantings rather than fencing to improve an area.

MR. BRYANT noted the Board had professional input before and the estimate was outrageous. Mr. Bryant stated these are good ideas and perhaps the Board needs to further discuss the various options.

MR. ELLIFF thanked the Board for its input.

2. SIDEWALK PLAN - Reviewed his memo regarding an update to the Township's sidewalk plan. There will be article in the upcoming newsletter and a "virtual" component will be placed on the website which will provide a means of gathering input from residents as to where sidewalks should be placed and what priorities should be considered.

MR. BRYANT expressed concern that this information is being presented to the public without the Board having a chance to review and discuss. The Board should first set priorities and determine available funds before anything is presented to the public. Mr. Bryant stated he is afraid the Board will lose control of this plan.

MR. BECK stated he feels that the Township Administrator wishes to solicit input from residents in order to develop a final plan for the Board.

MR. ELLIFF stated he could submit a plan directly to the Board for approval without public input. However, it is typical in the planning process to get input from residents.

MR. BRYANT stated he wants to hear what the public has to say; however, every area in the Township will want sidewalks in their neighborhood. It is important that specific criteria be established first so that residents better understand what the Board is capable of accomplishing. Mr. Bryant expressed concern that this plan will become bigger than what the Township can do.

MRS. LEIS stated she would like to receive input from the community before deciding where sidewalks are needed.

MR. BRYANT stated he does not want the Board to pick the areas, but to outline the reasons for the construction of sidewalk - safety first, connection to schools, etc.

MR. ELLIFF stated the Board could establish parameters; however, different ones might provide additional reasons. It might be interesting to learn what residents are thinking. This information is just advisory and Staff will put together a plan based on this input for presentation to the Board. The Board then has a chance to review before adoption.

MR. BRYANT stated that he is still afraid that the Board will get steamrolled by

everybody wanting sidewalks. It is important that residents understand that the Board has the final decision.

MR. ELLIFF stated he would like the Board's approval to proceed with the newsletter and start the virtual process. Mr. Elliff noted this process would proceed over the next several months.

3. LITTLE MIAMI BILE TRAIL - Reported that the Township was recently contacted by Steve Tranter regarding the placement of signage in the Camp Dennison area along the Bike Trail. This would be an "adopt the trail" concept and the signage would identify Symmes Township, as well as a business. The business would be responsible for that sign. This trail is not within the Township's jurisdiction.

MR. BRYANT suggested that the Township Administrator assist Mr. Tranter in getting in touch with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and determine what might be permitted.

The Board had no objection to the Township Administrator looking into this matter.

4. FIELDS ERTEL INTERCHANGE - Updated the Board on the status of this project.

5. CROSSWALK - Advised that the County Engineer's Office will be installing a painted crosswalk across Lebanon Road connecting Symmes Park and Home of the Brave Park.

6. PLAYGROUND SHADE - Reviewed memo regarding proposed shade devices for the playground area at the Home of the Brave Park. Mr. Elliff questioned if the Board would like Staff to proceed in obtaining costs.

MRS. LEIS stated that some type of shade is needed for the benches near the playground area.

MR. ELLIFF noted this is conceptual only and a cost estimate will be developed for possible inclusion in the 2013 Budget.

ROBERT MALLOY - Received information from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office regarding a property on Lincoln Road in Camp Dennison. The owner's well has gone dry and wishes to install a water line. This would be located within the County's right-of-way and will require an easement and the Township is included in the document. Mr. Malloy advised he has not had a chance to review in order to make a recommendation. However, since this is a hardship for the resident, Mr. Malloy requested the Board approve this consent tonight pending review by the Township Law Director.

MR. BRYANT moved to authorize the Township Law Director to review and approve said contract from the Hamilton County Engineer's Office and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign this contract on behalf of the Board. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

CORRESPONDENCE

McGILL SMITH PUNSHON INC - Final plans for Home of Brave Park.

RBC CAPITAL - Official Statement for \$2,280,000.00 bonds and letter regarding Bond Purchase Agreement.

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT - Activity reports

OTARMA - Notification that new mowers have been added to policy.

FCC - Radio Station Authorization.

INDIAN BLUFFS HOA - Request for Block Party Permit.

CAREWORKS - 2nd Quarter report.

TIME WARNER - 2nd Quarter franchise fees (\$49,786.47).

cc:HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT to RAY LO - e-mail response to speeding issues on Hopewell and Humphrey.

HAMILTON COUNTY BUILDING DEPT - Certificate of Completion for 11605 Lebanon Road.

RIVEROAKS HOA - Request for Block Party permit.

MEDICOUNT MANAGEMENT - Letter regarding charges to billing fees.

JIM JOHNSON - e-mail of appreciation for work done on Shadow Glen.

HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR - Letter regarding tax rates and estimated revenue for review before presentation to Budget Commission.

OHIO CONSUMERS COUNSEL - Request for verification of our Ohio intrastate Gross Earnings.

HAMILTON COUNTY - Copy of executed water contract between City of Loveland and Hamilton County.

WOOD & LAMPING - Memo regarding Symmes Township/Rozzi Volunteer Action Program (VAP) legal obligations.(Memo dated 2-22-11)

WOOD & LAMPING - Memo regarding AT&T cell tower. (Memo dated 2-1-11)

HAMILTON COUNTY STORM WATER DISTRICT - Letter regarding 2012 Capital Improvement Program.

MEDICAL MUTUAL - Notification that they will provide the required Summary of Benefits and Coverage to the federal government.

THELEN ASSOC - Testing report on resurfacing project.

cc:MSD to Apex Engineering - Letter regarding conditional availability of sewer for at 9745 Union Cemetery Road.

cc:MSD to HCRPC - Letter regarding review of record plat for Plantation Pointe, Block C.

HAMILTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT - Letter regarding recycling grant of \$6,436.03 for 1st period 2012.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION - Request for information regarding Lodging Tax.

JOSIE PHILLIPS, 7963 MUNSON (45111) - Letter regarding why storm debris was not picked up in Camp Dennison.

KZF - Final drawings for Home of the Brave Park.

HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR - Notice of 2012 Assessed value for 11605 Lebanon Road.

DAN HENDY, 11172 LOVELAND TRACE (45140) - Letter requesting waive of double fee for zoning certificate.

HCTRSA - Letter regarding upcoming snow plow training.

LEAH EVANS, 7985 MUNSON (45111) - Letter regarding storm debris removal.

LOVELAND LACROSS CLUB - e-mail regarding removal of lacross box.

PUCO - Renewal certificate for electric service.

M/M TRICKEY, 7879 CAMP RD (45111) - Letter regarding storm debris removal.

ZONING AND PLANNING ISSUES

MR. ELLIFF advised the Board that one seat will be expiring on the Board of Zoning Appeals at the end of the year. A special meeting will be established in November to interview interested residents.

Mr. Elliff reviewed his report regarding the Township's ability, per the Ohio Revised Code, to appoint up to two alternative members to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission when a regular member is absent. Mr. Elliff recommended the Board consider legislation to amend the Zoning resolution to provide for the appointment of alternate members.

The Board had no objection.

OLD BUSINESS

MRS. LEIS moved to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$5,638.00 for improvement to Administration Building rear entrance and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign contract with Decks Unlimited. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

MR. BRYANT noted this item was tabled from the last meeting. It has been determined that the cost for a handicap ramp is not realistic and will not be included.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$2,700.00 for placement of awnings on Administration Building and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign necessary paperwork with Queen City Awning. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

MR. BRYANT noted this item was also tabled from the last meeting and the Board has reviewed additional information.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MR. BORCHERS advised that the 2012 Various Purpose Bond was finalized in August. The net amount of this transaction was \$2,340,101.00. The breakdown was as follows:

\$2,275,835.09 was wired to Huntington National Bank for the defeasance of the 2003 and 2004 Bonds;

\$20,689.60 was retained by RBC Capital to pay for costs associated with the bond;

\$37,389.00 was wired to Symmes Township to be used to pay the estimated Cost of Issuance to various vendors; and

\$6,187.31 was wired to Symmes Township as additional proceeds of this bond

Mr. Borchers reviewed the various entries that need to be made to record these transactions. The Board will need to amend various appropriations and then approve the expenditures.

MRS. LEIS moved to amend Permanent Appropriation 14-A-01D (Misc.-Note Proceeds-TIF - Principal) from \$49,000.00 to \$2,275,835.09. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to amend Permanent Appropriation 14-A-08D (Misc.-Note Proceeds-TIF - Other) from \$172,521.00 to \$230,800.00. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$20,689.60 to RBC Capital for costs associated with the 2012 Various Purpose Bond. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$37,389.00 for to various vendors to cover the costs associated with the 2012 Various Purpose Bond. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

NEW BUSINESS

MRS. LEIS moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION G2012-24

Resolution Approving Charges and Billing for Fire and Rescue Services, Including Those Provided in Motor Vehicle Accidents and Declaring an Emergency

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Ohio passed HB 255 which amended Section 505.84 of the Ohio Revised Code dealing with fire and rescue, ambulance, or emergency medical services with an effective date of March 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, said legislation authorizes boards of township trustees to establish reasonable charges for the use of fire and rescue services, ambulance services, or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township County, Ohio, wishes to amend the previously established charges for basic and advanced life support services basic and advanced life support services and establish charges for the use of fire and rescue services, ambulance services and emergency medical services in situations of motor vehicle accidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the following charges are hereby established for the use of fire and rescue services, ambulance services and emergency medical services:

Basic Life Support	\$ 700.00
Advanced Life Support 1	\$1,000.00
Advanced Life Support 2	\$1,100.00
Mileage	\$ 18.00/mile
Motor Vehicle Accident Services Provided:	
Scene safety and investigation	\$435.00
Scene safety, investigation and use of materials (absorbency materials for fluids, etc.)	\$495.00
Any of the above with an extrication	\$1800.00
Use of Air Care – Add to the appropriate charges above	\$300.00

Section 2. Charges collected under this resolution shall be kept in a separate fund designated as “the fire and rescue services, ambulance services, and emergency medical services fund,” and shall be appropriated and administered by the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The fund shall be used for the payment of the costs of the management, maintenance, and operation of fire and rescue services, ambulance services, and emergency medical services in Symmes Township.

Section 4. Upon the unanimous vote of the Symmes Township Trustees, this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of Symmes Township. The reason for the emergency to provide for the immediate establishment of charges and collection of fees due the township for the above services.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

MR. BRYANT seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION G2012-25

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICY ON
STORM DEBRIS REMOVAL**

WHEREAS, Symmes Township is affected by weather conditions that may cause accumulation of storm debris in the form of fallen branches, downed trees and the like; and

WHEREAS, Symmes Township does not provide storm debris or yard waste removal services for private landowners; and

WHEREAS, Symmes Township by contract does provide a location for Township residents to dispose of yard waste and storm debris during the months of March through November at no charge to the resident; and

WHEREAS, in the past during the aftermath of some unusually severe storm events the Board of Trustees has recognized that a threat to public health and safety exists and therefore has provided for curbside removal of storm debris; and

WHEREAS, to preserve scarce fiscal resources, the Township must be judicious in providing new or expanded government services that may not directly contribute to the general public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to state clearly its policy that limits removal of storm debris from private property, including curbside pickup in the aftermath of severe storm events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

Section 1. To the extent it remains financially feasible, Symmes Township shall continue to contract annually with a landscaping or debris collection facility to provide a place where Township residents may free of charge drop off yard waste, including debris from severe storm events.

Section 2. The Township does not provide services to enter onto private property to remove or assist in the removal of yard waste or storm debris.

Section 3. The Township does not remove yard waste or storm debris that originates on private property that has been deposited curbside.

Section 4. The Township does not repair or remove storm damage to private structures or property, but may address such conditions as provided in the Ohio Revised Code and Resolutions of Symmes Township under nuisance authority after a reasonable time has passed for repair or removal.

Section 5. Township is authorized to remove storm debris that falls in public right of way controlled by the Township. If a tree or limb falls partially in right of way and partially on private property, the Township shall remove and dispose of that part of the fallen tree or limb that is located within the right of way. If a tree, limb or other debris falls in right of way not controlled by the Township, Township staff shall assist in reporting that damage to Hamilton County or the Ohio Department of Transportation, as applicable. **The Township Administrator, Services Director or their designee may exercise discretion and authorize Township assistance to the County or State agency to remove storm debris from non-township right of way.**

Section 6. In the event of a severe storm event, such as a tornado or hurricane, that causes extensive damage and creates an ongoing and serious threat to the public health and safety exists, the Township through use of Township staff or contractors may assist in the removal of storm debris that originates on private property and that has been brought to curbside subject to the following: Prior to the expenditure of any Township resources for such removal, the Board of Trustees shall first meet and 1) declare a state of emergency within the Township and find an immediate and ongoing threat to the public health and safety exists due to the presence of the storm debris, 2) appropriate the necessary anticipated funds to pay for the curbside pickup and disposal of the storm debris, and 3) establish the time frame that the curbside removal will begin and end. In determining whether to declare such an emergency, the Board may also take into consideration if the possibility for reimbursement by other agencies of such anticipated expenses is likely or not.

Section 7. In the event of a severe storm event such as a tornado or hurricane, township staff shall track incoming requests for assistance with storm damage and debris removal to gauge the severity of the event, but shall not create a list of names and/or addresses that would create a false expectation of removal. In the event the Board takes action as described in Section 3 above, then Township staff shall publicize the availability of the emergency service through a prominent posting on the Township website. Township staff shall advise residents to monitor the Township website. In the event the Township website is disabled, staff shall publicize the service through other means, such as print advertisement.

Section 8. In the event that a tree, large limb or other debris blocks access to private property during the course of an emergency services response from the fire department, including debris within the private property, Township personnel may assist in moving the debris out of the way to the extent necessary to aid the emergency response.

Section 9. Township staff may compile a list of contractors that have reported to the township their availability to assist residents with the removal of storm debris, and staff may provide such list to residents needing assistance. Any contractor reporting to the township its availability shall provide proof of liability and workers compensation insurance. It is within staff's discretion to not include contractors that staff believes to be unqualified for such work. However, maintaining and distributing such list shall not be viewed as an endorsement of the contractor by the Township, and residents using the services of such contractor shall do so at their own expense and risk.

Section 10. In the event of a disaster the severity of which calls for activation of procedures under the Township's Emergency Operations Plan, then the limitations of this Resolution may be temporarily suspended pursuant to any contrary emergency legislation that may be approved by the Board of Trustees.

MR. BECK seconded the motion.

MR. BRYANT stated he felt this was a good resolution that covers all potential uses and Township residents need to be made aware of this adopted policy.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MR. ELLIFF advised the Board that the property at 9059 Symmesview Court has become a repeat nuisance and the owner has failed to abate. Mr. Elliff recommended the Board declare this property a nuisance.

MRS. LEIS moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION G2012-26

Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance
for the Property Located at 9059 Symmes View Court
and Authorizing All Necessary Steps for the
Abatement of the Nuisance

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio is authorized under Ohio Revised Code §505.87 to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the township, if the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris constitutes a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, complaints have been received regarding the condition of the property located at 9059 Symmes View Court (Parcel 620-0190-0383); and

WHEREAS, visual inspections of said property revealed significant overgrowth of grass and weeds, which are confirmed in photographs reviewed by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §3767.02 provides that any person, who uses, occupies, establishes, or conducts a nuisance, or aids or abets in the use, occupancy, establishment, or conduct of a nuisance; the owner, agent, or lessee of an interest in any such nuisance; any person who is employed in that nuisance by that owner, agent, or lessee; and any person who is in control of that nuisance is guilty of maintaining a nuisance and shall be enjoined from further maintaining such a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 3767.03 provides that whenever a nuisance exists, the law director of a township that has adopted a limited home rule government under Chapter 504 of the Revised Code may bring an action in equity to abate the nuisance and to perpetually enjoin the person maintaining the nuisance from further maintaining it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Symmes Township, Hamilton County, Ohio:

Section 1. That the property located at 9059 Symmes View Court (Parcel 620-0190-0383) is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Section 2. That the Township Administrator is hereby directed to notify the property owner, any known occupants of and any known responsible party for the property, and any lien holders of record upon said parcel that the property has been declared a nuisance using notice language and manner of notice specified in R.C. §505.87 and this resolution.

Section 3. That if the nuisance is not abated by the owner, occupants, or responsible parties then the Township Administrator is authorized to take all necessary steps to abate the nuisance.

Section 4. That the Township Law Director may if necessary in the future be authorized by the Board to bring an action in equity to abate the nuisance and to perpetually enjoin the person maintaining the nuisance from further maintaining it, pursuant to R.C. 3767.03.

Section 5. That the Township Fiscal Officer shall pay out of the Township general fund for all expenses incurred for abating the nuisance and to bill the property owner for said expenses.

Section 6. That the Township Fiscal Officer shall enter upon the tax duplicate for said

expenses if not paid within fourteen (14) days from date of billing.

Section 7. That, in addition to the authority granted the Township Law Director, the Township Administrator is directed to monitor said property for ninety (90) days to ensure compliance and is authorized to take appropriate measures to abate future nuisances after written notification is made to the property owner.

MR. BRYANT seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MR. ELLIFF advised the Hamilton County Engineer's Office has inquired if Symmes Township would partner with them to apply for a grant to resurface Mason Montgomery Road from Weekly Lane to Fields Ertel Road. The County has advised that there would be no additional work or obligation by the Township, but rather this procedure would be the best way to have a successful grant application. Mr. Elliff noted detailed information was provided in his report.

Mr. Elliff stated that the County has notified the Township that for a minimal cost participation by the Township the construction of a sidewalk could be included in the grant application.

MR. BRYANT noted that this roadway has been widened except for this section and questioned why the County is not considering widening this portion. Mr. Bryant stated that the Township should not consider placement of sidewalks along this section unless it is determined that it will not be widened in the future.

MR. ELLIFF advised that the County was invited to this meeting and he does not have an answer on this concern.

MR. BRYANT stated he is in favor of resurfacing the roadway, but has concerns about installing sidewalks if there is a chance of future widening of Mason Road.

MR. ELLIFF noted that the Board could pass a motion authorizing the Township Administrator to execute the grant application, with no mention of a sidewalk. Mr. Elliff questioned if the Board could include wording about the sidewalk design needs to be outside of a future widening project.

MR. MALLOY stated he does not know how much flexibility there is with grant applications.

MR. BRYANT stated it appears that the County needs participation with Symmes Township for the grant to be approved. Additionally, the cost to the Township for this sidewalk would be 11% of the actual cost.

MR. MALLOY suggested a motion could be made to partner with the County on this project and direct the Township Administrator communicate to them the Board's discussion regarding placement of the sidewalk.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve the participation of Symmes Township with Hamilton County on the grant application for the resurfacing of Mason Montgomery Road from Weekly Lane to Fields Ertel Road and to direct the Township Administrator to communicate with the County the willingness to work with them regarding the construction of a sidewalk in this area. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MR. ELLIFF reviewed information regarding the need to install larger concrete culverts in various areas within Symmes Park. Staff is recommending that the Township submit an application for a Capital Improvement Grant from Hamilton County Storm Water District.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize Staff to apply for the grant and to authorize the Township Administrator to sign any necessary paperwork. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve:

- a. Expenditure in the amount of \$2,797.00 for purchase of small tools for EMS units
- b. Expenditure (Then & Now) in the amount of \$17,499.76 for the purchase of turn-out gear
- c. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for construction of loop path at Home of Brave Park
- d. Expenditure in the amount of \$820.80 for purchase of two brackets for mounting of heart monitor in EMS Units M60 and M61
- e. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00 for 2nd Quarter 2012 franchise fees
- f. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for purchase of crack sealing material

Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for field maintenance at Home of the Brave Park. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

MR. ELLIFF advised this will help the grass fields to become established.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to amend:

- a. Permanent Appropriation 1-A-3 (General-Travel) from \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00
- b. Permanent Appropriation 9-A-14 (Police - Other) from \$23,000.00 to \$25,500.00

Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize six (6) service personnel to attend Hamilton County snowplow training on September 18, 2012. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize Bill Pitman and David Heider to attend National Playground Safety Institute Safety Inspectors Certification course on September 18-20, 2012 in Westerville, Ohio and to approve related expenditures. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize Bill Pitman to attend American Public Works Association Ohio Expo in Dayton, Ohio on October 9 and 10, 2012. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize Bill Pitman to attend BWC's Safety Training Session in Colerain Township. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

The Board approved the following cemetery deed:

- William Evans, Kerr Cemetery, Lot 510, Grave 5

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MRS. LEIS moved that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss the compensation of public employee, to consider the sale by competitive bid of personal property and to discuss, with the Township law Director, pending court action. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 10:35 p.m.

No further action was taken and the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.