
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Elected officials present were: Mr. Phil Beck, Mr. Kenneth Bryant, Mrs. Jodie Leis, and Ms. Carol Sims.

Also present: Brian Elliff - Township Administrator; Robert Malloy - Township Law Director; Bill Pitman - Director of Public Works; Lt. Chris Ketteman - Hamilton County Sheriff's Department; Otto Huber - Chief, Loveland Symmes Fire Department.

RECEIPTS

Receipts totaling \$1,463,907.17 were read and accepted:

19290 John Bell	1-L	100.00
19291 Pendrey Construction	1-L	95.00
19292 Keating & Klekamp	1-L	800.00
19293 C&M Woodcrafters	1-L	250.00
19294 Garcia Designs	1-L	175.00
19295 SORTA	1-P	250.00
19296 Tufts Funeral Home	5-D	450.00
19297 PERSCO	1-N	11,271.00
19298 Two G Holiday	1-P	1,100.00
19299 Shihasi Starwind	1-E	1,864.04
19300 Grammas Family	9-F	50.00
19301 Ruff Neon	1-L	204.94
19302 RLH Ventures	1-L	175.00
19303 RHL Ventures	1-L	2,175.00
19304 Five Seasons	9-F	150.00
19305 Cinti Hort. Society	1-P	166.12
19306 McBride Dale Assoc.	1-L	1,100.00
19307 Ham Cty Auditor	1-K	1,349.50
19308 John Adair	12-D	50.00
19309 Carpe Diem Inc.	9-F	50.00
19310 Hearthstone Estates	1-P	600.00
19311 Ham Cty Auditor	2-A	1,066.25
19312 Ham Cty Auditor	3-B	2,560.05
19313 Ham Cty Auditor	23-C	4,485.00
19314 Duke Energy	1-N	464.00
19315 Bayer Aspirin	1-N	4.00
19316 Verizon	9-F	100.00
19317 Gorrepati Cinti	9-F	50.00
19318 Marion Investments	1-E	1,498.61
19319 Thomas Decks	1-L	115.00
19320 Judith Ulmer	1-L	100.00
19321 Ham Cty Auditor	1-D	11,769.88
19322 Ham Cty Auditor	3-A	7,544.85
19323 Symmes Chriopatic	12-D	100.00
19324 John Grego	12-D	150.00
19325 Full Gospel Assembly	12-D	200.00
19326 PERSCO	1-N	14,651.82
19327 Symmes Fire	14-C, 28-A	19,138.11
19328 Duke Realty	1-L	100.00
19329 Time Warner	1-T	46,721.41
19330 Ham Cty Auditor	1-A, 14-A,4-A,9-A,12-A 12-AB,10-A,20-A,11-A	1,330,000.00
19331 PNC Bank	1-I	112.59
19332 Duke Construction	1-L	100.00
19333 Kiwiplan Inc.	9-F	300.00

19334 Office Max	9-F	150.00
	TOTAL\$	1,463,907.17

WARRANTS

MRS. LEIS moved that the Township pay its bills. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and all voted 'aye'. Proper certification having been made, warrants totaling \$399,358.76 were issued:

61358 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	4726.60
61359 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	765.01
61360 Business Card	1-A-26	200.00
61361 Business Card	1-A-26	154.88
61362 HCRPC	1-A-26	1862.00
61363 Z. Haskell	1-A-26	10.50
61364 ODJFS	1-A-15A	236.10
61365 Systems Insight	1-B-4	225.00
61366 Millennium Business	1-B-2	374.00
61367 Duke	10-A-7	1466.18
61368 Kaffenbarger	3-A-7	54.00
61369 Lacal Equipment	23-A-7	2416.26
61370 Moose-Schuler	12-A-3	54.00
61371 Morton Salt	23-B-2	9474.21
61372 Rumpke	12-A-3	82.50
61373 Sam's	1-A-4,1-A-26	131.27
61374 Shell Oil	3-A-5	156.91
61375 Zep Mfg	23-A-4	77.98
61376 Accent Signs	20-A-6	400.00
61377 Choice One	11-C-4	1980.00
61378 Cinti Bell	12-A-3	161.74
61379 Rumpke	12-A-3,1-B-4,1-A-26	434.50
61380 Cinti Bell	10-A-7	222.63
61381 Choice One	11-C-4	6097.50
61382 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	606.31
61383 Beth. Healthcare	1-A-26	786.16
61384 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	923.92
61385 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	109.92
61386 Dorn's Office	1-A-4	14.98
61387 Choice One	11-C-4	976.00
61388 Rumpke	9-A-13,10-A-7	55.50
61389 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	823.13
61390 Rumpke	10-A-7	37.40
61391 Lacal Equipment	23-A-4	262.76
61392 Cintas	1-B-8	84.86
61393 Dane Upholstery	1-B-2	390.00
61394 Ham Cty Treasurer	1-A-26	1599.03
61395 Cinti Jan. Supplies	1-B-2	350.00
61396 Hyatt	1-A-3	152.00
61397 Hyatt	1-A-3	152.00
61398 Hyatt	1-A-3	152.00
61399 Hyatt	1-A-3	152.00
61400 Hyatt	1-A-3	152.00
61401 Cincy Tool	12-A-5	160.00
61402 Duke	20-A-8	17.98
61403 Fifth Third Bank	1-A-6	13000.00
61404 Custom Trophy	12-A-8	208.28
61405 Prus Construction	11-C-4	350.00
61406 Bureau-Workers Comp	1-A-15	14960.99
61407 Zep Mfg.	12-A-7,12-A-6,3-A-7	314.05
61408 Rumpke	1-A-26	379.55
61409 Time Warner	1-B-4	69.95

61410 Ace Exterm.		9-A-13,10-A-7	60.88
61411 Cintas		1-B-8	169.72
61412 Dorn's		1-A-4	195.94
61413 State of OH		1-A-26	100.00
61414 Summit Digital		1-B-7	267.00
61415 Jani-King		20-A-6,9-A-14	814.00
61416 HCRPC		1-J-3	4529.75
61417 K-Tech		3-B-2	2232.50
61418 Home Depot		1-B-2	25.02
61419 Digital Data		9-A-10,10-A-11,14-A-7	2050.00
61420 Cinti Jan. Supplies		12-A-6,1-B-5	376.28
61421 Summit Digital		1-B-7	433.33
61422 Brian Elliff		1-A-2A	2661.90
61423 Luanne Felter		1-A-2A	1356.86
61424 Jana Grant		1-A-2A	971.41
61425 J. Andrews	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1		1188.02
61426 W.Burns	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		1545.63
61427 S. Connor	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1		1279.81
61428 Ed Dawes	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		819.97
61429 D. Heider	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		1871.70
61430 J. Iles	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1		1089.37
61431 R. Jackson	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		1268.76
61432 B.Pitman	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		2243.53
61433 Brent Scott	1-B-1,1-D-1,12-A-1,4-B-1		1136.73
61434 PNC Bank	1-A-1,1-A-2,5-A-2,1-A-26 1-A-2A,1-B-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		3395.78
61435 Defer Comp		1-A-2A	2,185.00
61436 Superamerica		3-A-5	3330.03
61437 Sam's		1-A-4,1-A-26,1-B-5	100.60
61438 VOID			
61439 Johnson Electric		5-A-12,12-A-4	347.24
61440 Superamerica		9-A-8	3839.14
61441 Smyth Auto		2-A-7	196.58
61442 Larry's Lock		1-B-2	426.00
61443 Kaffenbarger		23-A-7	25.28
61444 Haddix Tree		14-A-8	900.00
61445 Kings Ford		2-A-7	48.68
61446 Summit Digital		1-B-7	267.00
61447 Postmaster		1-A-26	200.00
61448 Reliance Life		1-A-6	622.01
61449 Adrian Florists		1-A-26	62.95
61450 Enquirer		1-A-26	17.72
61451 Cinti Bell LD		10-A-7,1-B-4	48.89
61452 Duke		1-E-1	1396.43
61453 Dental Care		1-A-6	1233.95
61454 Medical Mutual		1-A-6	15868.81
61455 Patterson Pope		1-B-2	875.00
61456 Sprint		14-A-8	61.90
61457 NE Center	10-A-11,14-A-7,9-A-10		14330.78
61458 Batteries Plus		12-A-8	44.99
61459 Andy Huber		12-A-8	180.00
61460 Sycamore Twp		3-B-2	465.00
61461 Summit Digital		1-B-7	55.00
61462 Brian Elliff		1-A-2	2661.90
61463 Luanne Felter		1-A-2	1356.86
61464 Jana Grant		1-A-2A	971.41
61465 J. Andrews	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1		1430.02
61466 W.Burns	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		1849.78
61467 S. Connor	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1		1558.09
61468 Ed Dawes	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		819.97
61469 D. Heider	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1		1960.28
61470 M. Howell		12-A-1	53.13

61471 J. Iles	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D_1,4-B-1	1310.34
61472 R. Jackson	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1	1557.66
61473 R. Malloy	1-A-2A	1396.35
61474 B.Pitman	1-B-1,12-A-1,1-D-1,4-B-1	2657.56
61475 Brent Scot	1-B-1,1-D-1,12-A-1,4-B-1	1909.92
61476 Phil Beck	1-A-1	1163.52
61477 Ken Bryant	1-A-1	631.52
61478 Jodie Leis	1-A-1	1046.52
61479 Carol Sims	1-A-2	1394.19
61480 PNC Bank	1-A-1,1-A-2,5-A-2,1-A-26 1-A-2A,1-B-1,1-D-1,4-B-1	5227.94
61481 State of Ohio	1-A-1,1-A-2,1-A-2A, 1-B-1,1-D-1,4-B-1,5-A-2	70.91
61482 Defer Comp	1-A-2A	2,435.00
61483 State of Ohio	1-A-1,1-A-2,1-A-2A, 1-B-1,1-D-1,4-B-1,5-A-2	179.35
61484 State of Ohio	1-A-1,1-A-2,1-A-2A, 1-B-1,1-D-1,4-B-1,5-A-2	1610.00
61485 PERS	1-A-1,1-A-2A,1-B-1,5-A-3 4-B-1,5-A-2,1-A-12,4-A-2	21329.11
61486 Symmes Fire	10-A-11,14-A-7,20-A-7	172280.00
61487 Symmes Fire	10-A-11	500.00
61488 Sam's	14-A-8,20-A-6	105.84
61489 Duke	5-A-12	135.04
61490 Duke	12-A-3	992.30
61491 Rumpke	12-A-3	335.00
61492 O'Reilly Auto	3-A-7	240.93
61493 Tool House	12-A-7	348.67
61494 Cintas	1-B-8	84.86
61495 Murphy Tractor	23-A-7,3-A-7	256.55
61496 Morton Salt	23-B-2	9559.00
61497 Cinti Supply	20-A-6,14-A-8	699.90
61498 Duke	1-B-4	587.14
61499 Loveland	12-A-3,1-B-4	433.81
61500 Ace Exterm.	10-A-7,1-B-4	140.57
61501 Murphy Tractor	2-A-7	242.65
61502 Burnham & Flowers	1-A-6	30.00
61503 State of OH	1-A-26	175.00
61504 Bound Tree	14-A-5	327.45
61505 Duke	1-B-4	1038.85
61506 E. Phillips	1-A-26	10.50
61507 Verizon	14-A-8	150.28
61508 Duke	10-A-7,9-A-13	3204.80
61509 Duke	20-A-8	21.68
61510 Vidacare	14-A-5	678.43
61511 Enquirer	1-A-26	284.75
61512 Batteries Plus	10-A-15	123.84
61513 Duke	12-A-3	285.06
61514 PNC Bank	1-A-6	246.99
61515 Ace Exterm.	12-A-3	56.26
61516 Home Depot	23-A-9	35.94
61517 Duke	12-A-3	520.22
61518 Bill Pitman	1-A-3,1-A-26	64.49
61519 Cinti Bell	1-B-4	363.22
	TOTAL \$	399,358.76

REPORTS

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

1. BASEBALL MOUND - Have received request from Loveland Youth Baseball Organization requesting permission to build a pitching mound on the large field at their expense.

MR. BRYANT questioned if this would imply exclusive rights to them.

MR. ELLIFF stated this is the major organization that requests use of these fields; however, this should not prohibit others from using the field.

MRS. LEIS suggested they coordinate with the Director of Public Works.

MR. BRYANT stated he has no objection as long as it is open to anyone who wishes to use the fields.

The Board had no objection and directed the Township Administrator to respond to this request.

ROBERT MALLOY - Updated the Board on the status of the contract with the Loveland Symmes Fire Department. The next step is to meet with the department's legal counsel to clarify any specific items.

MR. BRYANT questioned if the Township is aware of the language within the City of Loveland's contract.

MR. MALLOY stated there has been an exchange of information and he will keep the Board informed.

MR. BRYANT requested that Chief Huber prepare a presentation to the Board regarding the Northeast Communication Center and its history and suggested that a work session be scheduled when this information is available.

LT. KETTEMAN - Advised reports have been submitted to the Township Administrator.

CHIEF HUBER - Requested permission to place a greenhouse at the Remington Fire Station. The Board had no objection to this request.

HEARING FROM RESIDENTS

KAREN DIEHL, 10072 LINCOLN (45111) - Expressed concern regarding a JEDZ district for the Township. Mrs. Diehl stated she felt this was taxation without representation and no economic development purpose has been identified.

CORRESPONDENCE

HAMILTON COUNTY PLANNING - e-mail regarding updated JEDZ maps.

TED KALSBECK, 12177 MAPLE (45140) - Letter regarding status of his previous request for information for street lights in neighborhood.

HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT - Activity reports.

BRYAN MILLER, 8766 APPLESEED - e-mail regarding drainage issue.

HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATE - Granting application to abandon real estate at 10254 Rich Road.

INTEGRYS - e-mail response to questions posed on regular choice customers able to sign up for aggregation.

OHIO JOB SERVICES - Notice of benefits paid to Raymond Williams.

DUKE ENERGY - e-mail regarding street lights located in Loveland Park area.

MONTGOMERY TRACE HOA - e-mail regarding condition of property at 8905 Chapelsquare.

HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING - e-mail report on zoning certificates.

PERSO - Notice of claim filed for 11887 Lebanon Road.

HAMILTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT - Agreement for services.

WOOD & LAMPING - e-mail regarding property at 12136 Birch Drive.

JMA CONSULTANTS - Proposal for JEDZ mapping.

LOVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT - Notification that Dave Blumberg will serve as the Board of Education's liaison to the Township.

INTEGRYS - Letter regarding enrollment in aggregation.

OTARMA - Information regarding 2014 MORE grant program.

PAULMEADOWS HOA - e-mail regarding condition of property at 8390 Heritage Drive.

HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEER - Letter regarding Mason Montgomery Road project.

CLARK THEDERS INSURANCE - Letter regarding insurance renewal process.

DUKE - Payment of \$464.00 for incentive program.

SYMMES FIRE - e-mail notification that SW Ohio Hazardous Materials Flow Study is on-line.

ARCHITECTURAL LANDSCAPE - e-mail regarding services for Cannon Area in Camp Dennison.

ARTISAN ESTATES HOMES - e-mail regarding development plans for Chapelsquare property.

HAMILTON COUNTY ZONING - e-mail regarding proposed lot split in Harbortown Subdivision and request for approval

RICHARD GOLDBERG and COLIN RADEMACHER - e-mails regarding spill over light from Lucke development.

WOOD & LAMPING - e-mail response to question regarding discussing JEDZ terms in Executive Session.

M&M PAINTING - Proposal for painting.

JOURNATIC NEWS SERVICE - Public Records Request for November and December meetings.

PROBATE COURT - Judgement entry for 10254 Rich Road.

RELIABLE CLAIMS OF OHIO - Estimate of claim for 11887 Lebanon Road.

EVEREST GROUP - Contract for Chapelsquare property.

OLD BUSINESS

MR. ELLIFF updated the Board on the status of proposed JEDZ district. Mr. Elliff advised he has contracted with Hamilton County to complete the mapping, as well as contacting HCDC regarding revenue analysis which should be available at next meeting.

Mr. Elliff further advised he has contacted several communities regarding partnership and four have expressed interest. The Ohio Revised Code allows for discussion of certain negotiations with other political subdivision in Executive Session. There are some sensitive discussions which should be discussed in Executive Session.

MR. BRYANT noted the Board can enter into Executive Session for various reasons, but all action of the Board must be done in public session.

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize the Township Administrator to accept proposal from Architectural Landscape Design, Inc. for the Camp Dennison cannon area and to approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for said services with the understanding that said expenditure is for design guidelines. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

MR. ELLIFF stated this will allow for ALDI to have a better understanding of the amount the Board is willing to expend for the canon area in Camp Dennison.

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

NEW BUSINESS

MRS. LEIS moved to authorize Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Administrator to attend the State Auditor's Local Government Officials Conference March 5-6 in Columbus, Ohio. 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 re-appoint Terry Schildmeyer to the Loveland Symmes Fire Department Board for a three year term beginning April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2017. 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 scheduling of current intermittent employees (three) to a combined total hours not to exceed eighty (80) per week beginning March 1, 2014 and ending October 31, 2014 and to increase wage rate from \$11.66 to \$11.90 per hour. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

MR. BRYANT requested clarification between seasonal and intermittent classifications.

MR. ELLIFF advised seasonal and intermittent employees are the same and there is not much difference. These classifications are contained within the Township Personnel Policy.

MS. SIMS asked for the names of these employees for the record.

MR. ELLIFF advise they are Marcus Rose, Ray Williams and David Marker.

MR. BRYANT questioned how the wage increase was determined.

MR. ELLIFF stated the Director of Public Works had requested an increase for these employees. The proposal is a modest increase.

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

MRS. LEIS moved to approve:

- a. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 for crack sealing material
- b. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for repairs to the Meade house (insurance claim)

- c. Expenditure (Then & Now) in the amount of \$1,418.93 for balance due for 2013 Clean-up Day #3
- d. Expenditure in the amount of \$900.00 to cut down two dead/dying trees at Blong Memorial Park
- e. Expenditure in the amount of \$3,275.00 for Township's share of annual CAD system maintenance (Fire Department)
- f. Expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$22,000 for payment of 4th quarter 2013 franchise fees

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MRS. LEIS moved that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering confidential information related to the negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance under Chapter 715 and is necessary to protect the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with an economic development project, to discuss the employment of a public employee, to discuss the appointment of a public employee and to consider the sale of real property by competitive bid. Mr. Beck 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 7:43 p.m.

The meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

MRS. LEIS moved to hold a special meeting on February 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of entering into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee and for the purpose of taking possible action in regular session. 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 add the following to the agenda - Notice of consideration of re-employing an Ohio PERS benefit recipient in the same position between 15 and 30 days hereof. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mrs. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

MRS. LEIS asked if there was any discussion on this item. Mrs. Leis stated, hearing none, she will coordinate the special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.