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**MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING**

**June 1, 2021**

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

Also, present: Kimberly Lapensee - Administrator; Jeff Forbes - Law Director; Sergeant Robert Mai – HCSO, and Chief Ott Huber – LSFD.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Agenda. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - ‘aye’, Mr. Beck - ‘aye’, and Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the regular minutes for May 4, 2021 and the special meeting minutes for May 20, 2021. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - ‘aye’, Mr. Beck - ‘aye’, and Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’. Motion passes.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

Mr. Grossi stated that we had \$34,907.92 in our HRA Account, \$5,732,137.60 in the checking account, and \$8,099,904.53 in our Meeder Investment account. He stated that we have \$2,601,903.39 in the General Fund, \$727,069.34 in the Police Fund, \$628,506.52 in the Fire Fund, \$527,792.08 in the EMS account, and \$2,412,817.99 in the Safety Services account.

Mr. Grossi stated that in May, we received an email from Lisa Doerger, the new Hamilton County Budget and Finance Director informing us of money owed to the township for road projects we are entitled to, but never received due to failure on the part of Carol Sims (the previous Fiscal Officer) to file invoices with Hamilton County for completed road projects. These include: \$31,062.00 in 2016 for 20% funds, \$30,012.39 in 2017 for the Cunningham Road project, and \$11,130.44 in 2018 for the Lebanon Road resurfacing project. He stated that Ms. Sims billed Hamilton County for \$11,130.44 less than what they owed us in 2018 for a total of \$72,204.83. He stated that we could find no record of these invoices in Carol Sims office after her departure. Mr. Grossi stated that perhaps they are part of bags of shredded material found. He stated that there was so much shredding going on in the last few months of her time in office according to the Service Department that our legal counsel sent letters to Sims and her assistant to cease and desist with the shredding (Grossi held up pictures of the shredding). He stated that this new discovery can be added to previously discovered dereliction of duty by Carol Sims in not filing assessments for lighting district charges with the Hamilton County Auditor for multiple lighting districts for the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 totaling \$167,184.00. He stated that since they were not assessed, the township had to wait years for their money to be reimbursed. He stated that of course Carol Sims had excuses for the assessments not being filed such as: the US Postal Service lost the assessment reports mailed to the county auditor for the same districts every year for 4 years, she did not know assessments had to be filed before 9/30 of each year, the county auditors office never told her she would have to wait a whole year if the 9/30 deadline was not met, and she never had one resident call and say their tax bill was incorrect.

Mr. Grossi stated that one of her current complaints that she continually brings up is \$700.00 that she thinks the Loveland Chamber owes the township for the 2019 wine tasting event that was for the benefit of NEST. Mr. Grossi stated that she is overly concerned about that \$700.00 that she considers owed to the township, but absolutely no mention by her of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of errors caused by her actions, some of which the township and you the taxpayer, will

never recover. He stated that she seemed unconcerned about the \$33,000 in late fees she caused to be incurred from not paying the Duke Energy bills. He stated that she seemed unconcerned of the many instances of late payments and partial payment of bills – for example – when the township was notified that a \$10,922.71 invoice from 3/13/18 was still unpaid on 12/28/18, Carol Sims email response was a reminder to staff that all calls from vendors regarding payment should be forwarded to Carol Sims. He stated that there was no response as to why the bill went unpaid for 9 months. He stated that the Emergency Reporting Records Management system refused access to the system by LSFd telling Deputy Chief Jon Frye that the refusal was due to non-payment of an invoice for \$5,436.50 dated 7/12/18 and stamped payment due was received on 10/28/18. He stated that Carol Sims response to the Deputy Chief was that the company’s lines were down, and the service was still active and has not been disconnected. Mr. Grossi stated that in the default of the bond payment of \$109,285.00 due on 12/1/18, the bank sent an invoice in October of 2018 and in a 12/4/18 email it suggests contact was made with the Fiscal Officer on the default on 12/12/18 by the bond holder via email. He stated that on 12/13/18, Administrator Lapensee was notified by phone call from Brenda Weimer with Dinsmore and Shohl who said the Fiscal Officer was not returning their phone calls or answering emails. He stated that on 12/14/18 Carol Sims made the payment by wire transfer.

Mr. Grossi stated that Carol Sims did a strange thing in February of 2020, 1.5 months before she was to leave office. He stated that she had billing statements from a few vendors sent only to her email. He stated that since we had no access to her email account (because of passwords), we had no way of knowing bills were going unpaid until the vendors notified us months later. Mr. Grossi stated that he has sat here thru multiple trustee meetings listening to Carol Sims read off her encyclopedic litany of public document requests she claims she has been denied. He stated that the truth is that she has received answers to all those requests except those she has no right to. He stated that there are certain personnel matters that are prohibited from disclosure by ORC. He stated that executive sessions involving approved topics are also privileged. He stated that for someone who never and he repeated never supplied multiple documents requested over the last year she was in office, it is the height of hypocrisy for her to continue to demand answers she is not entitled to. He stated that perhaps it is time for Carol Sims to follow her own advice that she directed at him at a previous Trustee meeting “Shut up and sit down”.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Bryant opened the public hearing for the Tax Budget for FY2022 at 7:11 p.m. Mrs. Lapensee read the budget numbers aloud.

| Fund                         | 2022 Revenues  | 2022 Expenditures | 2022 Variances | 2022 Carry-over Balance |
|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| General – 1000               | \$1,355,600.00 | \$1,572,698.00    | \$(217,098.00) | \$1,950,657.77          |
| Motor Vehicle – 2011         | \$17,900.00    | \$30,000.00       | \$(12,100.00)  | \$121,621.58            |
| Gas Tax – 2021               | \$216,300.00   | \$216,300.00      | \$0.00         | \$325,724.23            |
| Road/Bridge – 2031           | \$194,650.00   | \$200,350.00      | \$(5,700.00)   | \$278,602.06            |
| Cemetery – 2041              | \$81,000.00    | \$81,000.00       | \$0.00         | \$40,319.03             |
| Cemetery Beq – 2042          | \$300.00       | \$0.00            | \$300.00       | \$2,506.65              |
| Parks Levy – 2171            | \$704,126.00   | \$713,930.00      | \$(9,804.00)   | \$278,850.22            |
| Rozzi Levy – 2172            | \$556,500.00   | \$556,500.00      | \$0.00         | \$139,209.57            |
| Police – 2191                | \$928,500.00   | \$928,500.00      | \$0.00         | \$523,143.74            |
| Fire – 2192                  | \$958,750.00   | \$958,750.00      | \$0.00         | \$619,600.06            |
| Road Levy – 2193             | \$535,500.00   | \$611,750.00      | \$(76,250.00)  | \$500,134.04            |
| Road Levy II – 2194          | \$266,100.00   | \$298,750.00      | \$(32,650.00)  | \$79,073.74             |
| EMS Levy – 2195              | \$649,000.00   | \$649,000.00      | \$0.00         | \$535,873.88            |
| Safety Service – 2196        | \$3,419,282.00 | \$3,088,075.00    | \$331,207.00   | \$2,374,346.67          |
| Drug Enforcement Fund – 2221 | \$0.00         | \$0.00            | \$0.00         | \$0.00                  |

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| PMVL Twp – 2231                 | \$96,750.00            | \$96,750.00            | \$0.00              | \$135,233.14           |
| Fire & Rescue – 2281            | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00              | \$35,784.23            |
| Lighting – 2401                 | \$151,000.00           | \$151,000.00           | \$0.00              | \$63,287.06            |
| SIP Fund – 2901                 | \$92,341.00            | \$91,842.00            | \$499.00            | \$2,498.03             |
| Fields Ertel TIF –<br>2902      | \$757,800.00           | \$739,000.00           | \$18,800.00         | \$2,014,783.09         |
| PMVL Cnty - 2903                | \$29,500.00            | \$29,500.00            | \$0.00              | \$114,275.34           |
| Real Estate Fund –<br>4904      | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00              | \$14,444.35            |
| Park Land Acquisition<br>– 4903 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00                 | \$0.00              | \$50,697.71            |
| <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>\$11,010,899.00</b> | <b>\$11,013,695.00</b> | <b>\$(2,796.00)</b> | <b>\$10,200,666.19</b> |

Mrs. Lapensee stated that these are all the same numbers we discussed in our Finance and Audit Committee meeting last month. She asked if there were any questions of the board. Ms. Leis stated that she wanted to thank everyone from the committee for all the hard work and questions that they ask. There were none.

Mr. Bryant asked if anyone from the public had any comments, concerns or questions concerning the tax budget for 2022? There were none.

Mr. Bryant closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the warrants from 79431 – 79588 and vouchers 116 - 141 in the amount of \$727,005.71 from the month of May. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’, Mr. Beck - ‘aye’. Motion passes.

REPORTS

JEFF FORBES, LAW DIRECTOR – Mr. Forbes reported that he had been asked to give us information concerning a Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). He stated that the CIC is a non-profit organization that advances, encourages, and promotes industrial and commercial development and were created in the ORC. He stated that they are a tool that can be used by the township. He stated that we could either create one for the township or join an existing one that is already created in Hamilton County and is run by the Hamilton County Development Corporation (HCDC). He stated that the name of the corporation is the CIC of Greater Cincinnati. He stated that we can reach out to the HCDC and find out what we need to do to join which would probably include passing a resolution and designating that CIC to be our Economic Development Agency. He stated that we would then have a seat on their board of directors.

SERGEANT ROBERT MAI, HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPT – Sergeant Mai had no report.

CHIEF OTT HUBER, LSFD – Chief Huber reported that they will be holding their safety camp at Home of the Brave Park on June 14 – 17 and have partnered with Strive. He stated that they also received a grant from Duke Energy in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the program. He stated that they were notified that Symmes Township will be featured on the OTA website and on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. they are having a small ceremony to recognize a young man for saving his sister on vacation from drowning. He stated that he would like to remind everyone that it is pool season and life jackets should be always worn.

BILL PITMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – Mrs. Lapensee stated that the contractor has started that Union Cemetery Road sidewalk project and started at the Meade entrance and will be working their way toward the curve. She stated that the road paving program will be begin the second week in July weather permitting.

COMMITTEE – May 12, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting. Mrs. Lapensee stated that the committee met on May 12, 2021 and discussed the tax budget for 2022, the new service garage and the cost apportionment for the Safety Services Center.

OTHER – None.

#### HEARING OF RESIDENTS

William Hauck, 11817 Enyart Road, stated that he lives in the white house across from Symmes Elementary and he has a huge problem getting out of his driveway around 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. every day. He stated that Enyart Road is a drag strip, and some cars drive more than 60 mph. He stated that there are many children playing in the area, and he would like to see the speed reduced or a very strict speeding policy adopted for Enyart Road. He stated that he would also like to see a flashing light on the pole in the middle of the school zone so that everyone knows when the school zone is in effect. He stated that there is a street from the neighborhood behind him that empties out on Enyart in the middle of the school zone.

Carol Sims, 9972 Washington Street, stated that she is there representing the Symmes Historical Society and she read a letter out loud from the Historical Society regarding the RFQ for the Meade House. Ms. Sims stated that as advised in our previous letter to you, Dave Zieverink is not the representative for the Symmes Historical Society on your recently formed RFQ Committee. She stated that they also indicated that they agree with the board that there should be 2 members appointed from the Historical Society to review any future for the Meade House. She stated unfortunately, she had to report at the most recent Historical Society meeting that there had been no response from the board regarding these appointments. She stated that the Historical Society appointed two members to serve on the township's RFQ committee at its May meeting and they have appointed Rick Arp and CJ Carr. She stated that the Historical Society looks forward to being part of the process for this historical building and to receiving information regarding the purpose and timeline of the committee. She stated that they had also requested a copy of the RFQ proposal which they still have not received. Ms. Sims asked when they might receive a response to their first letter and now the second letter that has been submitted to the board.

Ms. Leis asked why they do not want Dave Zieverink to be the representative for the Historical Society. She stated that Mr. Zieverink was the previous owner of the house and property, and he is very dedicated to that park and walks it every day. She stated that she is taken back by this letter. She stated that he is probably the one person who cares most about that site and the Society is snubbing him. She stated that she is appalled. Ms. Sims stated that the Historical Society was upset that they were not asked. Ms. Leis stated that the committee is their committee, and they can appoint who they want. Ms. Sims stated that they had no knowledge of this committee until they attended a meeting where he was appointed, and he has made no attempt to notify the Society of his appointment. She stated that is why they have not elected for him to represent them. She stated that if they want him on the committee, they should appoint him as an at-large member and keep their two representatives. She stated that he is not representing them. She wanted to know when she would get a response to the letter. Mr. Bryant asked when the next meeting would be held. Ms. Sims stated that they meet again the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in June. Mr. Bryant stated that they would have an answer before the next meeting. Ms. Sims wanted to know when the members would receive the information concerning the RFQ. Ms. Leis stated that they are not part of the committee and would not receive the information. Ms. Sims stated that is fine if they did not want them to be represented. Ms. Leis stated that they appointed Dave Zieverink to represent the Historical Society and that is who will be coming to the meetings. Ms. Sims wanted to know when they will receive the RFQ. Mr. Beck stated that Mr. Bryant already answered that. Ms. Sims stated that she knows that the document exists because in a previous meeting Mr. Beck stated that Dave Zieverink already reviewed the RFQ. Ms. Sims stated that yet again another public document that has not been provided.

Ms. Leis stated that the log cabin has yet to be taken care of and is still falling apart. Ms. Sims stated that the Society is tired of her saying this at every meeting and it is a bold-faced lie. Ms. Leis stated that she met with you and CJ to try and get the log cabin where it needs to be. She has been asking for it to be taken care of and that the bushes and grass around the cabin be cut and the roof fixed. Ms. Sims stated that this cabin was built in 1830 and there would not have been

manicured lawns or bushes surrounding the cabin back then. There was a discussion back and forth about fixing the cabin. Mr. Beck stated that the fact remains that the roof needs attention. Mr. Bryant stated that the RFQ is available on our website and all she needs to do it go download it.

CJ Carr, 10403 Willow Drive, stated that he received a letter on 3/15/21 about the nuisances on two properties that he owns on Cedar Drive. He stated that he went to the township building on 3/18/21 and met with Luanne to talk about it. He stated that they talked about all the issues listed in the letter and that he did not have a problem with any of the issues in the letter. He stated that he did have an issue with removing the dumpster that has been there for 15 or so years. He stated that he explained to her that he plans on taking down the house where the roof fell in and that the other house across the street would come down later in the summer. Ms. Leis wanted to know why the dumpster has been there for 15 years. Mr. Carr stated that he uses it for trash removal and that Mr. Pitman and Mr. Elliff gave him permission to have it there in the ROW. Ms. Leis stated that we have a letter from 2013 that was sent to Mr. Carr stating that he could not have the dumpster in the ROW. Mr. Carr stated that was correct. He stated that he spoke to Brian about leaving it there and it was not issue. Ms. Leis wanted to know if he got permission from the township in writing. Mr. Carr stated that he did not know. He stated that the dumpster will be removed. He stated that he has attended many meetings where he has heard that everyone will work with you and give you time to clean up the properties. He stated that he heard that at the last meeting. He stated on 3/25/21 he got a letter from Emily with Hamilton County Zoning saying that they cannot located a building permit for an accessory building that was built and about signs on Rich Road without the property zoning permits. He stated that he then got an email from Emily stating that they found his permit and to disregard the letter he got for the accessory building. Mr. Carr stated that he requested documentation in February regarding Shore Drive Park. He stated that he did receive a 120-page email, but it is not the documents that he asked for. He stated that he objected to a road vacation in February for Willow Drive and now in March he starts receiving all these nuisance letters. He stated that he sent an email in April asking if he cleaned up the property to the township's satisfaction and never received a response to that email. He stated that he received another letter about the other house and trailer on the property at 12034 Cedar in May. He stated that he was given a deadline of 5/31/21 to remove the house. He stated that he asked again whether the property at 12027 was okay so he could put down seed and straw. He stated that he never received a response. He stated that he asked for zoning complaints log and never received one. He stated that he asked for nuisance complaints for 5 properties but have yet to receive them. He stated that the complaints are always anonymous, and he is not told who is complaining. He stated that no order has been written for this property thru the Hamilton County building department or the health department. He stated that he is being harassed over these properties. He stated that he did not appreciate members of the board coming onto his property. He stated that he will have that house down by the end of the summer or could even have it down by the end of the month.

Ms. Leis stated that many people do not want to leave their names for fear of retribution. She stated that we received one complaint and as soon as everyone found out about the one complaint, other people started to complain. She was very concerned about the conditions of the property and worried about kids getting hurt. She stated that we also have a letter from 2013 that we sent him about both houses that needed attention. Mr. Beck asked if it was good for the township to not take care of the properties. Mr. Beck asked what he wanted to talk about since he was at the podium. Mr. Carr stated that he has been making progress but if they wanted the house down by the end of June then he could make that happen. Ms. Leis asked if it was going to be like the house on Cinnamon where the foundation was still on the property. He stated that it is not his property, but it is being used for fill.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Attached to the packet.

#### EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Touch a Truck Community Event – Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Sycamore Presbyterian Church.

- Hazardous Household Waste Drop-off – Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Home of the Brave Park.
- Zoning Commission Meeting – Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.
- Story Book Time with the Library – Monday, June 28, Stonebridge Park from 10:00 until 12:00 p.m.
- Fourth of July Holiday – Buildings will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> for the holiday.
- Regular Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Safety Services Center.
- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Safety Services Center.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the resignation of Marcus Rose from the Symmes Township Service Department. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Ms. Leis thanked Mr. Rose for his service to the township and wished him good luck.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to not request a hearing for the Liquor License Renewal for Taste of Belgium, 12071 Mason Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to appoint an authorized representative to be Symmes Township's Co-Permittee for Storm Water Reports. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Bryant asked Mrs. Lapensee to explain. Mrs. Lapensee stated that the storm water district is now going to allow the townships to enter their own reports into the states system for storm water reporting. She stated that they want the townships to designate a representative. Ms. Leis asked if that were a good thing, or would it be more work for us? Mrs. Lapensee stated that it would be more work for us, and the storm water district is getting money from our residents to do the work. Mr. Bryant asked who they should appoint?

Mrs. Lapensee stated that they could either appoint her or Bill Pitman as the representative for the township. Mr. Bryant amended his motion to appoint Mr. Pitman as the representative. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the amendment was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

The roll call vote for the motion was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-45 – Resolution Authorizing the Release of Funds Deposited with Symmes Township in Accordance with ORC Section 3929.86 and Township Resolution G-0719 and Dispensing with the Second Reading. Ms. Leis seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-46 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 12034 Cedar Drive and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Ms. Leis seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. CJ Carr stated that now since they passed the resolution, he would have 7 days to tear down the house even though they were okay with him tearing it down before June 30. Ms. Leis stated that he should have taken care of this house a long time ago. Mr. Carr stated that the township should have written him up years ago if it was such an issue.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to rescind Resolution G2021-45. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant stated that Mr. Carr will now have until June 30, 2021 to tear down the house or Mrs. Lapensee will prepare another resolution for the July meeting.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-47 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 9035 Symmes Knoll and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Ms. Leis seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-48 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 9295 and 9303 McKinney Road and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-49 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 11817 Enyart Road and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Ms. Leis seconded the motion.

Mr. Hauck stated that he would like to address the board on this issue. He stated that all the issues that were sent out in a letter have been taken care of except for the log in his front yard. Mrs. Lapensee stated that all the junk is still on the property as of lunch time today. She asked if he cleaned it all up in 6 hours. He stated yes except for the small firewood pile. He asked where it can be placed. Mrs. Lapensee stated that the firewood would have to be split and stacked neatly in a pile and would have to be behind the house. He stated that it is easier to pile it in the front. She stated that it has be out of view.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-50 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 8723 Birchbark Road and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-51 – Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property Located at 9994 East Kemper Road and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'.  
Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-52 – Resolution Authorizing a Change Order in the Union Cemetery Road Sidewalk Project Contract for Smith Construction in the Amount of \$20,790.00. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Bryant asked if Mrs. Lapensee could explain why the change order was needed. Mrs. Lapensee stated that when the wall contractor was hired, it was determined by that contractor that the original height and length of the wall was not adequate for the hillside near Antietam. She stated that we budgeted enough money to cover the additional change order.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'.  
Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-53 – Resolution Repealing Resolutions G2021-23 and G2021-42 and Authorizing the Township Administrator to Purchase a Dump Truck, Bed and Accessories from Rush Truck Centers in the amount of \$149,124.62. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Bryant asked Mrs. Lapensee to explain. Mrs. Lapensee stated that when we originally approved the truck and bed purchase, we should have approved the resolution for Rusk Truck Centers and not International or KE Rose. She stated that this resolution is to fix the old resolutions.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'.  
Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-54 – Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Change Health Brokers and to Sign an Agreement with Assured Partners for Medical, Dental, Life and Vision Benefits for the Elected Officials and Employees of Symmes Township. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'.  
Motion passes.

Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve Resolution G2021-55 – Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Sign a Community Event License Agreement with CIndependent Film Festival for the Use of Home of the Brave Park for a Movie Viewing.

The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Beck - 'aye', and Mr. Bryant 'aye'.  
Motion passes.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Beck seconded the motion, and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Bryant - 'aye', and Mr. Beck - 'aye'.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Approved:

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Kenneth N. Bryant, President

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Jodie L. Leis, Vice-President

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Philip J. Beck, Trustee