
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2017

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 Ms. Carol Sims

Also present: Kevin McDonough - Township Law Director; Kim Lapensee - Administrator; Deputy Chief Mike Books – LSF; Lt. Tory Smith - Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department; Bill Pitman – Director of Public Works.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Leis made a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Leis made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting for September 12, 2017. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Ms. Leis made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting for September 12 and 26, 2017. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Motion passes.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

Ms. Sims stated that there are new worksheets that attach to the resolution #F2017-03 that contain new projected revenues. She stated that these are projections made by the County Budget Commission and are lower than her projections.

PRESENTATIONS

NISHANTH CHIDAMBARAM – Eagle Scout Project at Symmes Park. Mr. Chidambaram stated he is part of Troop 974 and he moved to Symmes Township three years ago. He chose the trail steps project because it was the most challenging and it was a conservation project which would be a benefit for the park. He hopes everyone could make use of this project and to enjoy it for many years to come.

STEPHANIE SEYFRIED – Council on Aging, stated that she is here tonight to talk about Issue 5 that will be on the November ballot. She stated that it serves older adults and families. Their services include meals on wheels, in-home care ESP, out of pocket medical expenses, etc. She stated that the increase will cost less than 11 dollars per year. Ms. Seyfried stated that the average age that they typically serve is around 60 and that they need help in performing tasks at home. She stated that 1/3 of the residents are over 65 years of age and 20% live at the poverty level. There are no other funding sources and she brought brochures for everyone to see.

Mr. Beck stated that this Issue 5 was already talked about and endorsed at the Commissioners meeting this past month.

Ms. Lapensee asked how many mills was the current levy and how much it will be increased to. Ms. Seyfried stated that the current levy is 1.2 mills and they are asking to increase it to 1.6 mills which will generate 25 million dollars

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts 70587 - 70710 totaling \$403,314.72 were read and approved for payment.

REPORTS

KEVIN MCDONOUGH, LAW DIRECTOR reported that he had attended the BZA meeting the night before and that the staff will be preparing a resolution for the BZA to consider and/or approve at the next meeting in November.

Ms. Sims asked if the motion that the BZA passed was sufficient for the case in Camp Dennison. Mr. McDonough stated yes and once the resolution is considered/passed by the Board, then the applicant will have 30 days from then to file an appeal with the Courts.

LIEUTENANT TORY SMITH had no report at this time.

DEPUTY CHIEF MIKE BOOKS had no report at this time.

BILL PITMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS was absent.

COMMITTEE – Ms. Sims stated that she will work with the Finance and Audit Committee to come up with a date and time to meet to discuss and review the upcoming road levy.

OTHER – Block watch. There is no updated report at this time other than Vicki continues to work with the group.

HEARING FROM RESIDENTS

Tom Burke, 9390 Kempergrove Lane, asked if the township has received new rates for gas in the township. Mr. Bryant stated that the aggregation group is still negotiating rates and we should have a new one by the end of the year.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Fall Fest – Symmes Park, October 6, 2017 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Building Closed for Holiday/Columbus Day – October 9, 2017.
Residents Meeting for Duke Energy – October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Trustees Work Session Meeting – October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Commission Meeting – October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Zoning Appeals – November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Building Closed for Holiday/Veterans Day – November 10, 2017.
Trustees Regular Meeting – November 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Set the Date of Trick-or-Treat – October 31, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Set the Public Hearing Date for the Text Amendment for the fence regulations Section 346.1 for November 14, 2017. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-62. This resolution will authorize the renewal with Constellation for gas aggregation for the next three years. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-63. This resolution will authorize Director of Public Works to file an application with OPWC for the culvert on Blong Road. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-64. This resolution will authorize Director of Public Works to file an application with OPWC for the improvements to Pemmican Run Subdivision. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution F2017-03. This resolution will approve the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county auditor. . Bryant seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'

Ms. Leis moved to approve the following expenditures and authorizes the Township Administrator to sign any necessary contracts, agreements or paperwork:

1. Expenditure/then and now \$19,384.47 Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission (ICRC) Fees.
2. Expenditure/then and now \$1,825.00 Freeze Underground for a water line repair at Remington.
3. Expenditure/then and now \$775.00 Sutphen Corporation for repairs to the ladder truck.
4. Expenditure \$14,568.00 Y2K additional 6 lawn cuts for each area.
5. Expenditure \$2,298.42 Best One Tire to purchase replacement tires for Truck #202.
6. Expenditure \$2,500.00 Sunrise for fall fertilizer HOB.
7. Expenditure \$5,000.00 AgroChem for an extra tank for liquid storage/de-ice.
8. Expenditure \$730.00 LSFDF reimbursement for maintenance agreement netmotion.
9. Expenditure \$1,691.00 Apple to replace a computer at station 61.
10. Expenditure \$5,639.14 Cummins for repairs to engine 61.
11. Expenditure \$1,000.00 purchase new printer (not to exceed) for finance.
12. Amend line item 1-A-27 to 1-E-1 which transfers funds (\$167,600) or the lighting district payments until April of 2018.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved:

Jodie Leis, Board President

Carol Sims, Fiscal Officer