
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 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; 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 August 1, 2017. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Ms. Leis made a motion to approve the Minutes of the special meeting for August 25, 2017. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passes.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

MARCY LONGNECKER – State of Ohio Treasurer’s Office. Ms. Longnecker stated that the State of Ohio was the first government agency in Ohio to place all their expenses on line for the public to view expenses. There are now 6 agencies in Hamilton County that have followed the state in placing their expenses on Ohio checkbook. Ms. Longnecker went through the website for Symmes Township for the audience and moused over pie charts to see total spending for the township in years 2014, 2015 and 2016. She stated that the program also allows a user to type in the search bar the type of spending that they may be looking for. She stated that this tool will give the power to the people and hopefully hold elected officials more accountable for their decisions. She stated that this will hopefully make them also look at other vendors instead of rehiring the same ones over again. Ms. Longnecker stated that there are 3962 local governments across Ohio that the State Treasurer’s Office sent letters to and 1200 have agreed to put their spending on-line (which includes 249 Townships). Ms. Longnecker stated that is completely up to us how often we want to update the website with new information as the local government is responsible for uploading the information. She also stated that the user can filter the information by account and the account code (i.e. Cemetery, insurance, road fund, etc.) and change the graphs. The user can decide how much detail they want to be displayed.

STEVE WILSON – State Senator for district 37 stated that he is a big supporter of the transparency for each jurisdiction. He represents our area which is district 37.

CAROL SIMS stated that she will add 2017 very soon to the website. Ms. Sims also wanted to thank Marcy and her staff for help in getting all the information up and available to the public. She stated that she hopes to do quarterly updates starting in 2018.

DOUG DOBROZSI – Request to use Home of the Brave Park for Cyclocross. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he represents Cincinnati Cyclocross which is a youth cycling program that started in 1999. He stated that they have held their practices in a number of different locations like Loveland, Montgomery, Lebanon and most recently Kingswood in Deerfield Township from 2009 to 2016. He stated that he is looking for places to hold youth programs that promote and teach bicycle racing. He stated that his Kids on Bikes program teaches basics and their Jr. Racing team has over 52 kids in the program (all levels) and 150 kids a year. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that they hold practices on Friday nights and also train for their Jr. Race team. He stated that they have experienced coaches that teach them how to ride, how to race and how to have fun on bikes. He stated that the practices usually last an hour.

JODIE LEIS asked where he would hold these practices. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he would prefer to use the grassy areas of the park and not use the trails.

PHIL BECK asked about the frequency and duration of the cycle season. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that the season goes from August to October (10 weeks) and 5 to 6 weeks in the spring. He stated that this year they got a late start and will be riding from September to December. The Lionharts racing team will race their championships in January and that they train every Tuesday night.

Ms. Leis asked where they hold the races. Mr. Dobrozsi stated anywhere within a 100 mile radius. They have raced at Harbin Park (Fairfield), DeVoe Park (Covington), Carter Park (Deerfield), Valleyview (Milford) and John Bryan State Park (Yellow Springs).

Mr. Beck asked if he was asking for full or partial use for his training and racing. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he is willing to take what he can get. He would only be using areas of the park that are not currently being used. He stated that he attached a map of the areas he thinks would be of good use to them.

Ms. Leis asked what kind of equipment they would need to use. Mr. Dobrozsi stated that he would only use cones, stakes, tape and then it would be removed after practices.

Ms. Leis stated that she was not ready to make any decisions concerning this request. Mr. Bryant and Mr. Beck agreed they were not ready either.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

Receipts 70304 - 70586 totaling \$769,790.47 were read and approved for payment.

REPORTS

KEVIN MCDONOUGH, LAW DIRECTOR had no report at this time.

LIEUTENANT TORY SMITH stated that he has been working with the Camp Dennison Civic League on establishing a Block Watch program for their area. He stated that he was approached by members of the Civic League asking what could be done to curtail some of the crime in that area. He stated that he has assigned this program to Patrol Officer Vicki Johnson, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office to work with the Civic League. Mr. Smith stated that Mike Tingley will be the contact for the Block Watch program and will work with Patrol Officer Johnson.

Ms. Leis stated that she thinks this is a great idea and program.

KEN BRYANT asked what the difference is between a block watch programs versus a neighborhood watch. Mr. Smith stated block watch is a volunteer organization comprised of citizens who are basically the eyes and ears in the neighborhoods. The first meeting will be on October 10th. Mr. Smith stated that they will be looking to put up signs in the four entrances to Camp Dennison alerting motorists that this is a block watch area.

Ms. Leis asked who will be paying for the signs. Mr. Smith did not know who would be paying for the signs at this time.

CHIEF OTT HUBER was absent.

BILL PITMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS stated that most of the road projects for the season are complete and starting the fall crack sealing program throughout the Township preparing for the winter months.

OTHER – None.

HEARING FROM RESIDENTS

MATT & GWEN RAIH, 10310 Richland Park Drive, stated that approximately 6 months ago, he purchased 6 chickens. They built a coop in their back yard and he asked every one of his neighbors if they were okay with him having chickens in his rear yard. He stated that he was unaware of the setbacks for chickens/coop on residential properties. He asked that the Township Trustees consider changing the regulations from the 60'-0" setback for the coop to 10'-0" so that he can keep his coop and chickens for his daughter. He stated that he met with Hamilton County and their regulations require only 20'-0" for a setback. He stated that the lots in most of the neighborhoods are only 75 to 90 feet wide and cannot meet that 60'-0" setback. Mr. Raih stated that his daughter has been using these chickens for therapy and that their family would be devastated if they have to give them up.

Ms. Leis stated that she would like for the staff and elected officials to review all options for this family. She said that the state is looking to add legislation to allow for chickens all over the state.

MARK HOGAN, 11914 Timberlake Drive, stated that he is here tonight to represent the 170 homes in the Paulmeadows Subdivision. He said that there are power lines that run through the neighborhood, and Duke Energy is planning to remove a significant amount of trees in the area along the power line easement. He stated that he has made it to the 12 of 25 properties that will be directly impacted by this removal. He stated that up to as many as 67 trees could possibly be affected. Mr. Hogan stated that up to now, Duke has only been pruning/trimming the trees in this area. He stated that only 3 trees pose a real threat in his opinion. Mr. Hogan stated that trees in this area provide privacy and add value to their houses. He would like to see a mutually agreeable execution that is okay with all the people affected. He would like to meet with Duke's team and schedule a meeting. He stated that Duke has told all the neighbors that the regulations have changed just in the past 2 years and they want to save as many trees as possible.

Mr. Bryant stated he became involved on August 2 when the HOA President of Paulmeadows (John) e-mailed him and advised him that Duke Energy was placing door hangers on resident's doors concerning removal of vegetation under power lines throughout the subdivision. He met with John that day and verbally told him Symmes Township could do nothing to stop it due to the lack of our legal standing.

Mr. Bryant stated that this matter is an issue between the individual homeowners and Duke Energy based on Duke's legal right-of-way. He told John that the only thing that he could do was attempt to set-up a group informational meeting between Duke and the Paulmeadows affected residence to help dispel rumors. Symmes Township would provide and acceptable venue for the meeting and offer several dates to choose from.

Mr. Bryant advised that on August 30th Duke agreed to meet in a small group with Paulmeadows HOA President (John) and a Symmes Township Trustee (Ken) at the Symmes Township Administration today, September 12th at 11:30 a.m. Duke requested us to ask each resident receiving a door hanger to contact them at the 1800 number to schedule an individual conferences. It was implied in this conversation today that they were very willing to work with the individual homeowners to achieve a win-win out come as much as they can within the constraints of their regulations binding them.

Mr. Bryant stated that they learned that they have already met with 6 or 7 Paulmeadows residences and some issues have been resolved satisfactory. Duke told us that they could not negotiate with your HOA or with Symmes Township or anyone but the individual homeowners that are affected.

OLGA STAIOS, 11974 Paulmeadows stated that she has met with Duke and for them to say to our satisfaction is their interpretation of that conservation. She planted trees under the wire, at Duke's direction five years ago, that would grow under the 15 feet and would be allowed. Now they are being told that because it is a tree now it has to go. They will give until November to dig her tree up and move it or they will cut.

Mr. Bryant stated that you came to us to have the Trustees do something for you. We have explained to you there is nothing that we really can do other than to say you really need to talk with them and work it out. We have no play in this; it is a legal right-of-way issue. It is between the two of you to work this out.

Ms. Leis asked if you refuse Duke's offer do they just come on your property anyway and cut down your trees.

Mr. Bryant stated that no, they will have to go to court before they can come on your property. We have no legal standing to get in the way.

JOE GRASSI, 11982 Paulmeadows stated that issues that affect the tax base have no bearing on the Township.

Mr. Bryant stated that yes it does. If the value of the property goes down it we do not collect as much in taxes and it indirectly affects us.

JOHN GUMP, 12026 Paulmeadows asked why is there no means for putting any pressure to bear to have them continue doing what they have done in the past. Which is about every five years they come in and top out trees?

Mr. Bryant stated that Mr. Hogan has already explained that the Rules and Regulations in which Duke operates have changed.

Ms. Leis advised that she understands that this is a Homeowner/Duke thing, but can the Township continue to apply a little pressure so they know we do not want to have the trees cut down.

Mr. Grassi stated he has a tree that is a danger to the lines. It is a hickory tree that grows way above the lines. He asked them what are they going to do with the tree. They said they are going to take it down; we are going to cut the whole side of it all the way to the top. John asked him what good would that do, if it blows over it is still going to take down the lines. That is how arbitrary this is.

Mr. Grassi stated that he met with Duke and PUCO and told them that none of them have objected to the tree trimming in the past, so what has changed. They told him that nothing has changed, that they have always had the right to do this and there was no change in the legal aspect of this. The problem is there have been big outages from the issue of trees and they are getting more particular about it. John asked them why they could not just come in and trim the trees like before. They stated that it was too dangerous for the people cutting the trees to be that close to the power lines.

Mr. Grassi stated that in his opinion they want to clear-cut all this area so they do not have to come back and spend a penny on this site again.

Ms. Leis stated that this subject obviously needs to be continued because it has not been solved. We need to work on solving this problem.

Mr. Bryant stated everyone who got a door hanger call the 1 800 number and get on the list for individual discussion.

Mr. Beck stated that he thinks the neighborhood should have a meeting without Duke first. Get the 25 property owners in one spot and hash out what is reasonable so when you meet with Duke again you will have your parameters.

Ms. Leis asked them to let the Township know when they are going to have their neighborhood meeting so Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Lapensee can attend.

Ms. Leis stated that she had heard from a reliable source that there is a group of people in the township that want the Trustees to sell the Home of the Brave Park. She understands that people are here tonight in the audience who would like to speak against and on behalf of the parks. Ms. Leis went over the infrastructure that would be needed if the parks were sold to a developer for a new subdivision that could hold 160 homes (roadway maintenance, 5 trips per day per adult, the number of lots that could be developed, water, sewer, drainage, etc.) and the impacts to the school districts, the environment and the surrounding community. She stated that she called the Auditor's Office and right now we pay \$64.25 per \$100,000 on your household. She thinks it is worth the money we pay for a great park system. She invited anyone else how wants to come up and make a statement about the parks, this is your opportunity.

KATE EARLY, 11382 Donwiddle Drive, stated that she and her husband Jack use the parks on a regular basis. She stated that she does not want them to be sold and that the service guys do a wonderful job with maintenance for each of the parks. She loves the Township parks and they add value to their home and quality to their lives.

JACK EARLY, 11382 Donwiddle Drive, stated that all of the parks here are noticeably cleaner than parks in other areas that they have been to.

GARY AND DEBBIE TRICK, 9139 Coachtrail Drive, stated that they definitely support the parks and they want us to keep them. They stated that it was great to see all the families using them.

JUDY CLEMONS, stated that she is the President of Loveland LaCrosse and they use the fields on a regular basis. She stated that it would be a hardship to try and relocate their teams. Ms. Clemons stated that they appreciate all the township does to support the teams. During their spring and summer leagues, 76% of those kids are residents of the Symmes Township. Gives our players the choice to stay in their community and welcome kids outside of Symmes to showcase what we do have in our park systems.

Ms. Leis stated that the township served over 200 sports teams which represent about 3,000 children playing on our fields.

JASON DIMACULANGAN, 12031 Timberlake, stated that he is PTO President of Symmes Elementary School and that they use the park frequently. He said that he moved here specifically because of what Symmes Township had to offer. He completely supports Symmes Parks.

MATT KAPSZUKIEWICZ, 11916 Streamside Drive, stated that he represents Loveland Youth Baseball. He stated that there are 550 kids that use the fields for baseball each season and that there is not enough field space to go around. All ballfields and empty green space in the parks are being used just about every night.

STEVE SILVERMAN, 9871 Farmstead Drive, stated that he is with Loveland Youth Baseball and he loves the fields and splash park that is available at Home of the Brave Park. He stated that everyone here tonight supports the parks. He stated that with all the amenities that we have here in Symmes Township, he cannot believe that it would be worth it to anyone who is a resident to sell the park.

BRI KOPECKY, 11913 Stonemark Drive stated that she lives in Stonebridge and there is a huge preschool circuit that uses the trails and area around the Meade House. She stated that she does not want to see that go away.

It was also stated from the audience that the cross country team uses the park as well to practice.

Mr. Phil Beck, 9983 Walnut Ridge Court, stated that one to two years ago the Township did a portion in the Cincinnati Magazine and when the editorial staff came out they were extremely surprised by the fabric of our Township. By that he means the blending of the Townships nice residential neighborhood, variety of the neighborhoods, the business community intertwined throughout those areas, the three amazing public school districts, certainly our park assets and the fact that every park is different than the others and provides different opportunities. We all love the parks and we all are on the same page concerning the parks.

Ms. Carol Sims stated that she received one of the emails and that she wanted to let everyone know that she is not behind this movement to sell the parks.

CJ CARR, 10403 Willow, stated that he is for the parks and that once you sell the parks, they are gone forever. He stated that he was for the park levy and that they are all here for us to enjoy. Mr. Carr also stated that he had submitted a letter to the township asking the township to clarify the status of the paper streets in the Loveland Park Subdivision. He stated that there is a statement on the plat when it was approved by the Commissioners about dedication and acceptance of the streets and park area from 1924. He stated that he went to the County Engineer's Office and they are of the opinion that these streets are no man's land. He stated that in 1958 there was a Prosecutors Opinion regarding the maintenance of some of the streets in that area. In 1990, the township took over maintenance of the park. He wants us to clarify who owns the paper streets.

Mr. Bryant stated that we received the letter and has turned that question over to our Law Director for an opinion.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached.

Ms. Sims asked about a piece of correspondence that she saw from our legal counsel concerning political signs. She wanted to know if we should change our code. Mr. Kevin McDonough, Law Director, stated that there has been a court case that has happened since the twelve (12) years that the code was written. The court ruled that you cannot restrict the size of political signs due to freedom of speech.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Yoga in the Park will be held on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at Hopewell Meadows Park.

Zoning Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Monday, October 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Trustees Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Fest will be held on Friday, October 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Ken Bryant wanted everyone to know that Farm Fest will no longer be held in conjunction with Fall Fest for the township. That event has been moved to Gorman Farms for Monday, October 16th.

OLD BUSINESS

Property Maintenance Code – Ms. Lapensee stated that Mr. Beck could not make the public meeting set for September 19th and asked that we reschedule the meeting.

Mr. Beck made a motion to meet Tuesday, October 17th at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building for a public work session for the propose of discussing the Property Maintenance Code. Ms. Leis seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Public Hearing Date – Text Amendment for Fence Regulations Section 346.1 for October 3, 2017.

Ms. Leis made a motion to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building to hear public opinion on whether or not Section 346.1 Fencing should be amended. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Set Public Hearing Date – Major Revision to an Existing “EE” Planned Residence (with subservient retail) for October 3, 2017.

Ms. Leis made a motion to set the public hearing date for Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Administration Building to decide on the major revision. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Reschedule Regular Trustees Meeting – Ms. Leis made a motion to reschedule the November 7th Trustees Regular Meeting to November 14th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Ms. Leis moved to approve the matching funds (20%) needed for the Blong Road culvert replacement project in the revised amount of \$57,838.00 for submittal with the OPWC application. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’; Mr. Beck - ‘aye’.

Ms. Sims stated that since she will have to encumber these funds this year, that line item 11-C-3 will need to be amended to include both the amounts for Blong and Pemmican Run for a new total of \$589,464.00.

Ms. Leis made a motion to increase the appropriation for line item 11-C-3 to the new amount of \$589,464.00. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Ms. Leis made a motion to appoint Rick Vonderhaar, 9270 Souffle Court to the Finance and Audit Committee with a term of September 12, 2017 through December 31, 2022. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Ms. Leis made a motion to appoint George Flynn, 9378 Kempergrove Lane to the Zoning Commission with a term of September 12, 2017 through December 31, 2022. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Bryant - ‘aye’.

Ms. Leis made a motion to appoint Shelby Olsen, 10450 Brentmoor Drive as an alternate to the Zoning Commission with a term of September 12, 2017 through December 31, 2022. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - ‘aye’; Ms. Leis- ‘aye’; Mr. Beck - ‘aye’.

Ms. Leis made a motion to reject all bids received for the Lebanon Road Sidewalk Project. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis- 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-54, authorizing the Township Administrator to sign a community event license agreement with Community NEST Learning Center for Use of Symmes Park and Home of the Brave Park for the NEST Kids Ninja Charity Challenge. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-55, Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to purchase and install new front overhead garage doors at the Remington Fire Station from Bushelman Supply in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00. Ms. Sims stated that we will also need to increase line item 14-A-08 in the amount of \$30,000.00 as well for this purchase. 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 G2017-56, Resolution providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the property located at 9251 Cactus and authorizing the necessary steps for the abatement of the nuisance. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'. Mr. McDonough stated that we will also have to find the lienholder and serve them notice as well.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-57, Resolution approving the 2017 lighting district assessments. Ms. Lapensee stated that the assessments have to be turned in by September 30. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-58, Resolution authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an agreement with Team All Sports to make repairs to the soccer and baseball field at Stonebridge Park in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis- 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution G2017-59, Resolution approving the amendment to the petition for special assessments for special energy improvements projects under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, approving the amendment to the suburban communities energy special improvement district project plan supplement to plan for the 11820 Snider Road, Symmes Township, Ohio project, and amending resolutions G2017-49, G2017-50 and G2017-51. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Ms. Lapensee stated that there was a mistake found in the description of the project in all of the documents so they needed us to pass an additional resolution to amend our previous resolutions that now describe the correct improvements. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis- 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis moved for approval of Resolution PR2017-03. Resolution approving a memorial bench policy and application. Mr. Beck seconded the motion.

Ms. Lapensee stated that we have received an application for a memorial bench and staff developed a policy for the bench. She stated that it will be the same as the memorial tree policy. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck 'aye'; Ms. Leis - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

Discussion concerning the application for the Francis Grant to provide for a hazardous waste drop off day in 2018 and 2019 in Symmes Township and the City of Loveland.

Ms. Lapensee stated that we have been working with the Loveland Sustainability Council on having a hazardous waste drop off day for the residents of both communities. They have asked us to pay for a portion of the cleanup provided that they can get a grant for their portion of the day. Ms. Lapensee stated that she suggested that we split the costs of the event into 3 equal portions (1/3 Loveland, 1/3 Symmes and 1/3 Loveland Sustainability Council). They will be submitting the grant and would like to know if we will commit to 1/3 of the costs of the program

in 2018 and 2019. The Trustees agreed to split the costs with Loveland and the Loveland Sustainability Council.

Request to refund \$35.00 for yard waste drop-off to Evans for a resident in Richland Park Subdivision. Ms. Leis made a motion to refund the money. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis- 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

Request to credit \$50.00 for use of the Lemming shelter in 2018 to Mike Obrien, 10061 Somerset Drive. Ms. Leis made a motion to credit \$50.00 toward the use of the shelter in 2018. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Ms. Leis- 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

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

- a. Amend 2017 appropriations: 1-A-10 from \$130,000 to \$210,000
- b. Amend 2017 appropriations: 2-A-9 from \$3,800 to \$7,000
- c. Expenditure/then and now \$1,830.00 to Summit Digital Networks for a new laptop, upgrades to the Wifi and other items for the server.
- d. Expenditure/then and now \$2,700.00 to PCS for installation of new Cat6 lines and port patch panel at the Remington Fire Station for the new phones.
- e. Expenditure/then and now \$1,085.00 City of Blue Ash Fire Department for ladder testing.
- f. Expenditure/then and now \$2,395.00 Dsuban Spring Service for repairs to Engine 60.
- g. Expenditure/then and now \$728.97 Best One Tire and Service for a tire replacement on Tower 61.
- h. Expenditure \$564.51 Clermont County for dispatch fees Public Works (2018).
- i. Expenditure \$2,800.00 M&M Painting to paint the concrete block on the maintenance building behind the township building.
- j. Expenditure \$3,000.00 Rick McCabe to install a ceiling/drop lights in the restroom for Hopewell Meadows Park.
- k. Expenditure \$2,500.00 Irvine to purchase mulch for the playgrounds in the parks.
- l. Expenditure \$995.00 Bound Tree to purchase replacement AED for E60.
- m. Expenditure \$625.00 Mobilcom to perform emergency auto tuning for the portable radios (25).
- n. Expenditure \$1,458.75 Loveland Symmes Fire Department yearly ALERTS system update.
- o. Expenditure \$1,700.60 Penchura to replace decking in the play equipment at Hopewell Meadows Park per our risk insurance recommendations.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Leis made a motion to move into Executive Session at 9:51 p.m. to discuss ORC Section 121.22(G) (1) to consider the compensation and employment of a public employee or official. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis -'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

Ms. Leis made a motion to return from Executive Session at 11:51 p.m.. Mr. Beck seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis -'aye'; Mr. Beck - 'aye'; Mr. Bryant - 'aye'.

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 11:51 p.m.

Minutes of REGULAR

Held Township Admin. Bldg.

September 12, 2017

Approved:

Jodie Leis, Board President

Carol Sims, Fiscal Officer