
MINUTES OF SYMMES TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

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

Also, present: Kimberly Lapensee - Administrator; Kevin McDonough - Law Director; Chief Ott Huber - LSFd; and Lieutenant Tory Smith - Hamilton County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Sims was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve the Agenda and to add in Resolution G2019-57 for a nuisance property. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Ms. Leis - 'aye', Mr. Bryant - 'aye', and Mr. Beck - 'aye'. Motion passes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting from August 6 and the Work Session meeting from August 13, 2019. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion.

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

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT

There was no report provided for August. The Fiscal Officer was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS

There were no disbursements presented for approval. This Fiscal Officer was absent.

REPORTS

KEVIN MCDONOUGH, LAW DIRECTOR - None.

LIEUTENANT TORY SMITH, HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT – Lieutenant Smith stated that it has been a quiet summer and that they will have a new monthly format for their reports.

CHIEF OTT HUBER – Chief Ott stated that the Board has his report and that they would like to make some presentations in October to employees at the Silver Spring House. He stated that they had a patron go into cardiac arrest and one of the employees stepped in to help and that the new LUCAS device they recently purchased help save their life.

BILL PITMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS – Mrs. Lapensee stated that the EMA will be conducting a test tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. to test the new emergency alert system through the cell phones.

COMMITTEE – Mr. Beck stated that we had a Finance Committee Meeting on August 1 and on August 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. and the minutes are included in the packet. Mrs. Lapensee asked everyone to check their calendars for October so we could schedule another meeting to discuss levy options.

OTHER – Mr. Beck stated that we had our last cleanup day of the year on August 17th and that it was well attended.

HEARING OF RESIDENTS

Jeff Reichman, 9519 Appomattox Court, stated that he wanted to thank the Board for moving forward with the sidewalk initiatives that he asked them about earlier in the year. He stated in his opinion the decisions this Board made to improve the safety on the Township roads and protect the pedestrians that those roads, will be one of the most significant improvements this Board will make in this term. He wanted to know if they would maintain the trail at Home of the Brave all year round that the cross-country team used for their meet this past weekend. Mr. Reichman would like to thank the Board for all the hard work and diligence with which they service the township and he looks forward to maintaining his support for their work to maintain and improve what he believes is the best community in Cincinnati.

CORRESPONDENCE

See Attached.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Administration building at 7:00 p.m.
- Land Use Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the Administration building at 6:00 p.m.
- Storytime – Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the Meade Historic Preserve at 2:00 p.m.
- Sipping in Symmes – Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Meade Historic Preserve from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Yoga in the Park ends – Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- Photography Contest Begins – Sunday, October 1, 2019.
- Regular Township Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Administration building at 7:00 p.m.
- Fall for Symmes – Friday, October 4, 2019 at Symmes Park from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting – Monday, October 7, 2019 at the Administration building at 7:00 p.m.
- Columbus Day – Monday, October 14, 2019. All buildings closed.
- Park Season Ends – Tuesday, October 15, 2019.
- Trick-or-Treat – Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-49, a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into an Agreement with Coverall for Cleaning Services for the Safety Center not to exceed \$12,804.00. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that this contract was the same price as the previous contract.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-50, a Resolution Revising the Facilities Reservation Form and Policy for the Use of Rooms/Buildings with Symmes Township. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that she revised the form and policy exactly as they discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Beck stated that in the beginning of the year the Township will set their schedule of usage and after that everything is open.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-51, a Resolution to Modify the Membership of the Audit and Finance Committee. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Ms. Lapensee stated that this is to add an alternate member to the committee as we discussed at the last meeting.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-52, a Resolution Approving the 2019 Street Lighting Assessments. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that these are the lighting district assessments for 2019, payable in 2020 that are based on bills received from September 2018 through August of 2019 for a one-year period.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-53, a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into an Investment Management Agreement with Meeder Public Funds. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Beck stated this is a recommendation from their most recent Finance Committee.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-54, a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an Agreement with JK Meurer to Repave the Parking Lot at Seven Gables Park at a cost not to exceed \$30,250.00. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-55, a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an Agreement with Environmental Design to Paint the Building and Various items at the Remington Fire Station at a cost not to exceed \$13,856.00. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that Environmental Design will paint the fire station, the fence, the generator and the salt dome.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-56, a Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Purchase Two Dodge Chargers and Accessories from John Jones Auto Group Through Hamilton County Purchasing for the Police Department in the Amount of \$61,594.82. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that we are unable to get Ford Explorer's this year so they would like to go ahead and purchase two 2020 Dodge Chargers that are already available. She stated that it will be around \$19,000 dollars cheaper to purchase the two chargers. She stated that we can either sell the charger as is with all the lights and emergency equipment on the vehicle or try and use the old equipment in the new cars. Mr. Bryant stated that he would like to see us try and use the old equipment first.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve Resolution G2019-57, a Resolution Providing for the Declaration of Nuisance for the Property located at 9797 Pinto Court and Authorizing all Necessary Steps for the Abatement of the Nuisance. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that this has been an ongoing issue. Notices were sent to the property owner and they have not responded or taken care of the issue.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to approve electric aggregation rates for 2020 – 2022 at or below .0499 cents. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mr. Bryant stated that the current contract runs out at the end of this year and the current contract rate is .0534 cents per kWh for a three year.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to appoint Meena Maddali as an alternate member to the Finance and Audit Committee for a term of 9/3/2019 to 12/31/2022. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to not request a hearing with the Division of Liquor Control for Brinker Restaurant Corp, dba Chilis, 11329 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Lapensee stated that there are no problems with Chilis, and we do not need a hearing with Columbus to discuss their liquor permit renewal.

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

Mr. Beck made a motion to approve the following amendments, expenditures and authorization for the Township Administrator to sign any necessary contracts/agreement or paperwork:

- a. Amend: 1-A-16 from \$40,000.00 to \$42,000.00.
- b. Amend: 2-A-6 from \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00.
- c. Amend: 3-A-6 from \$14,500 to \$19,500.00.
- d. Amend: 7-A-2 from \$3,500.00 to \$6,000.00.
- e. Expenditure: \$6,193.00 Hartz to seal/stripe the parking lot at Hopewell park.
- f. Expenditure: \$5,638.00 Hartz to seal/stripe the parking lot at the administration building.
- g. Expenditure/then and now: \$236.40 Natorps flowers, \$199.00 for Kona Truck and \$150.62 for Costco for the mural dedication.
- h. Expenditure/then and now: \$2,320.58 Dsuban Spring for repairs to Truck 212.

Ms. Leis seconded the motion.

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

HEARING FROM RESIDENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Beck made a motion to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to have a conference with the Law Director concerning pending or imminent court action. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye', Ms. Leis - 'aye', and Mr. Beck - 'aye'. Motion passes.

Mr. Beck made a motion to come to the regular meeting from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Leis seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Bryant - 'aye', Ms. Leis - 'aye', and Mr. Beck - 'aye'. Motion passes.

No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Approved:

Philip J. Beck, President

Jodie L. Leis, Vice-President

Kenneth N. Bryant, Trustee