

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Work Session on May 20, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.**

1. Mr. Pittman called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Nadine Daugherty, Mike Pittman and Scott Bryant present. Others present were Mr. Tiffany, Township Administrator, Chief Brown, Chief Pavlak, Cara Tilford, Chris Zappanti, Donna Hellman and C.J. Keene.

**3. Department Discussion Items –**

Administration – Mr. Tiffany said we will have Health Insurance changes next year. He said we have just over 50 full time employees. He said without our dispatchers we will be under 50 and will have to change our group pool for insurance. He said Mark Schlagheck, City of Bellbrook Administrator, will provide him with their new rates for their local government group plan.

IT Department – Mr. Tiffany said he has secured Sugarcreek Township's name for a Facebook site. Chris Zappanti said Mr. Schieman had made a request for changes to make finding the Township Calendar easier. Mrs. Hellman said she had trouble locating it also. Chris said the calendar is identified as Community Events but can be changed to read Calendar for a \$150.00 fee. Mr. Bryant asked Chris to start pulling user information from the site to identify what is being viewed, how many users, new or repeat user etc. Mr. Bryant said he thought approximately 100 people accessed the newsletter.

Police Department – Chief Brown said Officer Coltrane will be attending a week of terrorist training in New Mexico in September. He said it is 100% paid for by the Federal Government. Chief Brown said he will be attending the conference with a detective from Beaver creek. Mr. Bryant said, after he returns, he would like him to come to a Trustee meeting and share what information is allowable. Chief Brown said the GUIDE camp was a great success. Mr. Pittman said Jim Deaton got the Township involved with the program and it sounded like it was doing fine without him. Mr. Tiffany said that with all the other people involved now he didn't think there was any danger of loss of interest.

Community Outreach - Mr. Tiffany said he received an e-mail from Steve Knopp which said the River Cleaners will have another cleaning event on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the Community Outreach trailer would be available. Mr. Tiffany asked if an Officer would be available. Chief Brown and Chief Pavlak said someone could be available for a few hours for the trailer. Mrs. Daugherty said there were about two hundred people participating last year and they didn't stop for lunch until about 12:30 to 1:00 pm.

Road Department – Mr. Tiffany said Howard Ackerman called about the Eden Meadows entrance. He said the pavement is bad and there have been problems with the island in the entrance. Mr. Tiffany said the HOA would like the Township to pay for removal of the island in addition to the paving. Mr. Tiffany said the island has caused problems with plowing snow. He said it costs \$3,000.00 to remove including labor. He said we need to repave and did the Board wish to consider paying for removal of the island. Mr. Bryant said he would like to share the costs with the HOA. Mrs. Daugherty said we could supply the labor and they could pay for it. Mr. Pittman said we have paid for other things in the past that were to our advantage. He said he thought we should pay for it. Mr. Bryant thought it should be some sort of cost share even if it were 60/40 or 70/30. Mr. Tiffany said the HOA would have to pay to put the electric back even if we paid for it. Mrs. Daugherty said to pay for it. Mr. Bryant said try to get 50/50. Mr. Pittman told Mr. Tiffany to make arrangements to do it and to get any payment from them he could arrange.

Zoning – Cara said she had two nuisance properties on tonight's agenda.

MARCS Radios – Mr. Tiffany said, at the very least, we have to buy new radios and reprogram some old ones. Chief Pavlak said he would like to make a decision so we could secure our pricing and have the radios shipped later. He said he is looking at a minimum of \$138,000.00 up to \$235,000.00. He said our choice is to

have a mix of two different radios (old-Harris and new-Motorola) or to have all new radios. He said he needs 83 radios 52 of which are handheld. Chief Pavlak said he could reprogram the old Harris radios, buy new Motorola's, and replace the old Harris radios over time. Mr. Bryant asked how long the phasing out time would be. Chief Pavlak said ten years. Chief Brown said Centerville is not going to MARCS and he needs six handheld radios for supervisors that will switch frequencies back and forth. He said the County will provide money for ten radios on an interest free loan. Chief Pavlak said he needs \$216,000.00 to move to Motorola over a period of time. Chief Brown said he needs \$107,000.00. Mrs. Daugherty said officers she talked to said they prefer the Motorola radios. Mr. Bryant said he just wants to look at phasing in over time. Chief Brown and Chief Pavlak said they want to secure their pricing but not to receive the radios until they are ready to go. Mr. Tiffany said the County will only finance part. Chief Pavlak said flashing the Harris radios will allow them to work with MARCS and he wants one new radio in every truck. Mr. Bryant said he is partial to phasing. Mrs. Daugherty said that makes the most sense. Mr. Tiffany said he will put together some financing options and see what it takes to get it done.

Dispatching with Xenia – Mr. Tiffany said we are close to having a contract. He said the current problems are with the transition of employees. He said they are currently considering transferring up to 360 hours of vacation and up to 1400 hours of sick leave. Mr. Tiffany said when details are worked out they will meet with the union reps. Chief Brown said the good thing is the same union represents all the employees. Mr. Bryant asked if this will open any kind of collective bargaining. Mr. Tiffany responded that it shouldn't.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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