

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on June 17, 2013, at 7:00 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Mr. Pittman called the session to order at 7:00 pm.
2. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Nadine Daugherty, Mike Pittman and Scott Bryant being present. Others present who signed in were Donna Hellman, Michael Wolf, Doug Betz and Joe and Joan Gallagher. Mr. Pittman moved ahead in the agenda to the appointment of Doug Betz to the Board of Zoning Commission.

D. Appointment of Board of Zoning Commission Member Douglas Betz.

Resolution# 2013.06.17.02

WHEREAS, a member of the Board of Zoning Commission recently resigned, leaving the remainder of this five-year term open; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Commission plays a pivotal role in the land-use decisions for Sugarcreek Township; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all positions on the Zoning Commission be filled with citizens who will make decisions in the best interest of Sugarcreek Township; and,

WHEREAS, Doug Betz currently holds the position of Alternate Member on the Board of Zoning Commission, is fully qualified and has expressed a genuine interest in serving on the Board of Zoning Commission in the member capacity; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Doug Betz is hereby appointed as Member to the Board of Zoning Commission for the remainder of this five-year term beginning June 2, 2013, and expiring on March 31, 2016. (Said appointment made pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 519.13).

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mrs. Daugherty said she thinks this was a good decision. She said she was sorry they lost Charlie but thinks they are going in the right direction. Mr. Pittman said he will miss Charlie also but said Doug has qualifications that will lend itself to the job well. Mr. Bryant said he would like to echo the sentiments so far and that Charlie will be missed. He said he appreciated Doug's willingness to help the Township and thinks he will offer a fresh perspective.

C. Appointment of Full-time Police Officer Joseph A. Dooley

Resolution# 2013.06.17.01

WHEREAS, the continuing need exists to maintain proper staffing within the Sugarcreek Township Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the classification of full-time Police Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the vacancy has been posted for application in accordance with township policy and the current labor contract; and,

WHEREAS, an assessment center was conducted which included testing in basic exercises, review board and personal interviews with the Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, after a review of all the candidates, Police Chief Michael A. Brown recommends this appointment, and confirms that there are funds available for this position in the 2013 operating budget,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joseph A. Dooley is hereby appointed as full-time Police Officer effective June 17, 2013, at a pay rate of \$19.80 per hour, payable on a bi-weekly basis, and subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending June 17, 2014.

Mr. Bryant moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant welcomed Mr. Dooley and asked Chief Brown to provide information on the selection process. Chief Brown explained the process and provided some background information on Mr. Dooley. He asked Mr. Dooley to come forward and administered the Oath of Office. After doing so, he welcomed him to the Department. Mr. Dooley's mother came forward and pinned his insignia. Mr. Dooley introduced his mother and other family members present, who also came forward for pictures. Mr. Dooley was then welcomed by the Board and members of the staff.

4. **Community Activities**

Mrs. Daugherty said there were about two hundred people present for the river clean up. She said a lot of trash was removed. Mrs. Daugherty said she had a great time and got to ride around with people from Field and Stream Magazine.

5. **Reports**

A. Administration

The report prepared by Mr. Tiffany will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said the O.T.A. has two events coming up, which will be baseball games at Cleveland versus Kansas on 7/13/2013 and Cincinnati versus the Pirates on 7/20/2013. He said some of the members of the O.T.A. will be recognized on the big screens. He also said August 8th will be the third annual golf outing at Dublin, Ohio. Mr. Tiffany said HB 59 has passed the Senate and will go to committee. He said the O.T.A. wished its members to contact their representatives to strip parts of the overburdening financial disclosure statements, regarding Townships with limited finances, from the bill.

B. Fiscal Office

Mr. Hodson said he had nothing to report.

C. Fire

The report prepared by the Fire Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Pavlak said he had nothing to add to his report.

D. Police

The report prepared by the Police Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Brown said he also had nothing to add.

E. Roads and Services

The report for Roads and Services will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said the Department is currently working on Dura-patching on Possum Run and Little Sugarcreek and will also be doing Chip and Seal. He said he and Mr. Hodson discussed fund availability to consider additional road work for this year, which would include Washington Mill and Brown's Run. He said it is too bad we couldn't pass the additional levy, since there is so much road work needed. Mrs. Daugherty asked if there

has been any interest in the Director's position. Mr. Tiffany said he had recently been contacted by a qualified individual who asked if the position was still available. He said he has not heard back from him.

E. Zoning

The report prepared by Cara Tilford, Director of Planning and Zoning, will be appended to the permanent record. Mrs. Tilford said she had nothing additional to add. Mr. Bryant asked if there were any alternates left on the BZC. Mrs. Tilford said there was one but Mr. Baldino knew of others who might be interested. Mrs. Daugherty asked about the BZA. Cara said we still have one but could use another.

F. Trustees

Mr. Pittman said he attended the Greene County Trustee Association meeting. He said a Trustee from Bath Township proposed that Mr. Tiffany head a committee, consisting of one Trustee from each Township, to look at improving efficiency by consolidation or community mergers. Mr. Tiffany said he would like the Trustees to consider who wished to represent Sugarcreek. He said the County has a twenty two million dollar surplus partly related to receipts from Casino money shares from the State. He said he thinks the Townships of the County should pressure them to share or to come up with a project beneficial to all in the County. He said number one on the agenda should be for them to help the Townships to pay for the burden of the MARCS system which they have put on them.

6. **New Business**

Fiscal Office

A. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Daugherty moved to approve the minutes for the Work Session and the Regular Session. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

B. Payment on Bills

Mr. Pittman moved to accept the Payment of Bills as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Zoning Department

E. Declaring a Nuisance at 898 McBee Road

Resolution #2013.06.17.03

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code 505.87(B) provides for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation and other debris from land in the township; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Planner/Zoning Official has inspected the property at 898 McBee Road and has observed vegetation in excess of 12"; and,

WHEREAS, at least seven (7) days before providing for the abatement, control, or removal of any vegetation, the Board of Township Trustees shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land that the owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, the owner's maintenance of which has been determined by the Board to be a nuisance; and,

WHEREAS, if such vegetation is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control or removal is not made within seven (7) days, the Board shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal, and any expenses incurred by the township in performing that task shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and become a lien upon the land from the date of entry,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby determines that the vegetation at 898 McBee Road does constitute a nuisance and orders the Township Planner/Zoning Official to proceed with the removal of such vegetation and other debris in accordance with the provisions of ORC 505.87(B).

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Cara had pictures on her camera which she showed to the Board.

Administration Department

F. Resolution Authorizing the Township Administrator to Enter Into an Agreement with the City of Xenia and the City of Bellbrook for the Provision of Dispatching Services

Resolution #2013.06.17.04

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Police Department operates a Communications Center that performs public safety dispatching services for the Township Police, Fire and Roads and Services Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Township Trustees, along with staff, have thoroughly reviewed all options for public safety dispatching services; and

WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township has partnered with the City of Bellbrook to determine the most cost effective option while maintaining the level of service offered to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Xenia, operating and commonly known as “Greene Central”, currently provides public safety dispatching services to several agencies including Xenia Police, Xenia Fire, Greene County Sheriff, several township fire departments, and several village and university law enforcement departments; and

WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township, the City of Bellbrook, and the City of Xenia have negotiated an Agreement for the provision of timely, cost efficient and effective public safety dispatch services; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement will be effective September 15, 2013, and last for a period of seven (7) years with specific limitations and provisions for the extension of the Agreement at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement may be terminated by any of the parties with six (6) months prior notice,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement with the City of Xenia and the City of Bellbrook.

Mr. Bryant moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Pittman seconded.

Mr. Tiffany said we previously had a discussion in our work session with Item 10 of the Agreement and had concerns with the word ‘facilitate’. He said we want to be certain we will be working with New World to create the needed interface. Mrs. Daugherty asked Mr. Tiffany if we were okay with the section regarding performance standards. Mr. Tiffany replied we were. Mr. Tiffany said Chief Person is here tonight. Mr. Pittman asked if anyone had questions and Chief Person came to the podium to answer them. Mrs. Daugherty thanked the Chief for showing them their facility today and said she was impressed with their professionalism. She asked him to comment on what they were doing with the facility. Chief Person said they were enlarging the area to accommodate 6 dispatchers and were remodeling to also be able to handle the needed additional consoles. Chief Pavlak asked where they were at with their Fire Station alert. Chief Person said Mr. Wolf is looking into a solution using Vetron and he thinks this will be the most effective. Chief Person said he knows we do more mutual aid than they do and we need to meet to

make sure we get it set up properly. He said he knows Mr. Pittman was concerned about differences in dispatch of equipment but said they will dispatch as you need. Chief Pavlak said he just wanted to be sure he can get the 2-way station alerting. Chief Person said he liked the Vetron solution, with them assuming the controller and the Fire stations putting in their own equipment. Chief Pavlak asked about dispatch protocol. Chief Person said we will follow your 'check and advice' protocol. Mr. Pittman said he was impressed with their visit this afternoon and very satisfied with what he heard. He said his only concern with Item 10 is that he does not want to go back to manual input. He said he had no further questions. Mr. Tiffany said he did not want to step on anyone's toes but he wants to make sure with Item 10 that we can get the information over to us. Mr. Zappanti said we just want the control to get the job done with New World if need be. Mr. Tiffany said we would like to amend the resolution to 'state with minor modification'. Mr. Bryant said he so moved. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Roll was called again for the original motion with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant said this has been really tough. I have been agonizing over it a long time and it goes against what I first wanted to do. He said he wanted to build on our dispatch and have it become a center for others but it proved to be the contrary. Mr. Bryant said we had a public hearing and the comments that bothered him were that this action would change the character of the Township. Our residents are used to a Safety Building where they can walk right in and talk to someone. Mr. Bryant said when he looks at his tax bill he thinks we have to do something and the sharing of services is a way to do that. The question is, does this make sense. Mr. Bryant said he really struggled with this and his irritation is for the County Commissioners. He said if it wasn't for them pushing the MARCS system and the consolidation creating this, we would not have this Resolution. Mr. Bryant said, with the County Commissioners reluctant to share the Casino money that makes the financial end of continuing our dispatch service unbearable. He said the costs are huge. Mr. Bryant said he still has reservations about moving forward with this. He said history will be a judge of whether we made a good or bad decision. He said we have looked at every scenario and spent a lot of time on this. He said this is not an easy decision and there are some concerns.

Mr. Pittman said it is a very tough decision and this is something brought upon us. My mind is made up although this is not what I was looking to do. It was forced on us. Mr. Pittman said things do evolve and change with time. He said it is scary but he is confident it will work.

Mrs. Daugherty said whenever we make a change there is a lot of 'what-ifs'. She said she would have liked a Sugarcreek/Bellbrook consolidation but it didn't work out. Mrs. Daugherty said her biggest concern is safety, but after today she doesn't think that will be a problem. She said it's a hard decision. She said Mr. Pittman said earlier he was more concerned about the Fire side of their dispatch than the Police and I hope it works out okay for the Firemen.

7. Trustee/Staff Discussion

A. Fire Levy Renewal

Chief Pavlak said he would prefer to discuss this on the 19th with the Fire personnel discussion.

10. Public Comments

None.

Mr. Pittman moved to adjourn. Ms. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant – Yes
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

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