

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Work Session on November 3, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at 2090 Ferry Road, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio 45305.

1. Mr. Bryant 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 being present. In addition to Mr. Tiffany, Township Administrator, others present were Assistant Chief Zimmerman, Chief Brown, Cara Tilford, Jim Martin and Donna Hellman.

Discussion Items:

Greene County Regional Planning Commission. – Mr. Pittman said there were two interviews today for the Director of the Greene County Regional Planning Commission. He said both were qualified candidates. Mrs. Daugherty asked if that negated the need for Cara to stand in. Mr. Pittman responded that it did. Mr. Pittman said one of those interviewed had been the Village Manager for Yellow Springs. He said the other has been in 'Planning' for thirty years.

Salt – Mr. Tiffany said he met with Bob Geyer regarding this year's snow and ice policy. He said, this year, we will probably not apply salt until the end of an event, except for hills. He said he talked to other people today about the use of Beet Heet. He said one of the pluses is that it is non-corrosive. He said last year, at the end of the season, the County was only using grit and Beet Heet because they ran out of salt. He said for every 600 pounds of salt they use 10 gallons of Beet Heet. Mr. Pittman said Beavercreek also uses it. Mr. Tiffany said we are looking at smaller tanks for our trucks since they are not tandem axle like the County's. He said it would cost about 10 to 12 thousand dollars to outfit our trucks and get a mix tank and pump. Mr. Bryant asked what the return time was. Mr. Tiffany said about two and a half to three years. Mr. Bryant asked how long it would take to outfit the trucks. Mr. Tiffany said a couple of days. Mr. Bryant asked if we do one truck to see if we like it. Mr. Tiffany said with other upfront money we might as well do both since one truck will pay for itself this year. Mr. Bryant said, since Mr. Pittman swears by it, that he's in. Mrs. Daugherty said she okay with it. Mr. Bryant said he trusts Bob not to do anything that would cost more. Mr. Tiffany said sand costs fourteen dollars a ton versus salt at one hundred dollars a ton. Mrs. Daugherty asked how much the Beet Heet cost. Mr. Tiffany \$ 1.48 per gallon. Mr. Bryant said maybe we could also save a little more on the main roads by being able to apply the salt a little faster. Mrs. Daugherty said she thinks we need to try it.

Zoning – Cara said the 'Landing at Sugarcreek' has inquired about putting in a lighting district. Cara said the developer installs the lights and the cost is paid for through the property owner's taxes. She said they would offer it as an amenity. Mr. Bryant said he would not be for it since it would put more light in the sky. Cara said we still have one more position open on the BZA. She said she had a list of people who have applied and that she would get the names to the Board.

Police – Mrs. Daugherty asked Chief Brown how things went with the levy support efforts at the football game. Chief Brown said it all went very well.

Fire – Mr. Bryant asked how the Ebola training was going. Chief Zimmerman said it was going well. Mrs. Daugherty asked how prepared we were. Chief Zimmerman said the Medics have all the supplies needed including the gowns we need for handling the patients.

Centerville Fire Service – Mr. Tiffany said he had spent a lot of time this last weekend thinking about the business end of provide fire service to Centerville. He said on the 60% and 55% it's all the same to the schools since they are not providing a service. He said we have estimated that about 35% of our call load is in that corridor. Mr. Tiffany said after looking at it from a business perspective, he would recommend that we don't sign with them. He said it wouldn't be fair to our Citizens. He said the full build out won't be for 10 to 20 years and we would be operating in a deficit. He also said 30 years from now they could do another TIF. Mr. Bryant said he doesn't want to go through any more negotiations with Centerville since it's fruitless. Mr. Tiffany said he recommends we do the Fire District and leave out Cornerstone and the Wilmington Pike, Feedwire and 675 roadways. He said that will reduce our work load by about 35%. He said we create the Fire District and define our boundaries. Mr. Tiffany said by State law Centerville will have to provide fire coverage so they will have to contract with someone at a reasonable cost. Mr. Pittman said if we only respond by call, we are at least getting paid for the service. Mr. Bryant said it will be trouble all over again for whoever enters into a contract with Centerville. Mr. Tiffany said it will probably be a bidding process. He said the Prosecutors Office is working on the mechanics of what we need. Mr. Pittman said we should send a letter to Centerville, Costco and Mr. Oberer. Mrs. Daugherty said we have to take care of our citizens first. She said it's their tax dollars. Mr. Tiffany said it has nothing to do with Costco or Mr. Oberer. It's Centerville's abusive taxes. He said he would like to move forward with this as soon as possible. Mr. Tiffany said they have Kettering and Washington Townships they can contract with. Mr. Pittman said we have mutual aid agreements with both of them. Chief Brown said they would be the primary and we would only be called for backup. Mr. Tiffany said they will not abuse their agreements. Mrs. Hellman asked if, for example, Kettering was contracted and they call us would we get paid. Mr. Tiffany said, if per call, we can adjust the mutual aid agreements to accommodate. Mr. Bryant said he thinks we can stretch our tax dollars a little further this way but we just need to make sure of our obligations.

Mr. Martin said he's concerned. He said things got screwed up to begin with and problems just seem to keep cropping up. Mrs. Hellman said she likes that we are thinking about this a little differently and will avoid be taken advantage of. Mr. Tiffany said the benefit is that the school will get an extra 5% which will help delay the next school levy longer.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer