

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on January 17, 2017, at 7:00 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Mrs. Daugherty called the session to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Mr. Tiffany called the roll with Board Members Mike Pittman, Mrs. Daugherty and Carolyn Destefani being present. In addition, Barry Tiffany, Township Administrator; Ted Hodson, Fiscal Officer; Chief Leaming, Chief Brown, Cara Tilford, Chris Zappanti, Barbara Burson and Arnold Kiefer attended.
3. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Appointments –
 - A. Board of Zoning Commissions member Dave Schleich to unexpired term – 2017.01.17.01

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017.01.17.01**

IN RE: Appointment of Board of Zoning Commission Member to Unexpired Term
Dave Schleich

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Board of Zoning Commission; 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 Board of Zoning Commission be filled with citizens who will make decisions that are always in the best interest of Sugarcreek Township; and,

WHEREAS, Dave Schleich 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,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Dave Schleich is hereby appointed to the Board of Zoning Commission for the remainder of the unexpired five-year term beginning January 17, 2016, and expiring on March 31, 2019. (Said appointment made pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 519.04.)

Mr. Pittman moved to accept the resolution as read. Mrs. Daugherty seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman - yes

Mrs. Destefani - yes

Mrs. Daugherty - yes

- B. Retirement of Police Officer Tim Fallis – 2017.01.17.02

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017.01.17.02**

IN RE: Retirement of Police Officer – Tim Fallis

WHEREAS, Police Officer Tim Fallis has submitted his notice to retire from the Sugarcreek Township Police Department effective December 31, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Barry P. Tiffany, Township Administrator, has stated that Officer Fallis has been employed by the Sugarcreek Township Police Department since August 1, 1987, and recommends the Board of Trustees accept Police Officer Tim Fallis' notice of retirement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees officially accepts the notice of retirement of Tim Fallis with an effective date of December 31, 2016.

Mrs. Destefani moved to accept the resolution as read. Mr. Pittman seconded.

Mr. Pittman stated that he hates to see Officer Fallis go after so long. He wishes him the best.

Mrs. Daugherty agreed.

Mrs. Destefani asked Chief Brown if he knew what Officer Fallis was moving on to.

Chief Brown said the Officer Fallis hunts and traps.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman - yes

Mrs. Destefani - yes

Mrs. Daugherty - yes

C. Promotion to Full-Time Fire Lieutenant Joshua Hauser – 2017.01.17.03

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017.01.17.03**

IN RE: Promotion to Full-Time Lieutenant Position for Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Hauser

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the classification of Lieutenant; and,

WHEREAS, promotional testing was completed with Mr. Hauser receiving top placement among candidates; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey A. Leaming requests Joshua Hauser be promoted from his current position of Full-Time FF/PM to a Full-Time Lieutenant position.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees approve the promotion of Joshua Hauser to the position of Full-Time Lieutenant.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this position shall be at the pay rate of \$19.76 per hour payable on a bi-weekly basis, shall have the effective date of January 16, 2017, and is subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending January 16, 2018.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the resolution as read. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Mr. Pittman congratulated Mr. Hauser and thanked him for his service.

Mrs. Daugherty said she was happy for Mr. Hauser to get the promotion.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman - yes

Mrs. Destefani - yes

Mrs. Daugherty - yes

D. Conditional Appointments to Fire Department Staff; Kyle Blankenship and Adam Ansley – 2017.01.17.04

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017.01.17.04**

IN RE: Appointment of Fire Department Staff
Kyle Blankenship and Adam Ansley

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist within the classifications of full-time Firefighter/Paramedic; and,

WHEREAS, Kyle Blankenship and Adam Ansley have the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey A. Leaming is recommending the appointment of these candidates conditional upon the passing of the pension exam and psychological testing; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose within the Fire Department's 2017 Operating Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kyle Blankenship and Adam Ansley shall be appointed to the positions of full-time Fire Fighter/Paramedic at the pay rate of \$ 16.33 per hour; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned appointments will have an effective date of January 30, 2017, with a one (1) year probationary period ending on January 30, 2018.

Mr. Pittman moved to approve resolution as read. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman - yes
Mrs. Destefani – yes
Mrs. Daugherty - yes

5. Reports

A. Administration

The report prepared by the Administration will be appended to the permanent record.

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add.

Mrs. Daugherty asked about Rollandia.

Mr. Tiffany stated that he could not say anything.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the letters that went out to the community about Cornerstone Fire/EMS Resolution with the City of Centerville.

Mr. Tiffany said he has not been getting any calls.

Mr. Tiffany asked if the wording for the letter regarding Eric's place was ok with everyone.

Mrs. Destefani asked who planted the trees in front of the school.

Mr. Pittman said they were donated.

B. Fiscal Office

No written report.

C. Fire

The report prepared by the Fire Department will be appended to the permanent record.

Chief Leaming commented on getting tornado sirens throughout Sugarcreek and Bellbrook.

Mrs. Daugherty asked about EMS billing.

Chief Leaming stated that the billing was done by Medical Management.

D. Police

The report prepared by the Police Department will be appended to the permanent record.

Chief Brown had nothing to add.

Mr. Pittman stated that he appreciated both Chiefs keeping in budget.

E. Roads and Service

The report prepared for Roads and Services will be appended to the permanent record.

Mr. Tiffany said that the truck would be picked up tomorrow.

F. Zoning

The report prepared by the Zoning Department will be appended to the permanent record.

Mrs. Tilford had nothing to add.

Mrs. Destefani asked why the Board members were paid different amounts.

Mrs. Tilford stated that they are paid \$25 per meeting attended.

G. Information Technology

The report prepared by the IT Department will be appended to the permanent record.

Mr. Zappanti had nothing to add.

H. Trustees

Mr. Pittman stated that he along with Mr. Tiffany, Mrs. Tilford, Mrs. Destefani and Mrs. Daugherty attended the Islamic Society dinner at the Mosque. He also attended the Miami Valley Regional Planning (MVRP) meeting. Mr. Pittman mentioned that there is a path, in the Miller Valentine complex off Feedwire Road, going to the creek and one on the other side of the creek but no way to get across.

Mrs. Tilford said that she and Mr. Tiffany were looking into using Issue 2 funds for that project.

Mr. Pittman stated that he has noticed a lot of people using the safe routes to school path.

Mrs. Destefani asked about Centerville annexing part of the road.

Mr. Tiffany explained that Centerville told Mr. Oberer that he had to deed that to Centerville Improvement Corporation before he could start his project. It had to be annexed to Centerville to be controlled by them.

Mrs. Destefani asked when the traffic light would be up.

Mr. Tiffany said it would be up by August.

Mrs. Destefani volunteered to go to the Eagle Scout recognition ceremony.

Mrs. Daugherty said that she was very impressed with the Islamic Society dinner. They were very gracious and it was a good learning experience. She also stated that she will be attending the Ohio Township Association. Mrs. Daugherty talked about the MVRP. She was unsure if the money should be spent on it. She would like to keep an eye on what we get out of it.

6. Public Comments
No comments

7. Old Business
A. Meeting with Bellbrook Park District/Schools
B. Meeting with Eric's Place Homeowners

8. New business
Consent Agenda items
A. Approval of meeting minutes
B. Payment of bills
C. Declaration of Excess Police Department property – 2017.01.17.05

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017.01.17.05**

IN RE: Declaration of Excess Property – Police Department

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Police Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the item listed has an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,
2009 Ford Crown Victoria, Police Interceptor (see attached supplemental documentation)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the Consent Agenda Items. Mr. Pittman seconded

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty – yes
Mrs. Destefani – yes
Mr. Pittman – yes

9. Public Comments

No comments

10. Trustee/Staff Discussion

Mrs. Destefani saw an email from Hope Taft regarding Tom's Mulch and her concerns with water quality in the event of a flood situation.

Mrs. Daugherty would like to invite her to sit down with the Trustees.

Mr. Tiffany stated that they have responded to them. This falls in the purview of Greene County. If there are any violations, Mr. Kuzma needs to address them.

Mr. Tiffany stated that Hope Taft did not write the email.

Mr. Tiffany stated that the mulch will go away. The mulch is being made now and will be given to customers. The mulch is organic and there is nothing prohibitive as far as zoning.

Mrs. Tilford added that the mulch has always been piled there and it never gets any closer to the river.

Mrs. Daugherty said that does not want to just let it go.

Mr. Tiffany said that Mr. Kuzma has been in contact with Mr. Powell and have met specifically on this concern.

Mrs. Tilford suggested that we get Mr. Kuzma to give an update which can be forwarded to Hope Taft.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to adjourn at 8:00pm. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Daugherty - yes

Mrs. Destefani – yes

Mr. Pittman - yes