

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on July 15th, 2019, at 7:00 PM, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 7:05 pm.**
2. **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members** Mrs. Destefani, Mrs. Daugherty and Mr. Pittman being present. Donna Hellman was also in attendance.
4. **Public Hearing**
 - A. 2020 Budget – Mr. Hodson spoke about the budget and how it is very similar to last year’s budget. He also spoke about two new funds for Police and Fire that will go into effect in 2020. There will also be 4 funds deleted for next year because we are paying off our roads projects.

No public comments were made.

Mrs. Daugherty motioned to close the hearing, Mr. Pittman seconded,

The vote was as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – yes

Mrs. Daugherty – yes

Mr. Pittman – yes

Mr. Pittman motioned to approve of the budget, Mrs. Daugherty seconded.

The vote was as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – yes

Mrs. Daugherty – yes

Mr. Pittman – yes

5. Reports

- A. Administrator – Mr. Tiffany was present. He spoke about the CLOUT meeting last week; he said it went really well and that the priorities have stayed the same. He spoke about the Township having the authority to contract with or operate its own billing department. And the problems people have been having with Greene County and how long they are taking to approve or deny permits. Mr. Tiffany also spoke about amicus briefs that they filed with CLOUT. One over the training of Police Officers, and another about surface mining. He also spoke about school recourse officer funding.
- B. Fiscal Officer – Mr. Hodson was present, he had nothing to add to his report.
- C. Fire – Chief Leaming was present, he had nothing to add to his report.
- D. Police – Chief Brown was present, he spoke about ALICE training (Alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate) that all the officers and the school principle have gone through for active shooter training.
- E. Roads and Services – Mr. Harphant was not present.
- F. Zoning – Mrs. Tilford was present; she had nothing to add to her report.
- G. Information Technology – They asked about any updates with new computers.
- H. Trustees – Mrs. Daugherty attended the Bellbrook Amateur Radio club exercise, she appreciated people coming out.
Mrs. Destefani attended the Green County Township Association; she said they brought in a speaker about cyber security, and the dark web.

6. Public Comments – Agenda Items

7. Old Business

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks and Schools Meeting – TBD

8. Consent Agenda Items

- A. Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Resignation of Police Officer Gregory Williams – 2019.07.15.01

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.01**

IN RE: Resignation of Full-Time Police Officer Gregory Williams

WHEREAS, Police Officer Gregory Williams has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams became a member of the Sugarcreek Township Police Department as a Full-Time Officer on January 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Brown recommends we accept the resignation of Gregory Williams.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Gregory Williams effective July 12, 2019.

- D. Probationary release of Fire Department staff – Antonio Pittman – 2019.07.15.02

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.02**

IN RE: Probationary Release of part-time Firefighter/EMT Antonio Pittman

WHEREAS, Part-time Fire Fighter/EMT Antonio Pittman has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since February 8, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, during his probationary period, Mr. Pittman has not satisfied the requirements of his position,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees does hereby authorize the probationary release of Antonio Pittman from his duties as Part-time Fire Fighter/EMT effective June 29, 2019.

- E. Appointment of part time Fire Department staff – Cody Helmuth, Nicholas Brown – 2019.07.15.03

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.03**

IN RE: Appointment of Fire Department Staff
Cody Helmuth and Nicholas Brown

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist within the classification of part-time Firefighter II/EMT; and,

WHEREAS, Cody Helmuth has the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of part-time Firefighter II/EMT for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Nicholas Brown has the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of part-time Firefighter II/EMT for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose within the Fire Department's 2019 Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cody Helmuth shall be appointed to the position of part-time Firefighter II/EMT at the pay rate of \$13.11 per hour and Nicholas Brown shall be appointed to the position of part-time Firefighter II/EMT at the pay rate of \$13.11 per hour; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned appointment for Cody Helmuth will have an effective date of June 24, 2019 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on June 24, 2020 and the above-mentioned appointment for Nicholas Brown will have an effective date of July 2, 2019 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on July 1, 2020.

F. Reclassification of Fire Department Staff – Joshua Taylor – 2019.07.15.04

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.04**

IN RE: Reclassification of Fire Department Personnel – Joshua Taylor

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

WHEREAS, this need is met through the periodic reclassification of Fire Department employees and volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey A. Leaming requests the reclassification of Joshua Taylor from part-time Firefighter II/EMT to full-time Firefighter /EMT-P, in accordance with the Table of Organization of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees approve the reclassification of Joshua

Taylor to the position of full-time Firefighter /EMT-P at the pay rate of \$18.19 per hour.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the reclassification of Mr. Taylor has an effective date of July 7, 2019 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on July 7, 2020.

G. Increase Appropriations for Center Point Project Fund – 2019.07.15.06

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.06**

IN RE: Increase Appropriations for Center Point Project Fund

WHEREAS, the need exists to increase appropriations for the 4901 Center Point Project Fund for Final Payment to Foil and for residual monies to be paid on U.S. Bank project loan; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer has certified the availability of these funds within the 2019 Budget, has provided this Board with the funding numbers and the Township Administrator has provided the amounts to be appropriated:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
4901 Center Point Capital Project	\$ 93,006.79	\$104,226.22 (Current Balance)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the increased appropriations shall be made in accordance with the law.

H. In Support of the Greene County Master Trail Planning Effort – 2019.07.15.07

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.07.15.07**

IN RE: In Support of the Greene County Master Trail Planning Effort

WHEREAS, Greene County is home to over 68 miles of paved multi-use trails, 36 miles of river trails and a wide variety of hiking, mountain bike and equestrian trails as well as is part of the nation’s largest paved trail network; and,

WHEREAS, more than one million individuals, both local residents and visitors, annually utilize Greene County’s growing paved trails network, and Greene County’s municipalities have extraordinary opportunities with the Ohio to Erie Trail, connecting Cincinnati to Cleveland, and the Great American Rail-Trail initiative, a cross-country trail that connects Washington DC to Washington State, traversing our region; and,

WHEREAS, there is a desire to develop a unified vision for trail development among partnering local governments, Greene County Parks and Trails, Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and other stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township recognizes the benefits of trails and trail planning, which include:

- Creating healthy, thriving communities
- Revitalizing neighborhoods and increasing property values
- Promoting economic development and growth
- Providing safe recreational and transportation opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Helping to retain and attract residents and businesses
- Closing gaps in the trails network
- Increasing individual choice of travel mode and facilitating active transportation
- Reducing roadway congestion and improving air quality
- Enabling extension of valuable infrastructure into rural areas such as water/sewer, broadband/fiber and other utilities; and

WHEREAS, trails support the health, safety and wellbeing of the general public within and surrounding our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sugarcreek Township does hereby proclaim its full support of the efforts of Greene County Parks and Trails and Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission of Greene County to develop a Greene County Master Trails Plan and will participate in the planning process and will provide assistance within the capacity of our resources.

I. To Proceed to Ballot Police Renewal – 2019.07.15.08

Mr. Pittman moved to accept consent agenda items. Mrs. Daugherty seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes
Mr. Pittman – Yes
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

9. Public Comments

Donna Hellman spoke about Wilmington Pike and that there is water collecting at the corner, Mr. Tiffany explained that there was a break in the main. She also spoke about how a gentleman was going around with a petition to sign for the Shell gas station on Cloyo, to have Sunday liquor sales.

10. Discussion Agenda Items

11. Trustee/Staff Discussion

Mrs. Daugherty asked if Bellbrook was handling the 10K this year. Mr. Tiffany said that they are in charge of it.

12. Adjourn

Mrs. Daugherty moved to adjourn at 8:13pm. Mr. Pittman seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman – Yes
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes
Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer