

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on October 24th, 2019, at 9:00 AM, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 9:04 am.**
2. **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Attendance**
Mr. Tiffany called the roll with Board Members Mrs. Destefani, Mrs. Daugherty, and Mr. Pittman being present.
4. **Discussion Agenda Items**
 - A. Trustee and Staff discussion with Legal Counsel concerning Signs placed within the Public Right-of-Way
 - B. Waive Taxes on Parcel L32000200170005000 – 2019.10.24.01

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2019.10.24.01
IN RE: Waive Taxes on Parcel L32000200170005000

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2019 Sugarcreek Township's petition to acquire 3135 Washington Mill Road, further identifiable by parcel L3200020017000500 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5723.01 (A)(3) was granted by the Common Pleas Court of Greene County, Ohio.; and,

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2019 Sugarcreek Township recorded the Court's order as required; and,

WHEREAS, there are currently taxes due on the parcel; and,

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees desires to waive said taxes in order to facilitate transfer of the parcel to Little Miami Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees does hereby waive taxes on said parcel

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the resolution with the vote being as followed:

Mrs. Daugherty- Yes
Mr. Pittman- Yes
Mrs. Destefani - Yes

5. **Trustee/Staff Discussion**

Mrs. Destefani started by filling in Ms. Ellis on what happened at the last meeting on October 14th, 2019. She stated that the Township is discussing The Ohio Revised Code 5589.33 Advertising in the Right-Of-Way of public highway. She stated that it is common practice for most townships in Ohio to some what ignore the rules on signage because it is very cost prohibitive to maintain signs. In this case the Township has looked at freedom of speech and that they either have to say that all signs are allowed or that no signs are allowed. The Township has therefore allowed signs to be placed throughout Sugarcreek Township in the Right-Of-Way in respect to taxpayers dollars. She stated that this year there have been many complaints about signage that is throughout the Township and that it should be controlled more. Mrs. Destefani acknowledged that the Township Trustees have not followed The Ohio Revised Code completely, this meeting is to decide what the Township will do moving forward.

Ms. Ellis stated that just because the Township has not followed The Ohio Revised Code in previous years, does not mean that they cannot change and now have rules that align with The Ohio Revised Code. Ms. Ellis also stated that it is in the Townships best interest to follow The Ohio Revised Code and be content neutral. Ms. Ellis made suggestions as to what the Township could do as far as removal of signage, or how they can have people of the Township remove the signage.

Mrs. Destefani also spoke about signage that is not used for political reasons such as, sports signs or festival signs, and that they will be speaking with the Zoning Director to see what should be done about those signs within the Zoning Resolution. There might be a possibility for those signs to be placed on Township property but would have to be applied for through the Zoning office. Mrs. Destefani also spoke that the Township would call and give notice to those running for candidacy that their signs need to be taken down in a time frame, if they are not taken down after the time frame the Township will go out and pull them.

Mr. Tiffany asked the board if they would agree that they will give notice to all who have signs out in the Township and by Monday morning on October 28th, 2019 if signs are still up the Township will go out and remove them from the Right-Of-Way.

Mr. Tiffany asked if all concur with this statement-

Mrs. Destefani – Agree

Mrs. Daugherty – Agree

Mr. Pittman - Agree

6. **Adjourn**

Mrs. Destefani moved to adjourn at 9:33 am. Mrs. Daugherty seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman - Yes

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer