

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at 7:00 PM, via zoom.**

- 1) **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 7:03 pm.**
- 2) **Mrs. Tilford called the roll with Board Members Mrs. Destefani, Mrs. Daugherty, and Mr. Cramer being present. Also, in attendance was Donna Hellmann and Denise Moore.**
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Public Hearing**

**ZC-Case 04-2021: Consideration of Long-Range Land Use Plan Amendment – 2021.05.03.01**

- Public hearing is formally opened
- Staff report on the text amendments

The process to amend the Long-Range Land Use Plan is set forth in the General Amendment Section of the Long-Range Land Use Plan. Subsequent to adoption, the updated Long Range Land Use Plan shall be submitted to the Greene County Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission for incorporation into the Greene County Land Use Plan. Staff notes that this amendment is being proposed in order to provide the option for an increased area of neighborhood business use at three intersections located in both Planning Areas 1 and 8 (Feedwire/Upper Bellbrook Road, Upper Bellbrook Road/Pine Ct., and S. Alpha Bellbrook Road/Upper Bellbrook Road).

- Applicant presentation
- Those wishing to speak in favor. No one spoke.
- Those wishing to speak against. No one spoke.
- Neutral parties wishing to speak. No one spoke.
- Public hearing is closed
- Deliberation and decision

Mrs. Daugherty asked if there have been requests for more business space in the Township. Mrs. Tilford stated that the land for business development is fairly small. The Township has been contacted by people living in these areas that would like to see some sort of downtown area or Town Center. This amendment gives the BZC the accommodation to be able to put in those neighborhood businesses.

Mrs. Daugherty asked how they keep the neighborhood businesses from turning into a gas station or fast-food restaurant down the road 10-20 years from now.

Mrs. Tilford stated that the BZC is going to do that by requiring the new business to go through the PUD process. They are also looking at a potential overlay district for this area, this would set in stone exactly what they want in the area. It would set the framework for the neighborhood feel that the BZC is looking for.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the time frame for the overlay district.

be able to also work on the overlay district for this area. Once they have done one it will be easier to do the next. That being said it would come within the next 3-5 months.

Mrs. Tilford stated that once the Wilmington Pike overlay was put into process the BZC would

Mrs. Destefani motioned to approve the ZC Case 04-2021. Mrs. Daugherty seconded Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes  
Mr. Cramer –Yes

## 5) **Reports**

### **Administration**

Mr. Tiffany was present. There was nothing to add to his report.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the Fischer Homes property.

Mr. Tiffany stated that when they took their development to the BZC, the BZC decided to table the case. The proposed development was not up to their standards and the BZC asked them to revise their plans to create more open space.

Mrs. Destefani also stated that the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration for Mr. Martin was a fantastic one-of-a-kind event.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the bridge on Little Sugarcreek along Feedwire.

Mr. Tiffany stated that we have been awarded the grant for the bridge. But the Township has been told to wait for more instruction for the next steps.

Mr. Tiffany also spoke about Carpenter road and stated that a lot of the trees will have to come out for the updates that will be happening on the road.

### **Zoning**

Mrs. Tilford was present. There was nothing to add to her report.

Mrs. Daugherty asked what the BZA08 case was for.

Mrs. Tilford stated that the applicant would like to build an above ground pool in his yard. He has no more square footage for detached structures so, he has to go to the BZA for request.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Hodson was not present. There was nothing to add to his report.

### **Fire**

Chief Leaming was not present. There was nothing to add to his report.

### **Police**

Chief Brown was present. There was nothing to add to his report.

Mrs. Destefani asked how many pounds of prescription drugs were collected for the drug take back.

Chief Brown stated that he believes it was 600 pounds total from all 4 locations that hosted the drug drop off.

Mrs. Destefani asked if the police department will be doing anything special for the voting day on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Brown stated no, but they will be in the area and staying close to the school areas. He stated that they have not had a problem at the previous 3 levies that the school has had. They are hoping for the same outcome this year.

## **Roads and Service**

Mr. Harphant was not present. There was nothing to add to his report.

Mrs. Daugherty stated that on her road there is a speed limit sign that is all worn out and there are a lot of kids outside playing in that area. She asked what it takes to get a new sign.

Mr. Tiffany stated that he will talk to Mr. Harphant about getting a new sign out there. It is not a difficult process at all, to get a new sign.

Ms. Moore also stated that Silverado Drive could use a speed limit sign because people fly through that neighborhood.

Chief Brown stated that the Police Department has done some radar testing and they have not found anyone going in excessive speed down the road. But they will continue to monitor it.

Mrs. Destefani stated that she is happy that the community garden is open.

Mr. Tiffany stated that he is happy that Kelsey and the Community Support Center is coming out to the gardens this year to help grow foods for their families.

## **Information Technology**

Mr. Tiffany stated that the insurance claim has been settled from the electrical surge and the Township can move forward with the installation process for the new equipment.

## **Trustees**

Mrs. Destefani attend the Greene County Regional Planning meeting, there was a public hearing about the Greene County Master Trails Plan. There may be possible grant money for hiker biker trails that the Township could apply for to get more connectivity to the community. Mrs. Destefani also attended the Water Wastewater Committee meeting. They are working to get 100% automated meters on residents' homes. She also stated that Thursday is the National Day of Prayer at the Bellhop Café.

### **6) Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Mrs. Hellman asked how much the electronic speed limit signs are.

Chief Brow stated that they are \$5,000.00 each.

### **7) Old Business**

A. City of Bellbrook, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks and Schools Meeting - June 7th, 5:30 pm

### **8) Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Resignation of Fire Department staff- Clay Fillinger – 2021.05.03.02

#### **SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021.05.03.02**

IN RE: Resignation of Fire Department Staff Clay Fillinger

WHEREAS, Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Clay Fillinger, has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Fillinger was hired as a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department as a volunteer on July 15, 2013 and moved to Part-Time Fire fighter/ EMT on January 5, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey A. Leaming recommends we accept the resignations of Mr. Fillinger.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accept the resignation of Clay Fillinger effective May 2, 2021.

**D. Appointment of Roads and Services Staff – Part Time Temporary – Joshua Robinson – 2021.05.03.03**

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.05.03.03**

IN RE: Appointment of Temporary Part Time Roads and Service Personnel  
Joshua Robinson

WHEREAS, the need exists to establish and maintain a viable temporary work force within the Sugarcreek Township Service Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees, by previous resolution, has authorized the hiring of Temporary Part-time employees, effective November 19, 2007, for a period not-to-exceed 180 days; and,

WHEREAS, Joshua Robinson applied for employment as a temporary part-time employee, has been interviewed, and has undergone all necessary screening and testing,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Township Trustees does hereby appoint Joshua Robinson to the position of Temporary Part-Time Service Personnel, at a rate of pay of \$12.00 per hour Effective date TBD for a period not to exceed 180 days.

**E. Transfer of Appropriations – 2021.05.03.04**



**TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**RESOLUTION #:** 2021.05.03.04

<b>Debit Fund Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Credit Fund Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Amount to Debit/Credit</b>
2081	Police Department	3102	Bond Retirement	\$ 2,263.80
2112	Fire Department	3102	Bond Retirement	\$ 3,126.20
				\$
			<b>Total Transfers:</b>	<b>\$ 5,390.00</b>

**Explanation of Transfers:** Interest payment of bonds issued for the public safety building.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items with the exclusion of items B and F. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes  
Mr. Cramer –Yes

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Abstain  
Mr. Cramer –Yes

F. Proclamation : Condemning Beliefs and Acts of Hate and Violence Against All People

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Condemning Beliefs and Acts of Hate and Violence Against All People**

**WHEREAS**, our Nation continues to see acts of violence and hate through physical harm and damage to property based on racial bias, religious preference, or difference in appearance, as well as damage to our communities through destructive protest; and,

**WHEREAS**, while Sugarcreek Township remains a community free of such despicable acts, this Board of Trustees is acutely aware that they are becoming more prevalent in our Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sugarcreek Township is home to people of many cultural and ethnic backgrounds who live in peace with each other every day; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Nation was founded on a belief and principle that all people are created equal; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is quoted as saying that, “Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don’t know each other; they don’t know each other because they cannot communicate; they cannot communicate because they are separated”; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King further stated at his speech at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1957, “Men must see that force begets force, hate begets hate, toughness begets toughness. And it is all a descending spiral, ultimately ending in destruction for all and everybody. Somebody must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and the chain of evil in the universe.”; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Board of Township Trustees Proclaims its condemnation of beliefs and acts of hate and violence against all people.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, this Board of Trustees encourages our citizens to embrace the words and direction of Dr. King by communicating and learning to live to with each other by ending the separation between each other based on our differences.

Mrs. Destefani motioned to approve Consent agenda item F. Mrs. Daugherty seconded Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes  
Mr. Cramer –Yes

9) **Discussion Agenda Items**

Mrs. Daugherty stated that she loved resolution F very proud to have it in our docket.

10) **Public Comments – Discussion Agenda Items**

Hongmei thanked the Trustees for the Proclamation against acts of hate. She believes it is very important to raise awareness for this cause.

Ms. Moore stated that she is so thankful that the Trustees made this proclamation.

11) **Trustee/Staff Discussions**

Mr. Tiffany stated that there was a need for an Executive session.

12) **Adjourn**

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to move into Executive session. Mrs. Daugherty seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mrs. Destefani – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes  
Mr. Cramer –Yes

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer