

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on June 7<sup>th</sup> , 2021, at 7:00 PM.**

- 1) **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 7:02 pm.**
- 2) **Mr. Tiffany called the roll with Board Members** Mrs. Destefani and Mrs. Daugherty being present. Also, in attendance was Donna Hellmann, Denise Moore, and Kim McCarthy.
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Resignation**

Richard Demko Resignation from Board of Zoning Appeals – 2021.06.07.01

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.07.01**

IN RE: Resignation of Richard Demko from the  
Board of Zoning Appeals

WHEREAS, Richard Demko has submitted his resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals, effective May 30, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Demko has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Sugarcreek Township since 2017; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Richard Demko and publicly thanks him for his dedicated service to the citizens of Sugarcreek Township.

Mrs. Destefani motioned to accept the resignation, Mrs. Daugherty seconded  
Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

- 5) **Appointment**

Richard Demko to complete the remainder of Theodore Hodson’s Term for Fiscal Officer  
– 2021.06.07.02

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.07.02**

IN RE: Appointment of Mr. Richard J. Demko to a Portion of the  
Unexpired Term of Fiscal Officer Theodore L. Hodson

**WHEREAS**, Theodore was elected to the office of Clerk of Sugarcreek Township in 2003, beginning his first term of service on April 1<sup>st</sup>, of 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hodson was subsequently elected in 2007, 2011, 2015 and 2019 with his current of service scheduled to expire on March 31, 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Hodson retired on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, leaving the balance of his unexpired term to be filled in accordance with law; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that Township resident, Mr. Richard Demko, is duly qualified to serve in the official capacity of Fiscal Officer for the Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 507.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, Mr. Demko will be filling

the portion of Mr. Hodson's elected term through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with the final two years of Mr. Hodson's unexpired term being required for placement on the November 2021 General Election ballot for election.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township in accordance with Section 507.051 of the Ohio Revised Code mutually agree upon the appointment of Mr. Richard J. Demko a portion of the unexpired elected term of Fiscal Officer, Theodore L. Hodson through the date of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mrs. Destefani motioned to approve the appointment, Mrs. Daugherty seconded Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

## 6) **Reports**

### **Administration**

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

Mrs. Destefani asked about the Fiber Broadband.

Mr. Tiffany stated that there is a lot of money out there right now for expansions in broadband. The company had come in and asked for funding through the state to be able to put in these new broad band lines in the Township. Mr. Tiffany informed them of these grants through the state that they could apply for.

Mrs. Daugherty and Mrs. Destefani both expressed their excitement about the broad band coming into the Township.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the discrepancies with Inverness Group.

Mr. Tiffany stated that Mrs. Tilford has talked to them, and they have a meeting set up to discuss further and come to an agreement on the issues.

Mrs. Destefani also asked about the American Rescue Plan and speaking with CLOUT.

Mr. Tiffany stated that they are working with the state to try and get the Township taken care of.

### **Zoning**

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

Mrs. Destefani asked about the RAISE Grant.

Mrs. Tilford stated that the Township is working with Yellow Springs to have a joint application for this funding to get these master trails constructed. This is a great opportunity to get the project underway. They are working with Tool Design, they helped with the County's trails plan. The Township has contracted with them to get an estimate for the Township's portion of the trail.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Demko was 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. Daugherty asked if the Police staff was full.

Chief Brown stated that no, there is a vacancy in the Police Department.

**Roads and Service**

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

**Information Technology**

There was nothing to add.

**Trustees**

Mrs. Daugherty was so happy that everyone came together for Mr. Hodson’s retirement party.

Mrs. Destefani stated she attended the National Day of Prayer breakfast and the Chamber of Commerce meeting. She also stated that there is an event on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, supporting ALS. It is at Skydive Greene County and if you wish to jump, they will use that as an opportunity to raise money.

7) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

There were no comments.

8) **Old Business**

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

9) **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Ohio Public Works Commission – District 11 Integrating Committee – 2021.06.07.03

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.03.03**

IN RE: Ohio Public Works Commission - District 11 Integrating Committee

**Whereas**, The Ohio Revised Code section 164.04(6) in regard to the Ohio Public Works Commission – District 11 Integrating Committee requires: three members shall be appointed by the majority of Boards of Township Trustees located within District 11, and;

**Whereas**, the District 11 Integrating Committee’s appointed members oversee the Ohio Public Works Infrastructure Program for the District’s eight counties, including Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Madison, Miami, Preble, and Union Counties, and;

**Whereas**, the 24-member committee will have three representatives from Townships within District 11.

**Whereas**, the term will be for three years, from June 1, 2021 until May 31, 2024.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees, Greene County, hereby nominates Scott Miller of Xenia Township as Representative.

D. Appointment of Fire Department Staff – Jay Evans, Kyle Kollhoff, Lauren Gruza – 2021.06.07.04

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.07.04**

IN RE: Appointment of Fire Department Staff  
Jay Evans, Kyle Kollhoff, Lauren Gruza

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 /EMT; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, Lauren Gruza 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 2021 Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jay Evans shall be appointed to Part-time Firefighter II/EMT within the Sugarcreek Fire Department at the rate of \$15.91 per hour and Kyle Kollhoff shall be appointed to Part-time Firefighter II/EMT within the Sugarcreek Fire Department at the rate of \$15.91 per hour and Lauren Gruza shall be appointed to Part-time Firefighter II/EMT within the Sugarcreek Fire Department at the rate of \$15.91 per hour; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned appointment for Mr. Evans will have an effective date of May 19, 2021 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on May 19, 2022 and Mr. Kollhoff will have an effective date of May 28, 2021 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on May 28, 2022 and Ms. Gruza will have an effective date of June 8, 2021 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on June 8, 2022.

**E. Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Ben Schimer, Lauryn Beneke –  
2021.06.07.05**

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.07.05  
IN RE: Resignation of Fire Department Staff  
Ben Schimer, Lauryn Beneke**

WHEREAS, Part-time Firefighter/EMT, Ben Schimer has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Schimer was hired as a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department on January 21, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Part-time Firefighter/EMT, Lauryn Beneke, has indicated her desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Beneke was hired as a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department on August 21, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Jeffrey A. Leaming recommends we accept the resignations of Mr. Schimer and Ms. Beneke.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accept the resignation of Ben Schimer effective June 1, 2021 and Lauryn Beneke effective June 10, 2021.

F. Probationary Release of Full Time Police Officer – Darren T. Wagner –  
2021.06.07.06

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.06.07.06**

**IN RE:** Probationary Release of Full-time Police Officer – Darren T. Wagner

WHEREAS, Full-time Police Officer Darren T. Wagner has been a member of the Sugar creek Township Police Department since April 26, 2021; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugar creek Township Trustees does hereby authorize the probationary release of Darren T. Wagner from his duties as full-time Police Officer effective May 28, 2021.

Mrs. Destefani motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Mrs. Daugherty seconded

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

10) **Discussion Agenda Items**

There was no discussion of agenda items.

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

Ms. Moore asked about the roadways at the corner of Center Point and Wilmington Pike, by the Universal Bank building. She stated that truck drivers drive over the curb all the time and there is a huge chunk of concrete missing. She thinks it is very unattractive for the community and it needs to be fixed.

Mr. Tiffany stated that it is the Greene County Engineers right of way in that area. They can bring it up to them and see if they can get it fixed.

Ms. Moore also stated that she has concerns about the islands along Center Point. She stated that they are undeveloped, and they just have soil and weeds in them.

Mr. Tiffany stated that the road crew just put topsoil down and seeded all the islands. In a few weeks there should be grass in those islands.

Ms. Moore also mentioned that there are some celebrations for Juneteenth in the Dayton area for people to attend.

Mrs. Hellmann asked if the Township was still waiting for approval for the bridge over Little Sugar creek.

Mr. Tiffany stated that yes, they are still waiting on the approval.

12) **Trustee/Staff Discussions**

Mr. Tiffany stated that the Fire Department would like to purchase a new Knockbox for their apparatus. It is an almost \$4,000 expense that we do have the money for in the budget. Mrs. Daugherty and Mrs. Destefani stated that they are okay approving that purchase.

13) **Adjourn**

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to adjourn the Trustee meeting, Mrs. Daugherty seconded.  
Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

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Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer