

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on November 15th, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

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

4) **Andrew Barrser**

Andrew is a Boy Scout that would like to speak to the Trustees. He is in the process of getting his Citizenship in the Community Badge, for this badge they have to find and address a problem within the community and see what they can do to help. Andrew chose to speak on the traffic problems in Sugarcreek Township. Andrew noticed that there are a lot of people speeding and he is wondering how the Township is enforcing the speed limit rules.

Chief Brown stated that the Officers have radar units inside the cruisers, they do go into different areas and monitor the speed. They do also have speed signs that record the speeds of people driving past, and they move the sign around the Township to check the speed levels in various places.

5) **Public Hearing**

ZC-Case 10-2021: Applicant, Phillip M. Herres, is requesting Final Development Plan Approval for the Magnolia Meadows subdivision. The subject development site contains 42.85 acres located at 4267 and 4271 Clyo Road. The subject parcels can be further identified by parcel numbers L32000100020006700 and L32000100020000800 (part of) and are owned by Phillip M. Herres and Gigi Ellen Withrow, Trustees. – 2021.11.15.01

- Public hearing is formally opened
- Staff report on the text amendments
- Applicant presentation
- Those wishing to speak in favor

Mrs. Destefani asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the application. No one wished to speak.

- Those wishing to speak against

Mrs. Destefani asked if there was anyone wishing to speak against the application. No one wished to speak.

- Neutral parties wishing to speak

Mrs. Destefani asked if there was anyone wishing to speak neutrally on the application.

Greg Dart stated he would like to speak, he stated that the development is great, and it will be good for the area. Greg stated he does have some concerns with the water runoff, specifically with the creek rising and flooding the road.

Mrs. Destefani asked if the city gave Greg any information as to what they could do to help this problem.

Greg stated that the City of Bellbrook said that there is not much they can do, there is not anywhere they can run the water to. When the storm sewer gets full the water shoots up over the hill and comes straight onto their property.

Mr. Cramer asked if there will be any more water added to the water flowing through the creek. He thinks that with the retention pond in place the water runoff from this development will not add to the water that is flowing to the creek.

Mrs. Destefani asked how long Little Sugarcreek stays flooded when they have these surges of rainfall.

Greg stated that it just depends on how much rain they get.

Mr. Tiffany stated that the development is taking all the steps they have to take to make sure this development will not add to the water runoff problem that already exists.

Mrs. Destefani stated that there is clearly a problem existing currently and asked what they could do to reach out to the county to try and get this problem solved.

Mr. Tiffany stated that they have been talking about it over the years to try and fix this problem.

- Public hearing is closed
- Deliberation and decision

Mrs. Destefani asked about the water drainage plan for the second pond.

Mrs. Tilford stated that the watershed was a huge consideration when they were making this plan. The property will drain to the retention pond in the back of the property. The pond will drain the water as it retains it, but it will be a wet pond.

Mrs. Daugherty stated that she is shocked by how much water is flooding in this area. She stated that she would like to have this development be under more review or have a study done to see what can be done to fix this problem.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to table BZC Case 10-2021 until the December 6th, 2021, meeting, Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

6) Reports

Administration

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

Mrs. Destefani asked about the Community Spotlight Report that was on Channel 7 News.

Mr. Tiffany stated that it was about the new reservation at the Tischer property.

Zoning

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

Mrs. Destefani asked if there were any updates on the ODNR project.

Mrs. Tilford stated that they have signed an agreement with Choice One Engineering, for the preliminary engineering and surveying for the bridge project.

Fiscal Officer

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

Fire

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

Mrs. Destefani asked if the Chief wanted to talk about the fire on Ferry Road.

Chief Leaming stated that they did call in the State Fire Marshal's Office, it was an accidental fire, but it is under investigation.

Mrs. Daugherty asked about the calls to Cornerstone, last years compared to this year.

Chief Leaming stated that the calls vary but it stays around 7% of their total call volume.

Police

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

Mrs. Destefani wanted to publicly thank our Police Department. She stated that the Trustees fully support and appreciate all that the department does for the Township.

Mrs. Destefani also stated that she loves the Guide program the Police Department does.

Chief Brown stated that they have done it for a few years now, it is for the 8th grade class. There are 8 training sessions throughout the year, they take about 60 kids and teach them about doing the right thing.

Mr. Cramer thanked Chief Brown for coming to the River Ridge HOA meeting. He stated that a lot of people came up to him and said they were happy that our Police Chief does that.

Mrs. Destefani asked how the dug drop off went.

Chief Brown stated they collected over 70 pounds of drugs to be disposed of.

Roads and Service

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

Mrs. Destefani asked about the Beet Heet webinar.

Mr. Owens stated it was an informational webinar to refresh their memory on what it can be used for and what the newer products are.

Information Technology

There was nothing to add.

Trustees

Mrs. Destefani stated that Greene County is having a meeting tonight to talk about the solar projects happening in the area. She stated that she attended the Water wastewater Committee meeting on October 27th. Mrs. Destefani also stated that Hope Taft is doing an "Imagine a day without water" event and she wanted to see about possibly doing a resolution for that. Mrs. Destefani attended the Greene County Township Association meeting and the Greene County Regional Planning Commission meeting. They are planning on ramping up the Planning Perspective 2040 which should be finished by the end of the calendar year. Mrs. Destefani stated that there was a Veterans Day memorial sponsored by the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce. Jim Martin was in attendance, and they played a song about Normandy.

Mr. Cramer stated that they met Rob Tilmann, he is the new City Manager for Bellbrook, he is excited to work with the Township. He also stated that Brad King the President of the Bellbrook Lions Club stated that he would like to schedule a service project day before the Sugar Maple Festival. And Mr. Cramer stated that he thought that time would be a good

time to have the Community Clean-up Day. He will be in contact with Mr. King to set that up.

Mrs. Destefani stated that she believed Mr. King set a date for April 9th, 2022.

7) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Denise Moore stated that she spoke to Kelsey at the Community Support Center, and Kelsey expressed how much she appreciates the support from the Township.

Mr. Moeller stated, in reference to BZC Case 10-2021, that Little Sugarcreek backs up a lot. There have been many floods and the road washes out often, and something needs to be done to fix it.

8) **Old Business**

A. City of Bellbrook, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks and Schools Meeting - Meeting date TBD.

9) **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Appointment of Fire Department Staff – Matt Armstrong – 2021.11.15.02

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.11.15.02
IN RE: Rehire of Fire Department Staff

Matthew Armstrong

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist within the classification of Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic; and,

WHEREAS, Matthew Armstrong has the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of Full-Time Firefighter II/Paramedic 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 Matthew Armstrong shall be rehired to the position of Full-Time Firefighter II/Paramedic at the pay rate of \$21.04 per hour; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned appointment of Matthew Armstrong will have an effective date of November 12, 2021, with a one (1) year probationary period ending on November 12, 2022.

D. Appointment of Fire Department Staff – Shelby Hale – 2021.11.15.03

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2021.11.15.03
IN RE: Appointment of Fire Department Staff
Shelby Hale

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, Shelby Hale 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 Shelby Hale 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 Mrs. Hale will have an effective date of November 9, 2021, with a one (1) year probationary period ending on November 9, 2022.

E. Proclamation for 100 Years - Verna R. Bertsche
PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION
Verna R. Bertsche - 100th Birthday

WHEREAS, Sugarcreek Township resident Verna R. Bertsche is celebrating her 100th birthday on December 28th and this Board of Township Trustees wishes to recognize Ms. Bertsche on this momentous occasion; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Bertsche in was born on December 28, 1921, in Cincinnati; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Bertsche graduated from Western Hills High School and after attending and graduating from the University of Cincinnati, Verna married her high school sweetheart; and,

WHEREAS, After World War II ended, Verna and her husband settled in Dayton to begin a sales rep business and raise their two children: and,

WHEREAS, Verna and her husband shared over 62 years of marriage before the death of the love of her life; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Bertsche now resides with her son within Sugarcreek Township and has been blessed in this life with her 2 children in addition to five grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren: and,

NOW THEREFORE, the Trustees of the Board of Sugarcreek Township hereby honors and recognizes Sugarcreek Township resident, Verna R. Bertsche on her 100th Birthday

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to approve the Consent agenda items, excluding the approval of the minutes Mr. Cramer seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to approve the minutes , Mr. Cramer seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

10) **Discussion Agenda Items**

There were no items

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

There were no public comments

12) **Trustee/Staff Discussions**

Mr. Tiffany stated that the Township is looking for a new tractor for the Road and Service Department. This tractor is the one that cuts the grass alongside the roadways, it is a 2005 model that has been in for repairs quite a lot recently. Mr. Harphant and Mr. Owens have done great research trying to find a new tractor. The new tractor is John Deere, and it is about \$100,000.00 and they will be able to trade in the old tractor for about \$24,000.00.

All three Trustees agree that that is a good idea to purchase the new tractor and be able to trade in the old one.

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 –Yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer