

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on February 7th, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) **Mr. Cramer called the session to order at 7:00 pm.**
- 2) **Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members** Mr. Cramer, Mrs. Destefani, and Mr. Moeller being present. Also, in attendance was Donna Hellmann, Denise Moore, Nadine Daugherty, Katherine Cyphers, and Louis Schatzberg.
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Flock Camera Presentation**
Chief Mike Brown spoke about the Flock cameras that the Police Department would like to have installed throughout the Township.
- 5) **Reports**

Administration

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

Zoning

Mrs. Tilford was present. There was nothing to add to her report. She did note that the Township applied for the Recycle Ohio Grant for our Community Clean-up Day.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Demko was present. He stated that they have closed the books for 2021 and have sent them off to the Auditors Office. They are working towards an annual audit through the state, he is hoping to hear from them soon.

Fire

Chief Leaming was present. There was nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked about imposing a resolution to not allow fireworks in the community and wanted Chief Leaming's opinion. Chief Leaming stated that the Fire Department does have the ability to restrict the use of fireworks, they can also limit the time frame from date of purchase to when they can set them off.

Police

Chief Brown was present. There was nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked what the Police Department has submitted to Bellbrook Lions Club for the small grant they provide. Chief Brown stated they are working on a bike patrol unit so they would be asking to help repair bicycles.

Roads and Service

Mr. Owens was present. There was nothing to add to his report. Mr. Cramer thanked the Roads and Service Department and those who jumped in to help when there was a shortage of personnel due to sickness.

Information Technology

There was nothing to add.

Trustees

All Trustees attended the OTA conference last week. Mr. Moeller stated that the Roads and Service crew along with himself, Mr. Tiffany, and Chief Leaming did a great job plowing snow. Mrs. Destefani stated that the park district is looking for a new Commissioner, if anyone would like to apply. Mrs. Destefani stated she also attended the Dayton Development Coalition and they talked about Intel project in Columbus.

6) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

There were no comments

7) **Old Business**

- A. City of Bellbrook, Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks and Schools Meeting - Meeting date - Last Week of March.

8) **Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Payment of Bills
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Adopting Standard Allowance Revenue Loss – 2022.02.07.01

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2022.02.07.01**

IN RE: Adopting Standard Allowance Revenue Loss

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Section 603(c) generally provides that:

(1) USE OF FUNDS. Subject to paragraph (2), and except as provided in paragraphs (3) and (4), a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county shall only use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover costs incurred by the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county, by December 31, 2024 -

(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;

(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;

(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19

public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or

(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Rule further observes that:

The standard allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple, convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund’s smallest recipients. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculation for smaller recipients.

WHEREAS, the Rule further clarifies that recipients can use:

SLFRF funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the [Final Rule four-step process]. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless treasury has stated otherwise.

WHEREAS, some common examples of “government services” expressly recognized by Treasury are as follows:

- Road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure
- Health services
- General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities
- Environmental remediation
- Provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles)
- Maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure
- Modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure

WHEREAS, “Government services is [deemed by Treasury] the most flexible eligible use category under the SLFRF program, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements;” and

WHEREAS, funds utilized pursuant to the standard revenue loss allowance continue to have certain restrictions, including:

- Deposit into pension funds
- Satisfaction of settlements or judgments
- Contributions to financial reserves or “rainy day” funds

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified a project which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of governmental services, which consists of the following:

- Expansion of broadband to areas of the Township not currently served
- Roadway projects to include: resurfacing, pavement preservation, berming, etc.

(the “Projects”).

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Township elects to use the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services
2. The Projects are hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in the amount of/an amount not to exceed: Seven hundred sixteen thousand five hundred twenty five dollars and seventy-one cents (\$716,525.71).
3. The Projects described herein serve the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:
 - Police protection
 - Fire and emergency medical services
 - Road repair, maintenance and other transportation and safety services
 - Public infrastructure support
 - General government administration and administrative facilities
 - Land use regulations and enforcement
 - Parks and recreational facilities and programs
 - Expansion of access to broadband
4. Accordingly, the Projects are in the best interests of the Township and are deemed a priority for the community.
5. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Trustee Marvin Moeller seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Township concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Township Trustees, and that all deliberations of the Township Trustees and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially adopt this resolution.

D. Appointment of Fire Department Staff – Trenton Jollay – 2022.02.07.02
SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2022.02.07.02
IN RE: Appointment of Fire Department Staff
Trenton Jollay

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, Trenton Jollay 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 2022 Operating Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Trenton Jollay 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. Jollay will have an effective date of January 19, 2022 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on January 19, 2023.

E. Declaration of Property- Fire Department – 2022.02.07.03

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2022.02.02.03

IN RE: Declaration of Excess Property – Fire Department

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached sheet have been declared broken, obsolete or non-reparable and have been marked for destruction.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, Mr. Moeller seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Cramer – Yes
Mr. Moeller – Yes
Mrs. Destefani – Yes

9) Discussion Agenda Items

There were no discussion agenda items.

10) Public Comments – Discussion Agenda Items

Nadine Daugherty stated that she would like to see more community involvement in the Township.

Denise Moore backed Mrs. Daugherty and stated that the community needs to be more in the loop with business going on in the Township.

11) Trustee/Staff Discussions

Mrs. Destefani asked about the work done at the cross walk.

Mr. Tiffany stated that it is the crosswalk closest to the Landings at Sugarcreek, it is much more visible now form the work they have done to it.

The Trustees spoke about Resolution 2022.02.07.01 on expanding the broadband in the Township and being able to repair some roads that are in need, for the benefit of the whole community, with the use of the ARPA money.

12) Adjourn

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

Mr. Cramer – Yes
Mr. Moeller – Yes
Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer