

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 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**, Mrs. Destefani and Mr. Cramer were in attendance. Mr. Moeller arrived after roll due to an urgent issue. Also, in attendance were Louis Schatzberg, Donna Hellmann and Denise Moore.
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Reports**

**Administration**

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

Mr. Tiffany advised that there has not been any word from the State regarding capital funding for the memorial.

Mr. Tiffany, Mrs. Tilford and Chief Brown attended a safety study meeting for Centerville Rd/Wilmington-Dayton intersection. County is looking to make it safer.

Mrs. Destefani questioned about plans, roundabouts. Mr. Tiffany stated that this is State funding so there has to be a very broad view of all the options.

Mr. Tiffany stated that he also attended a meeting with the Administrators of Beaver creek Township and Xenia Township to discuss the Little Miami River. Beaver creek Township has spent a lot of money this last year cleaning out the log jam. They hired a group called the River Rangers and got it cleared out. Mr. Tiffany mentioned that there are other areas that need to be cleared. The idea discussed would be to have the County set up a program to manage the river every year rather than waiting until there is a blockage. The study received from Hope Taft of the economic impact is significant. There is a park near Trebein that is under water a lot of the time because of these log jams. Mrs. Destefani asked who the contact at the County would be. Mr. Tiffany stated that Brandon would be the contact. Currently Alex from Beaver creek Township is heading it up. They got permits from the state and Army Corps of engineers to do it. He noted the Little Miami River was the first National Scenic River.

**Zoning**

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

Mr. Tiffany asked if iWorQ had provided an invoice yet.

Mr. Cramer asked about the Carpenter Road project. Mr. Tiffany advised there were still 2 property owners that needed to sign the agreement.

Mrs. Destefani asked when iWorQ goes live. Mrs. Tilford stated that we would be up and running mid-July. They are in process of migrating all information over.

Mrs. Destefani asked if iWorQ is a standardized program. Mrs. Tilford stated that it was but for the regional planning side it didn't seem that iWorQ would not play into that. Those are county building department issues.

Mr. Cramer noted that Popeye's is adhering to the new standards that are in place for the Wilmington Pike corridor.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Demko was present. Mr. Demko stated that the 1 year audit will start in June.

Mr. Tiffany asked about the cost. Mr. Demko stated that it would be slightly less than the 2 year audit.

### **Fire**

Chief Leaming was present. Chief Leaming, along with a few members of the department, attended a job fair at Sinclair Community College. It was for recent graduates from the fire program.

Chief Leaming mentioned a \$70 million dollar first responder grant that they are exploring. There is no buy in from the Township. It funds retention, recruitment, and wellness programs. Application is due June 7.

Mrs. Destefani asked about the kitchen project.

Chief Leaming stated that he is accepting bids.

### **Police**

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

Mrs. Destefani asked about the Bike Rodeo. Chief Brown stated that they registered 21 bikes. Perfect weather. Several events were going on in the area.

### **Roads and Service**

Mr. Owens was present. Mr. Owens added to his report that there are 3 new Service workers that have started, two full-time and one temporary part-time.

### **Information Technology**

There was nothing to add.

### **Trustees**

Mrs. Destefani and Mr. Moeller attended the Greene County Township Association hosted by the Waste Water Committee. Mrs. Destefani mentioned an article in the newspaper that there is an initiative to soften the water in the county, Mrs. Destefani also attended National Association of Towns and Townships virtual fly-in OTA. Looking at legislative priorities, she stated that the main piece of legislation they were opposed to was the Federal Gas Tax Holiday. This would take the 18.4 cents per gallon and suspend it for the rest of the year and in the process take away \$20 Billion Dollars of road improvement funds. Also spoke about first responders and broadband and cyber security. She stated that it was a very informative meeting.

Keith Huelsman's funeral was May 10<sup>th</sup>. He was recognized at the March Trustee meeting. Mr. Cramer mentioned that he attended the services and noted that Mr. Huelsman's family was very appreciative of the Township's recognition.

Greene County annual report to the community on Friday May 6. Bellbrook Sugarcreek Middle School was recognized with a Governor Thomas Edison award for excellence in STEM education and David Graham received the Richard J. Meloski award for outstanding auditor of the year.

On May 7 Mrs. Destefani attended the Beavercreek Women League scholarship lunch emceed by Gabby Enright.

The Trustees took a tour of the Sugarcreek waste water facility plant where their tag line is “Your number two is our number one!”.

Mr. Cramer noted that in the summer months 80% of the water in the Little Miami River has gone through a waste water plant. Mr. Cramer talked about the treated water standards versus the required EPA standards. The plant was updated in 2009 for \$40 million dollars.

Mr. Cramer attended Marty Heide’s retirement party.

Mr. Moeller stated he has been working with the senator on HB 564 regarding volunteer fire department staffing to change the language in existing bill. Also working with state representatives on the same bill.

5) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

6) **Old Business**

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

7) **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Initiate Text Amendment to the Sugarcreek Township Zoning Resolution – 2022.05.16.01

WHEREAS, ORC 519.12 authorizes the Board of Trustees to initiate amendments to the Zoning Resolution by passage of a Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees deems it in the best interest of the community to initiate text amendments to Sections 7.04 and 4.12 of the Sugarcreek Township Zoning Resolution in response to an increasing number of variances approved for fences in front yards on corner lots; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees does hereby initiate a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution to amend Sections 7.04 and 4.12 and instructs the Assistant Township Administrator to certify this Resolution to the Zoning Commission.

Mr. Tiffany explained the change requested would allow for a fence to be 48” from the current 42”. A good zoning practice is if a Zoning Department is receiving a high number of applications for the same variance, a consideration to look at the text should be made. This would initiate a text amendment and the Board of Zoning Commission who would then discuss and make a recommendation on whether or not to approve it. They may make adjustments or they may come up with a different idea but either way it is something that needs to be looked at.

Mrs. Destefani stated that if it a recurring issue she is in favor.

Mr. Moeller mentioned that the variance application is fee is \$500 and if the Board is going to approve it anyway, it makes sense to amend to save the resident that money.

There was more discussion regarding the details of the proposed language and the process.

D. Appointment of Fire Department Staff – Elijah Brown – 2022.05.16.02

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 EMS only; and,

WHEREAS, Elijah Brown has the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of Part-time EMS only 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 Elijah Brown shall be appointed to Part-time EMS only within the Sugarcreek Fire Department at the rate of \$17.84 per hour; and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, the above-mentioned appointment for Mr. Brown will have an effective date of May 16, 2022 with a one (1) year probationary period ending on May 16, 2023.

E. Re-appointment of Roads and Services Seasonal Worker – Joshua Robinson – 2022.05.16.03

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 has previously worked with the department as a temporary part-time employee, has been re-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 \$15.00 per hour Effective date TBD for a period not to exceed 180 days.

F. Declaration of Excess Property – Police Department – 2022.05.16.04

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

WHEREAS, the item listed below have been declared broken, obsolete or non-reparable and have been marked for destruction.

2013 Chevrolet Caprice PPV  
VIN 6G1MK5U28DL825286  
Mileage 106,071

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.

G. Resolution Appointing Initial Region 14 Representative and Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board – 2022.05.16.05

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, is a Local Government that has adopted and approves The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (“The Memorandum”), which establishes a mechanism to disburse settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio’s communities to help abate the opioid crisis, including allocations to Local Governments and Regions through a statewide Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this jurisdiction is a participant in Region 14 as established by The Memorandum; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to The Memorandum each Region shall create their own governance structure so it ensures all Local Governments have input and equitable representation regarding regional decisions including representation on the statewide Foundation Board and selection of projects to be funded from the Region’s regional Share; and

WHEREAS, the imminent distribution of Opioid Funds through the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. requires immediate appointment of a regional representative from this Region; and

WHEREAS, Regions have the responsibility to make submissions regarding the allocation of funds to projects that will equitably serve the needs of the entire Region; and

WHEREAS, Greta Hochstetler Mayer has expressed a willingness and ability to serve as the initial Region 14 Representative on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board for an initial term that will begin May 16, 2022 by and upon concurrence of all Local Governments participating in Region 14, and end May 15, 2024 upon reappointment, a successor appointment, resignation or removal by the regional board.

WHEREAS, Karen Scherra has expressed a willingness and ability to serve as the initial Region 14 Alternate Representative alternate on the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board for an initial term that will begin May 16, 2022 by and upon concurrence of all Local Governments participating in Region 14, and end

May 15, 2024 upon reappointment, a successor appointment, resignation or removal by the regional board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this legislative body that:

Section 1. Subject to and effective upon the concurrence of all Local Governments (counties, cities, villages, townships) in Region 14, Greta Hochstetler Mayer shall be appointed as the initial Region 14 Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board;

Section 2. Subject to and effective upon the concurrence of all Local Governments (counties, cities, villages, townships) in Region 14, Karen Scherra shall be appointed as the initial Region 14 Alternate Representative to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board;

Section 3. This Region 14 Representative and Alternate may exercise all authority of a OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board member under Section D.3 through and including D.11 of The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding during this initial appointment; and shall report any such actions to the regional board in this Region;

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this legislative body relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting, and that all deliberations that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements;

Section 5. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

Mrs. Destefani stated that she is on the Board with Commissioner Dick Gould. Of the Opioid settlement dollars, 15% will go to the Attorney General to run OneOhio Recovery Foundation and 30% will go to local government. The remaining goes to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to help fund programs.

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

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

8) **Discussion Agenda Items**

No discussion items.

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

10) **Trustee/Staff Discussions**

Mrs. Destefani mentioned the flyer for Past, Present and Future: Stories of Racism in Greene County presentation being held at the Township Administration building on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

11) **Adjourn**

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

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

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Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer