

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on March 20, at 7:00 PM.

- 1) **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 7:00 pm.**
- 2) **Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members**, Mrs. Destefani, Mr. Moeller, and Mr. Cramer were in attendance. Also, in attendance was Donna Hellmann, Jodi Puterbaugh, Hunter Puterbaugh, and Dee Lyons.

- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- 4) **Reports**

Mrs. Destefani reports the Veterans memorial the documents are obtained to have that property split. Awaiting the final reports of the deeds before the construction begins this year.

Mrs. Destefani reports the draft of the Martin property and its progress of the approval for the completed surveys filed at Greene County. Mr. Tiffany addresses it has not been filed yet with Greene County.

Mrs. Destefani shares the past event for the future chief competition that happened at BCI this past week. Mr. Tiffany summed up the program where eight students prepare recipes that will be judged. The finalist who won was awarded a spot on the menu recipe at the blueberry café.

Administration

Mrs. Destefani addresses the removal of the trees on Carpenter Rd and its progress that was confirmed by Mr. Tiffany that the progress is still on track. Mr. Tiffany acknowledges the traffic concerns for the residents and assures to them they will honor the commitment of keeping an open area for residents to get in and out as construction continues.

Zoning

Mrs. Tilford had nothing to add to her report. Mr. Cramer asked about the new system and if there is noticeable improvement now that her automated system is in place for zoning certificate applications. Mrs. Tilford has positive comments on the matter.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Demko stated his discussion with David Graham with the oversight of the revenue numbers which will lead to the meeting of the approval of appropriations planned for April 3rd with the department heads. Mrs. Destefani asked about the Payment listing and wanted clarification on the process for bridge wire for the current build project. Mr. Tiffany clarifies that ultra fiber is no longer offering their services in this area.

Fire

Mr. Buffenbarger has nothing to report. Mrs. Destefani asked about the updates at the station. Mr. Buffenbarger addressed the updates and process of the renovations and additions for the trucks.

Police

Chief Brown and had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked about his hometown hero event. Chief Brown stated that his event will be the 22nd Downtown in the park that is open to the public. Mrs. Destefani asked Chief Brown to explain the cost of poverty experience. Mrs. Destefani describes the experience as a simulation that helps you see how families and individuals that are in financially challenging predicaments. hosted by the community center, Mrs. Destefani, Chief Brown, and Mr. Cramer attended this simulation together. Chief Brown did not have any further comments on the matter.

Roads and Service

Mr. Owens had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked about the Co-op for salting the roads. Owens states it was last Tuesday, and they got out early in the morning to combat the icy weather.

Information Technology

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add.

Trustees

Mr. Moeller stated he attended the Homeowners association meeting for eagle rise. Where at least 19 attended. Muller will be attending the annual Greene County Health department meeting where he states he has a few questions about the data reports that the township obtains which are questionable. Mr. Mueller will address the concerns to see if we are being charged too much.

Mrs. Destefani stated she attended Greene County Township Association meeting that was hosted by Beaver creek. Beaver creek discussed a leasing program to utilize vehicles for staff cars and other utility vehicles and seeing if the Sugar creek Township should utilize that service for our departments.

Mr. Cramer stated the chamber's executive meeting on the casino night event that was a success. Well received from the community. Other than falling a little short on the fundraising the event was well received. Mr. Cramer confirmed the new Brewery will not be opening until May due to the electrical permits needed.

1) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Kevin Price, 3249 Spillway CT.

State his comments on the disposition of the Martin property. Mr. Price states “what would Jim Martin want.” Mr. Price states the property was not meant to be given to the township but to be used as a community space for the township residents. Mr. Price states that he is confident if Mr. Martin knew what his land was intended for, Mr. Martin would never have signed the agreement. Mr. Price. With the profit from the land going into the general fund for the township, Mr. Price believes Mr. Martin would want Jodi Martin to obtain the land for little to nothing and for it to be given to her for at least \$1.00. Mr. price states the land be offered to only the martin family and accept the highest offer. Price suggests a transfer to the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park district with a stipulation that the land be developed for public use.

Mr. Tiffany ask Kevin to stay and states that he knew what Mr. Martin Wanted. Mr. Tiffany addresses the process of Mr. Martin sitting with his attorney stating explicitly where he wanted his land to go in the trust that was made.

Mr. Cramer acknowledges and thanks Mr. Price for coming in to talk

Mr. Cramer asked Mr. Price for anything in writing stating what Jim Martin wanted to do with his property.

Kevin Price states that he has collected many hours talking with Jim Martin about. Mr. Cramer states that the township cannot go off assumptions but follow the trust that was written out.

Mrs. Destefani reiterates the language on the trust in which Jim Martin stated his explicit request on how to deal with the property after his passing.

Mrs. Destefani states that the township thought of different ways of using the property in the communal aspect but though the structure of the land prohibited it. Mrs. Destefani states that if they declined the land, it would be sent to another political jurisdiction to be used in similar outcomes. Mrs. Puterbaugh states that she was the one who decided on Sugarcreek Township. Mrs. Puterbaugh states that Jim Martin. Was not interested in having Sugarcreek handle organizing his **affairs**. Mrs. Puterbaugh stated

Jodi Martin Puterbaugh 165 Upper Hillside Dr, Mrs. Puterbaugh states she is the granddaughter of Jim Martin. Mrs. Putterbaugh communicates that she has yet to receive a certain contract from Mr. Tiffany about the property. Mrs. Puterbaugh explains the dispute of the easement and how the property could not be parceled off. Mrs. Puterbaugh clarity’s that she could not remember his exact words. Mrs. Puterbaugh discussed how she conversed with her uncle who states otherwise after investigating and knowing the process of easements. Mrs. Puterbaugh states that she talked with Mr. Tiffany about the easement again. Mr. Tiffany clarifies that it is a utility easement. Mrs. Puterbaugh relayed her uncle’s understanding that the township stated they would not do an easement like John Martins again.

Mrs. Puterbaugh confirmed that the Green County Engineering department is an egress easement what goes beyond where Jim Martins property was. Mrs. Destefani states that they agree the easement is legitimate.

Mr. Moeller asks for confirmation from Mrs. Puterbaugh for her attendance for the proclamation that the trustees passed in the prior meeting and wanting to make sure Mrs. Puterbaugh aware of all that was awarded to her.

Mrs. Tilford states the difference between an easement record and required of road run- age. Mr. Tiffany proceeds to tell jodi the reasoning of why the specific language is in her contract as an aware buyer to understand the current condition of the property cannot be split.

Mr. Cramer expresses the dispute between what is in the contract and what is not that can be resolved in the purchase agreement.

Johnny Chain, 3200 Clear Springs Rd Spring Valley, Mr. Chain states that Jim Martin said zero if his kids will gain his estate. Mr. Cain expresses his disagreement with having Jodi Martin pay for her grandpas' estate. Mr. Chain disputes the easement disagreements with is own knowledge.

2) **Old Business**

Mr. Cramer states meeting with the school board and city of Bellbrook/ park district and would like to continue the enlightening meetings

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3) **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Authoring the township administrator to act as the signatory on the school resource officer memorandum of understanding – 2023.04.03.01

SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2023.03.20.01

IN RE: Authorizing the Township Administrator to Act as Signatory on the Memorandum of Understanding Between Sugarcreek Township and Bellbrook Sugarcreek Local School District, Greene County, Ohio

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Local School District, Greene County, Ohio has expressed a desire to have a School Resource Officer on assignment at the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township has previously authorized the additional position of School Resource Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Michael A. Brown believes the attached Agreement for School Resource Officer is in the best interest of the community and recommends that the Board of Trustees enter into said Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Local School District and the Sugarcreek Township Trustees desire to enter into an Agreement for the School Resource Officer services (see attached agreement).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby authorizes Barry P. Tiffany to act as signatory and enter into this Agreement for the School Resource Officer services as written within the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Tiffany states that the prices have changed because they are 50% now. last page of the MOU states that Barry as the signatory and Dr. Koset from the Bellbrook Sugarcreek School as superintendent.

Mr. Cramer makes a motion to accept that the consent agenda items as written

Mr. Moeller seconded.

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

D. Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate Louis Schatzberg 2023.03.20.02

Someone addresses the wording for the school administration that includes them to have the ability to request a different officer from the one who is assigned. Mr. Tiffany clarifies the resolution for any disputes against the current officer can come from the Township and superintendent.

9. Discussion Agenda Items

10. Public Comments

Donna Helman, 3981 Windy Bluff CT.

Ms. Helman states her concern of the Speed limit change on unmarked roads to 65 mile per hr. Ms. Hellman asks the protocol to dispute said changes and would like the trustees to add their agreements to send off to Brian Lampton.

Mrs. Destefani makes a motion to write a letter to Brian Lampton and others on behalf of the Sugarcreek Township trustees to oppose the speed limit change.

Mrs. Destefani makes a motion to write a letter in opposition to the speed limit change.

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

11. Trustee/Staff Discussions

None

Executive Session

Mrs. Destefani makes a motion to adjourn from executive session under a hiring advise code 121.22 paragraph G 1 to consider the appointment employment dismissal discipline motion demotion and or compensation of a public employee Paragraph G4 preparing for conducting or revieing negotiations or barging sessions wit public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employees

Mrs. Destefani ask to take the roll

Mr. Moeller seconded.

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

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RESOLUTION NO. 2023.03.20.02

IN RE: Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate Louis Schatzberg

WHEREAS, the Board of Zoning Appeals plays a pivotal role in the land-use decisions for Sugarcreek Township; and,

WHEREAS, an open position exists and it is imperative that all positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals be filled with citizens who will make decisions that are in the best interest of Sugarcreek Township; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Schatzberg has expressed his desire to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals in an Alternate Member capacity,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Louis Schatzberg is hereby appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals as an Alternate Member for a term beginning March 20, 2023, and expiring on July 31, 2028. (Said appointment made pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 519.13.)

Mrs. Destefani makes a motion to

Mr. Moeller seconded.

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

Adjourn

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Moeller. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Destefani-yes

Mr. Moeller-yes

Mr. Cramer - yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer