

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on June 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

1) Mr. Moeller called the session to order at 7:00 pm.

2) Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members, Mr. Moeller, Mr. Cramer, and Mrs. Destefani in attendance. Also, in attendance were Mr. Tiffany, Cara Tilford, Dale Owens, Chief Mike Brown, Chief Doug Buffenbarger, Donna Hellmann, Jim McGinley, Louis Schatzberg and David Marshall, Joann Zimmerman and Melissa Kinney.

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

4) Service Awards – Fire Department

Service awards were given to Drue Kinney – 30 Years, Joann Zimmerman – 25 Years, Josh Johnson – 20 Years, Keven Zehring – 20 Years and Scott Rigsby - 20 Years.

5) Appointment of Full Time Police Officer – Daniel Rogers – 2024.06.17.01

6) Administration

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Tiffany noted he had a meeting tomorrow with a cyber risk assessment specialist from the insurance company to review the townships IT infrastructure.

Zoning

Mrs. Tilford had nothing to add to her report. Mrs. Tilford pointed out that Zoning Commission Case 01.2024 regarding the coffee shop at the corner of South Alph and Upper Bell will be on the July 1st agenda.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Demko added that the tax budget hearing will be in the second meeting in July and the annual bank review will take place at the end of the month.

Fire

Chief Buffenbarger had nothing to add to his report.

Police

Chief Brown had nothing to add to his report.

Roads and Service

Mr. Owens had nothing to add to his report. Mr. Owens noted that milling had begun on South Alpha and Upper Bell with paving to follow. Mr. Owens mentioned that Justin Windsor will start next week as the Assistant Director of Roads and Services and will begin attending the regular sessions starting July 1st.

Information Technology

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add to his report.

Trustees

Mr. Cramer asked Mrs. Destefani if she had an update on the Honda plant. Mrs. Destefani noted Dave Burrow from DDC suggested the Greene County officials visit the Honda battery manufacturing plant in Fayette County to understand its impact on housing and population in our community, but a date has

not been set. Mrs. Destefani mentioned she and Mrs. Tilford will be meeting with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission to discuss low-income housing possibilities. Mrs. Destefani further Noted that the Greene County Township Association meeting and the legislative breakfast were well Attended.

7) Public Comments

None

8) Old Business

None

9) Consent Agenda Items

A. Payment of Bills

B. Minutes

C. Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Douglas Wiltse – 2024.06.17.02

D. Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Evan Thompson – 2024.06.17.03

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.06.17.01

IN RE: Appointment of Full-Time Police Officer Daniel Rogers

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the classification of full-time Police Officer; and,

WHEREAS, the vacancy has been posted for application in accordance with township policy and the current labor contract; and,

WHEREAS, an assessment center was conducted which included testing in basic exercises, review board and personal interviews with the Chief of Police; and,

WHEREAS, after a review of all the candidates, Police Chief Michael A. Brown recommends this appointment, and confirms that there are funds available for this position in the 2024 operating budget,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Daniel Rogers is hereby appointed as full-time Police Officer effective June 17,2024, at a pay rate of \$30.70 per hour, payable on a bi-weekly basis, and subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending June 17,2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.06.17.02

IN RE: Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Douglas Wiltse

WHEREAS, Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Doug Wiltse has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugar creek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Doug Wiltse was hired as a member of the Sugar creek Township Fire Department on May 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Doug Buffenbarger recommends we accept the resignation of Mr. Wiltse.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugar creek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Doug Wiltse effective June 7, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.06.17.03

IN RE: Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Evan Thompson

WHEREAS, Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Doug Wiltse has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugar creek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Evan Thompson was hired as a member of the Sugar creek Township Fire Department on June 17, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Doug Buffenbarger recommends we accept the resignation of Mr. Wiltse.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugar creek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Evan Thompson effective June 4, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.06.17.04

Revised 12/2022

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

*RESOLUTION REQUESTING CERTIFICATION FROM COUNTY AUDITOR
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03
(Dollar amount of revenue generated by specified number of mills)*

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, OH,
Governing body (e.g. board of trustees, etc) Political subdivision

determines that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation, and
WHEREAS, before seeking to have a levy approved by the electors of Sugarcreek Township,
Portion of Political Subdivision (authorized to vote on issue)
the Board of Trustees must seek the certification of the Greene County Auditor in compliance with
Governing body
Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, submitted for the General election held
General, Primary, Special
on November 5, 2024.
Date of Election

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township,
Governing body Political subdivision
Greene County, OH, that the Greene County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board of Trustees;
Governing body

1. The total current tax valuation of Sugarcreek Township, and
Portion of Political Subdivision (authorized to vote on issue)
2. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 2.00 mills.
Millage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the tax is for a police levy
Purpose (use additional lines if needed)

And is for five (5) commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years specified: 2025-2029,
Rate of time expressed in years or continuing period of time (CPT) List the years levy will appear on the tax list

Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of the Sugarcreek Township pursuant
Portion of Political Subdivision (authorized to vote on issue)
to Section 5705.19 (J) of the Ohio Revised Code, and which shall be
ORC Section

a renewal of an existing levy
(Insert "an additional levy", "a renewal of an existing tax", or "a replacement of an existing tax")

RESOLUTION NO. 2024.06.17.05

IN RE: Adoption of I-675/Wilmington Pike Access Management Plan

WHEREAS, the continuing need exists to maintain proper and efficient roadways in our community; and,

WHEREAS, this need is met through the continuous maintenance and improvement of the roadway design and surfaces in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Greene County Engineer, The City of Centerville, the Ohio Department of Transportation and Sugarcreek Township have been engaged for several years in a project to improve the I-675/Wilmington Pike Interchange and surrounding local roadways in an effort to improve traffic and safety conditions; and,

WHEREAS, CMT Engineering, as part of that project, have created an updated Access Management Plan that shall be adopted to assist in achieving the desired, improved traffic patterns and conditions, a copy of which is attached hereto; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees does hereby endorse and adopt the I-675/Wilmington Pike Access Management Plan created by CMT Engineering, dated December 13, 2023.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept all consent agenda items as stated. Mr. Cramer seconded.

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

10) Discussion Agenda Items

A. Resolution of Necessity – Police Levy – 2024.06.17.04

Mr. Tiffany noted that this is for the renewal of the police levy at its current rate and not an increase.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept the resolution of necessity for the police levy.
Mr. Cramer seconded.

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

B. Adoption of I-675/Wilmington Pike Access Management Plan - 2024.06.17.05

Tabled till July 1st session.

11) Public Comments

Donna Hellmann inquired when paving will start and if they still plan on DuraPatching. Mr. Owens estimated paving will begin sometime in July and yes, they will DuraPatch but the timing depends on when the machine is available.

David Marshall addressed the trustees about beekeeping regulations, which are governed by state law in Ohio. David Marshall noted that while townships can not regulate agricultural activities beyond state rule, they can enforce what is outlined in the ORC and administrative code. David Marshall suggested the township conducts hive inspections and set guidelines on hive placement along with codifying state beekeeping regulations in the zoning code for clarity.

Mr. Tiffany asked the trustees for an executive session. ORC Section 121.22.G1 To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.

Mr. Moeller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and convene an executive session. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

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

Mr. Moeller noted the trustees had returned from the executive session and would now continue with the regular session.

12) Trustee/Staff Discussions

None

13) Adjourn

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

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

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer

