

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Special Session on January 17, 2025, at 9:00 am.

1) Mr. Cramer called the session to order at 9:00 am.

2) Mrs. Tilford called the roll with Board Members, Mr. Moeller, Mrs. Destefani, and Mr. Cramer in attendance. Also, in attendance were Barry Tiffany, Cara Tilford, Chief Buffenbarger, and Louie Schatzberg.

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

4) Discussion Agenda Items

A. Resolution to Proceed - Fire Levy – 2025.01.17.01

Mr. Tiffany explained that the Resolution to Proceed is the next step, allowing them to submit the fire levy to the Board of Elections for placement on the ballot.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to adopt resolution 2025.01.17.01. Mr. Moeller seconded.

Mr. Moeller – Yes

Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Mr. Cramer – Yes

5) Public Comments

None

6) Trustee/Staff Discussions

Mr. Tiffany noted that Chief Buffenbarger is pursuing a highly competitive SAFER grant, which covers 100% of payroll for three years with no retention requirements. To strengthen the application, Chief Buffenbarger proposes hiring a grant-writing firm with an 80% success rate. The cost is \$4,800, and the contract must be signed by the end of the month.

Mr. Moeller made a motion to approve the agreement with Lexipol in the amount of \$4,800 and authorize Mr. Tiffany to sign on behalf of the board. Mrs. Destefani seconded.

Mr. Moeller – Yes

Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Mr. Cramer – Yes

Mr. Tiffany noted that Chief Buffenbarger is requesting the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras (TICs) and four smaller personal TICs that clip onto firefighters' gear at a cost of \$14,456.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to approve the purchase of thermal imaging cameras. Mr. Cramer seconded.

Mr. Moeller – Yes

Mrs. Destefani – Yes

Mr. Cramer – Yes

Mr. Tiffany noted that Chief Buffenbarger is requesting the purchase of two portable ventilators at a cost of \$7,790.

Mr. Cramer made a motion to approve the purchase of two portable ventilators. Mr. Moeller seconded.

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

Mr. Tiffany is requesting approval to purchase six radios for the Roads and Service Department, as their current radios will no longer be compatible with the MARC system as of June 1st.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to approve the purchase of six radios at a cost not to exceed \$13,000. Mr. Moeller seconded.

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

Mr. Tiffany stated that he and the trustees will be attending the OTA Winter Conference in Columbus at the end of the month.

Mrs. Destefani noted that the park dedication ceremony is set for Friday, June 6th, and inquired about the event's timing and the mailing of save the date cards.

Mr. Cramer noted that he met T.J. Hoke on Wednesday and updated him on the RAISE grant. He also noted that the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce has several upcoming events: CPR Night on January 21st, Chamber Meeting on February 5th, and Monte Carlo Night on February 28th. Chief Brown and Mr. Tiffany were recognized for rescuing and returning a resident's dog that went missing during the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Tiffany mentioned that he and Mrs. Destefani need to finalize a date with Chad Fisher for the trip to Mystic and confirm the dimensions and depth for the statue's concrete base. He also noted that Centerville is now leading the 675/Wilmington Pike Project, with match funding secured for Congressman Turner's federal funds. Mr. Tiffany further stated that Phase 1 was initially planned to cover the Feedwire Bridge. However, the County Engineer has introduced a challenge to the long-planned Feedwire Bridge widening project by proposing a single-lane roundabout instead. Despite this, Mr. Tiffany believes the project is proceeding as planned for now, with the potential for reconstruction of the roundabout.

Mr. Tiffany mentioned the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association's annual golf outing is approaching. Mrs. Destefani suggested the township sponsor a team this year.

After discussing the different support levels, Mrs. Destefani made a motion to support at the \$500 level. Mr. Cramer seconded.

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

7) 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
Mrs. Destofani - Yes
Mr. Moeller – Yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer