

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on January 8th, 2025, at 9:00 am.

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

2) Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members, Mr. Cramer, and Mr. Moeller in attendance. Also, in attendance were Cara Tilford, Chief Doug Buffenbarger, Chief Mike Brown and Donna Hellmann.

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

4) Reports

Administration

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add to his report.

Zoning

Mrs. Tilford had nothing to add to her report.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Demko had nothing to add to his report.

Fire

Chief Buffenbarger added that they did not receive the Firehouse Subs grant for replacing the three Lucas devices but will be resubmitting the application when the next grant cycle opens on Thursday.

Police

Chief Brown added that the Governor signed a bill last week allowing law enforcement to charge \$75 per hour for video redaction, helping departments offset costs.

Roads and Service

Mr. Windsor had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Tilford noted that Roads and Services have been busy clearing cul-de-sacs and neighborhoods after the heavy snowfall.

Information Technology

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Tilford noted that the camera install at the Administration Building is complete, with the work continuing at the Public Safety Building.

Trustees

Mr. Moeller mentioned that Mrs. Destefani will attend the Greene County Health District meeting on Thursday night on his behalf, allowing him to attend Kelly Lamb's funeral.

Mr. Cramer mentioned that he attended the swearing-in of Sarah Mays, who's replacing Rick Perales as the new County Commissioner in Greene County. Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Destefani met with Bernie Moreno last Monday to discuss the Connect Greene grant.

5) Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

6) Old Business

Mr. Cramer mentioned that the meeting with Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools and Park District is set for Monday, February 3rd.

7) Consent Agenda Items

A. Payment of Bills

B. Minutes

C. Resolution of Necessity – Fire – 2025.01.08.01

D. Probationary Release of Staff – Fire – 2025.01.08.02

E. Reclassification in Accordance with Memorandum of Understanding –
Zehring, Taylor – 2025.01.08.03

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED OF THE TAXING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO: 2025.01.17.01
(Revised Code, Sec. 5705.19, .191, .192, .194, .21, .26)

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township
Governing body (e.g., village council, board of trustees, etc.) Political subdivision

met in Regular or Special session on January 17, 2025 at the office of
Month and day Year

Board of Trustees with the following members present:
Governing body

- Fred Cramer
- Carolyn Destefani
- Marvin Moeller
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 moved the adoption of the following Resolution:
Member name

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the said Sugarcreek Township Political subdivision Greene County; therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees Governing body, Greene County County, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of the Sugarcreek Township Political subdivision for the purpose of an additional fire levy pursuant to R.C. 5705.19 (I) Purpose (use additional lines if needed)

at a rate not exceeding 1.000 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to 0.0350 Millage
for each one hundred dollars of valuation or \$ 35 Rate expressed in dollars per \$1 of taxable value for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's Cost per \$100,000 from auditor certification
appraised value, for 5 Length of time in years commencing

and appearing on the tax list for the years so specified: 2025-2029 List the years levy will appear on tax list

Said levy is (choose one of the following):

- An additional levy of 1.000 mills.
- A renewal of an existing levy of mills.
- A renewal of an existing levy of mills and an increase of mills to constitute a tax of mills.
- A renewal of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of mills to constitute a tax of mills.
- A replacement of an existing levy of mills.
- A replacement of an existing levy of mills and an increase of mills to constitute a tax of mills.
- A replacement of part of an existing levy, being a reduction of mills, to constitute a tax of mills.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025.01.08.02

IN RE: Probationary Release of Full-time Firefighter II/EMT Steven Walker

WHEREAS, Full-time Fire Fighter II/Paramedic Steven Walker has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since June 24, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, during his probationary period, Mr. Walker has not satisfied the requirements of his position,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees does hereby authorize the probationary release of Steven Walker from his duties as Full-time Fire Fighter II/Paramedic effective December 23, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025.01.08.03

IN RE: Reclassification of Fire Department Personnel in Accordance with Memorandum of Understanding – Kevin Zehring and Josh Taylor

WHEREAS, Captain Scott Rigsby will be returning to work in his full capacity on January 16, 2025;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between Sugarcreek Township, Captain Scott Rigsby, Lieutenant Kevin Zehring, Firefighter Joshua Taylor, and the Sugarcreek Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4175, reclassification is required;

WHEREAS, the reclassification of Kevin Zehring from Full-Time Captain to Full-Time Lieutenant and shall take place;

WHEREAS, the reclassification of Joshua Taylor from Full-Time Lieutenant to Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic and shall take place;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees approve the reclassifications of Kevin Zehring and Josh Taylor with an effective date of January 16, 2025.

Mr. Moeller made a motion to accept agenda items A, B, D and E as stated. Mr. Cramer seconded.

Mr. Moeller - yes
Mr. Cramer – yes
Mrs. Destefani – absent

Mr. Tiffany and Mrs. Destefani joined the trustee meeting.

Mr. Tiffany and the trustees discussed the pros and cons of a fire levy. Mr. Moeller proposed alternative funding options, but Mr. Cramer and Mrs. Destefani expressed concerns about some of his suggestions and maintained that a levy is the best approach.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept the Resolution of Necessity – Fire for 1 million.
Mr. Cramer seconded.

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

8. Discussion Agenda Items

A. Change Order – Veterans Memorial

9. Public Comments

None.

10. Trustee/Staff Discussions

Mrs. Destefani highlighted the Safe Haven Baby Box Program and suggested that the Public Safety Building would be an ideal location for one. Mr. Cramer mentioned that he has drafted a trustee newsletter, which is ready for review. He would also like to explore the possibility of meeting with Dave Martin to learn more about his plans for the land he holds in Sugarcreek.

11. Adjourn

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

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