

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on September 17, 2012, at 7:00 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.**

1. Mrs. Daugherty called the session to order at 7:00 pm.
2. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Nadine Daugherty, Scott Bryant and Mike Pittman being present. In addition to Mr. Tiffany, Township Administrator, others present who signed in were Donna Hellman, Jim Martin, Jim Tharpe, Joan Gallagher and Donald Rouff.
4. **Recognition of Michelle and Christopher Kinzeler by the Fire Chief**

Mrs. Daugherty turned the meeting over to Chief Pavlak who said he would like to recognize Citizens for their quick response to what could have been a fatality fire. He asked Lt. Christopher Kinzeler, Dayton Fire Department, to come forward to relate the incident. Lt. Kinzeler thanked the Board and said it was an honor to be able to help his neighbor. He related the events of the evening saying that he woke up, for some unknown reason, went to the window and saw the neighbors' house on fire. He told his wife to call 911 and went to the neighbors' house. Lt. Kinzeler said he yelled but got no response. He said he looked in the house and saw smoke. He then threw a piece of lawn furniture through their sliding glass patio door and went in to arouse them. Mrs. Downey was at home sleeping and he woke her. He said after doing so the Fire Department had arrived. Chief Pavlak said if the situation had progressed much further without Lt. Kinzeler's help, it probably would have resulted in a fatality. Mrs. Downey spoke and thanked Lt. Kinzeler for saving her life. She said she had been out of town for a long weekend and was very tired that night. She thanked all who were there to help. Mr. Downey thanked Mr. Kinzeler and said he would be obligated to him for the rest of his life. Chief Pavlak presented the Kinzellers with a Certificate of Recognition and said these kinds of interactions make a difference.
5. **Community Activities**

Mrs. Daugherty asked if anyone had any Community Activities to speak about. With no response, Mrs. Daugherty said that our Agenda has listed a presentation on the Road Levy and Limited Home Rule. Since these have already been presented to all present except for Mrs. Gallagher, she asked Mrs. Gallagher if she would like Mr. Tiffany to proceed with them. Mrs. Gallagher responded that she didn't since she was already familiar with the issues and knew how she was going to vote. Mr. Pittman suggested we use Code Red to advertise the next meeting to discuss the ballot issues. Mrs. Daugherty and Mr. Bryant agreed.
6. **Reports**
  - A. Administration

The report prepared by Mr. Tiffany will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said he had nothing additional to add to his report.
  - B. Fiscal Office

Mr. Hodson said he had been reviewing costs of the new health insurance plan contracted last year. He said last year we were faced with an 18% increase on their renewal rate. He said the Township switched to a higher deductible and started a Health Reimbursement Account keeping the same basic coverage. Mr. Hodson said initial analysis shows that by doing so we not only avoided the increase but reduced our Health Insurance expenses by 2%. Mr. Hodson said Karen Shroyer and Mr. Tiffany did a great job researching and proposing the current plan.
  - C. Fire

The report prepared by the Fire Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Pavlak said he received a donation and a Thank You letter from the Lions Club for their help with the Lion's Festival. Mr. Pittman asked what the problem was at the Islamic Center. Chief Pavlak said there was an access issue but it was temporary and has been resolved.
  - D. Police

The report prepared by the Police Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Deaton said the Bellefontaine Guide Program will kick off next week.

E. Roads and Services

The report for Roads and Services will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said he had nothing to add. Mr. Bryant said he was struck by the amount of road work being done. Chief Pavlak asked what was happening at Belfast Dr. Mr. Tiffany said they were doing a full-depth reclamation on a small piece of the road.

F. Zoning

The report prepared by Cara Tilford, Director of Planning and Zoning will be appended to the permanent record. Cara said the First Baptist Church of Kettering, on Swigart Road, wants a single color electronic sign and will apply for a variance. Mr. Bryant complimented Cara on her presentation of potential annexation risks she presented to the Board of Zoning Commission.

G. Trustees

Mr. Bryant said he attended a Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission meeting. He said they are still looking for a new director and have reduced the number of candidates from fourteen to five. He said there will be a work shop at the end of the month on solar panels and how they can affect zoning. He said someone should probably attend. Cara said she had it on her schedule.

Mr. Pittman asked if we should be talking about widening the bridge on Feedwire Road going over 675. Mr. Tiffany said that is the County Engineer's project and he will check on it. Mr. Pittman said he and Mr. Tiffany attended a Greene County Trustee Association meeting. He said the speaker was from the Ohio Pork Producers and was very interesting. He said the talk was about mass production hog farms.

Mrs. Daugherty said she also attended the BZC meeting and was impressed with Cara's presentation. She said she attended the School Board Meeting and talked about the parking issue at Kable's Mill. She said the school still views the issue as a police and Township problem and not a school issue. Mr. Bryant said if enough residents show up to their meetings they will soon see it as a school issue.

7. **Old Business**

Mrs. Daugherty said the Board discussed the Park Levy and the Newsletter at the work session prior to tonight's meeting. Mr. Bryant asked about the Kelsey's Way property. Cara said as it stands today, if we sell the property we need to pay the back taxes. If we sell for less than the taxes we have to pay proportionally from what collected. Mr. Bryant said he doesn't want to lose control of them. Cara said she will let them know we want the property back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Tiffany said the tabled Resolution from last week regarding the Acceptance of Rates was not on the agenda but should be voted on tonight. Mr. Bryant asked Mr. Tiffany for an update on Cornerstone. Mr. Tiffany said Cornerstone has filed the papers and Centerville will have to answer by the first of October. He said Cornerstone then has an opportunity to reply. Mr. Tiffany said then it will go to mediation. Mr. Bryant said that nothing will happen then until about the first of the year. Mr. Tiffany agreed.

8. **New Business**

**Fiscal Office**

A. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Daugherty moved to approve the minutes for the Work Session and the Regular Session. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant - Yes  
Mr. Pittman - Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty - Yes

B. Payment on Bills

Mrs. Daugherty moved to accept the Payment of Bills as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant - Yes  
Mr. Pittman - Yes

Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

**Fire Department**

C. Resignation of Part-time Firefighter/EMT William G. Goodpaster

**Resolution #2012.09.17.01**

WHEREAS, Safer Firefighter/EMT William G. Goodpaster has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodpaster has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since May 7, 2012, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak recommends we accept his resignation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of William G. Goodpaster effective September 8, 2012.

Mr. Pittman moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant - Yes  
Mr. Pittman – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

D. Resignation of Part-time Safer Firefighter /EMT/Instructor Andrew C. Keister

**Resolution #2012.09.17.02**

WHEREAS, Safer Firefighter/EMT/Inspector Andrew C. Keister has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Keister has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since April 16, 2007, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak recommends we accept with regret his resignation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Andrew C. Keister effective September 5, 2012.

Mr. Bryant moved to accept the Resolution as presented. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant - Yes  
Mr. Pittman – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

**Administration**

E. Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor (previously tabled for clarification of wording)

**Resolution #2012.09.17.01**

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Greene County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this

Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten (10) mill limitation (see Schedule A, attached),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten (10) mill limitation as attached in Schedule A.

Mr. Pittman moved to accept the previously tabled Resolution as presented. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant – Yes  
Mr. Pittman – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes

**9. Trustee/Staff Discussion**

Mr. Bryant said he read in the Dayton Daily News where Local Governments were, on the average, paying 96% of their employees' health benefits. He said it didn't say how they arrived at that number but, with the State cutting our funding, we have talked about personnel costs before. He said we probably have more room for contributions from employees and we need to plan ahead before we have to do anything drastically at the last minute.

Cara said she had a complaint on a residence running a business on Little Sugarcreek. She said it appears the resident is selling firewood since it is piled everywhere on the lot. She said she is trying to get in contact with the owner.

**10. Public Comments**

Mr. Rouff asked if there had been discussions with the school regarding the financing of the Dille property. Mr. Tiffany said there has been an initial discussion and they are willing to work with us. Mr. Rouff asked, with regards to the Administrator's report, who is Elisabeth Ellis. Mr. Tiffany said she was an assistant to the Greene County Prosecutor. Mr. Rouff asked about the reference to M-72 in the Fire Department report. Chief Pavlak said it referred to Medic unit number 72 and the computer was several years old and needed replaced. Mr. Martin said he was very concerned about Limited Home Rule and borrowing money for the development of the Dille property. He said he is concerned that if the project goes belly up we will get stuck with the bill. Mr. Tiffany said we would get a letter of credit from the Bank and that would guarantee the payments if Mr. Oberer defaulted. Mr. Martin he wouldn't take that as gospel until those papers were signed. Mr. Martin said he at first supported Limited Home Rule but after reading more about it he's not for it. He said the Park Board should pay all the money due on the land we sold them on Waynesville road. He said the Township had to pay sixteen thousand dollars recoup-age on the taxes. Mr. Martin said if the Park levy passes that will remove some of most valuable property we have from the tax rolls and we tax payers will have to make that up. He said he is for the Dille development but times are hard for that right now. Mrs. Gallagher said with respect to the property on Little Sugarcreek, Bellbrook has a bigger problem with a property in the historical district. Their problem is that you can't zone against bad taste.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Bryant – Yes  
Mr. Pittman – Yes  
Mrs. Daugherty – Yes