

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Regular Session on April 18, 2011, at 7:30 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Chairperson Dick King called the Regular Session to order at 7:30 pm.
2. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Dick King, Nadine Daugherty and Mike Pittman being present. In addition to Township Administrator, Barry Tiffany, others present who signed in were Jim Tharpe, Donna Hellman, Katherine Ullmer, Jim Martin, Scott Bryant and Ben Monnig.
4. **Reports**
 - A. **Administrator**

Mr. Tiffany said a decision was received today from the Greene County Court of Appeals regarding the annexation. Mr. Tiffany said the report was one hundred percent in our favor. Centerville cannot take our tax dollars for a T.I.F. Centerville has 45 days to appeal to the Supreme Court .In view of the decision, the Board hoped the litigation would end.
 - B. **Fiscal Office**

Mr. Hodson said the Township was audited last week. Mr. Hodson said, according to the auditor, the final results will be forthcoming by the end of May. However, during the exit interview, he was informed, in the auditor's opinion, the results were better than the last audit, which Mr. Hodson said ended favorably.
 - B. **Fire**

A report prepared by Chief Pavlak is appended. Chief Pavlak said the Maple Festival went very well and was facilitated by a minimum of calls during the time. Chief Pavlak had said in his report that he attended an insurance team meeting. Mr. Pittman asked what was happening with our health insurance. Mr. Tiffany responded that we are shopping for the best rates available since we know we are going to be faced with significant increases this year. Mr. Tiffany said as part of this, we need to do a census of the employees to gather information necessary for bids from other sources.
 - C. **Police**

A report prepared by Chief Flick is appended. Chief Flick said he attended the Ohio Association of Police Chiefs conference. He said among the topics discussed were H.B. 202 which will prevent eliminate public officials from retiring and rehiring into a public position. He also said S.B. 77 was discussed. S.B. 77 will require DNA samples to be taken from everyone arrested. Currently, DNA samples are only required for those convicted. Chief Flick said the State will provide kits to do the necessary sampling.
 - D. **Roads and Services**

A report prepared by Tracey Messer, Director of Roads and Services, is appended. Mr. Messer said he has taken care of the berming addressed by Mr. Moeller at the last meeting. Mr. King asked about the condition of the berm. Mr. Messer said it was pretty typical of what to be expected after winter. Mr. Messer said he was working with Allwood Audubon Center regarding plantings for the island on Clio Road. Mr. Pittman said he thought Wal-mart might have contributions available for trees. Mr. Messer congratulated Bill Harphant for completing his Road Scholar II with L.T.A.P. He said seven courses of training are involved. Mr. Messer also said the State is fixing the pavement at State Route 725 and Wilmington and that the pedestrian crossings will be painted on the north and east sides of the intersection.
 - E. **Zoning**

A report prepared by Cara KillKelley, Township Planner/Zoning Compliance Officer, is appended. Cara talked about the BZC meeting regarding the Little Miami River Overlay District. Mrs. Daugherty asked about the County Waste disposal facility on Ferry Road. Mr. Tiffany said it will be moved at the end of this year's operation. He said it may move across the street to the location of the old sewage plant.
 - F. **Trustees**

Mr. Pittman thanked the staff for their help at the Sugar Maple Festival. Mr. Tiffany thanked Mr. Pittman for getting printed magnets together in very short order for give-a-ways at the Township booth at the Festival. Mr. Pittman also thanked Mr. Judd Powell for providing a sizable discount for material to re-do the entry to the East-of-Eden development. Mr. King said that Mr. Powell was a fine gentleman and an asset to our community.

Mrs. Daugherty said she participated in a Community clean up of several of the area roads. She said she was pleased that with very little notice about thirty volunteers participated in the clean up. Mrs. Daugherty said she attended the Zoning meeting and talked to a lot of Citizens who were unhappy about not receiving advance notification of the meeting. Mrs. Daugherty thought the Board and staff should look into a way to improve notification of Citizens about upcoming meetings. Mr. Pittman said we have three weeks until the next meeting regarding the Little Miami River Overlay District. Mrs. Daugherty said she attended the Maple Festival and talked to a lot of Citizens. Mrs. Daugherty thanked all the employees who helped at the Festival. Mrs. Daugherty thanked Cara, who brought her new baby, for taking the time to help out.

6. New Business

Fiscal Office

A. Payment of Bills

Mr. King moved to accept the Payment of Bills as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

7. Trustee/Staff discussion

Mr. Tiffany said the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its twentieth annual golf outing on August 18, 2011. Mr. Tiffany said he has received a request for a donation of one thousand dollars from the Family Resource Center. Mr. Tiffany said we will be hit pretty hard by the State cut backs in TPP, TPP reimbursements from the CAT tax and utility deregulation cuts. Mr. Tiffany also said the Local Government support will be cut 355 this year and a total of 50% for next year. Mr. Tiffany said the Circus is coming to Town and we were having a tough time getting necessary compliance information for the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Tiffany said he received a letter from a resident about the roadway in Indian Wells. He said it will take a lot of money to bring it up to spec. and he is currently talking about the issue s with the Greene County Engineer's Office.

Mr. Tiffany said he has a request for purchase for a new firewall for the Township's Network. He said it will cost \$4,294.00 dollars and the cost would be shared between the departments. Mr. Pittman asked if there were any associated maintenance fees. Mr. Tiffany said there were not. Mr. Pittman asked if the old firewall was outdated. Mr. Tiffany said it was failing. He also said we were in need a new Network Switch. Right now we have ports that have failed and we are running out of options. A new switch will cost \$6191.00. These two items are critical to our Network and will last five to 10 years. Mr. Tiffany said these items are not a wish list but a necessity. The Board approved the purchase of both items.

Chief Pavlak said he needed five sets of Fire Gear to keep all gear in a six year rotation. He said this would cost about \$10,000.00. Chief Pavlak said he has shopped many sources of gear. However, he said he possibly could save addition money if he bought 10 sets of gear. No decision was made for purchasing gear at this time.

Public Comments

Mr. Ben Monnig said he was here regarding the Overlay District. He agreed with Mrs. Daugherty that better notification of the meeting was needed. Mr. Monnig said he thinks we're putting rules in place we don't need. He said he doesn't see a need for the one hundred and twenty foot set back. He said a gentle was there that said the water quality in the river has been going up. He said he has not heard any complaints from anyone along the river. Mr. Monnig said we are killing the goose for no good reason.

Mr. Scott Bryant the Township does not do many Public Meetings but it is incumbent upon the Administration get the word out. Mr. Bryant said he is not a proponent for mail and a lot of people do not read the newspaper. He suggested maybe the Code Red telephone notification system might be used.

Mr. Jim Martin said he was disappointed with what was happening with regards to the Overlay District. Mr. Martin said there were seven Governmental Agencies already involved in regulation of the river. We cannot override their regulations. Mr. Martin said even if the regulations for those on the river were grandfathered, that would no longer be in effect when the property changed hands. As far as saying someone could apply for a variance if needed, that would cost someone \$500.00 to apply and our Township has a track record of approving very few variances. Mr. Martin said Cara could not enforce violations unless she had a boat to inspect the river. Mr. Martin said Mr. Schieman should not be involved because of a conflict of interest. He said Mr. Schieman is a State Water Monitor and he should not be sitting on a board making decisions about the river.

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

Mrs. Daugherty - Yes

Mr. King - Yes

Mr. Pittman - Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer