

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on October 3, 2011, at 7:30 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.**

1. Chairperson Dick King called the Session to order at 7:35 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 Martin, Scott Bryant, Steve Knopp, Bobby Symes, Shannon Martin, Marvin Moeller and Donna Hellman.
4. Community Activities
5. Shannon Martin with Greene Memorial Hospital Levy Committee. Ms. Martin said that Issue 16 on the ballot this November is a one-half mil renewal of the Greene County Memorial Hospital Operating Levy. She talked about the importance of the Health Care and Emergency services the Hospital provided for Greene County. Ms. Martin said the Levy would add no additional taxes. The cost to the tax payers would be about fifteen dollars per one hundred thousand dollars of valuation.

Mr. King asked if the newly planned facility at Beavercreek would downgrade Greene Memorial's facility. Ms. Martin said the Kettering Network supports the needs in Greene County and the facility won't be downgraded. Chief Pavlak asked why the tax payers should support a hospital if it is not non-profit. Ms. Martin said Greene Memorial has always been non-profit and the affiliation with Kettering Networks makes it easier to maintain. Mr. Jim Martin said the tax payers built Greene Memorial and when it was taken over the County received no money for it. Mr. Martin asked why we should maintain a private organization with our money. Ms. Martin said our services stay local and we are still operating as a charitable and non-profit facility.

Mr. King thanked Ms. Martin for her presentation. Mr. King said we would move forward to the appointment of Fire Personnel so family members present for the appointment would not have to remain for the entire meeting.

**Fire**

- B. Appointment of Fire Department Personnel: Jacob L. Miller and Robert J. Symes

**Resolution # 2011.10.03.01**

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

WHEREAS, vacancies exist within the classification of Part-time Firefighter and Volunteer Firefighter; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Pavlak, in his September 20, 2011, correspondence to the Township Administrator, has recommended the appointment of Jacob L. Miller as Part-time Firefighter and Robert J. Symes as Volunteer Firefighter in support of the goals and objectives of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose within the Fire Department's 2011 Operating Budget; and,

WHEREAS, Part-time Township employees are hired with the expectation that the employee(s) will work not more than one-thousand five-hundred (1,500) hours total in any year, calculated annually from the date of part-time appointment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jacob L. Miller shall be appointed to the position of Part-time Firefighter at the pay rate of \$9.05 per hour and Robert J. Symes shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that these positions shall have an effective date of October 3, 2011, with a one (1) year probationary period ending on October 3, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Miller and Mr. Symes came forward and were personally welcomed by the Board and Staff.

6. Reports

A. Administration

A report prepared by Township Administrator Barry Tiffany is appended. Mrs. Daugherty asked if there were any comments on economic development. Mr. Tiffany said everyone is predicting a recovery but a very slow one. All of our Township property values went down. Mr. Tiffany said in days past your home was always a good retirement investment. He said it doesn't appear we will see that again for quite a while. Chief Pavlak said Sugarcreek Township is doing better other areas of Greene County.

B. Fire

A report prepared by the Fire Department is appended. Chief Pavlak said the replacement HVAC units for those damaged by the hail storm have been installed. He said negotiations on the roof are continuing but progress is being made and it should come out to our benefit. Chief Pavlak said all is progressing well with our Greene County multi-entity radio grant. He said our grant will be approximately \$851,000.00 with approximately \$120,000.00 for Sugarcreek Township.

D. Police

A report prepared by the Police Department is appended. Chief Deaton said he attended a round table discussion group meeting with Attorney General Mike DeWine. Chief Deaton said it was very informative. Mr. King asked if Attorney General DeWine was present for the whole meeting. Chief Deaton responded that he was. Chief Deaton said he has been busy with a lot of Public appearances which are listed in his report. He also mentioned two letters of appreciation issued to Linda Lotspaih and Officer Tim Fallis.

E. Roads and Services.

A report prepared by Tracey Messer, Director of Roads and Services, is appended. Mr. Messer said he has been working on Phase II of Cloy Road and issues with Indian Wells Trails. Mr. Messer said the bridge on Washington Mill Road is expected to be completed by the first part of November. He also said Darst Road will be closed Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

F. Zoning

A report prepared by Cara Tilford, Township Planner/Zoning Official, is appended. Cara said she thought Halloween at the Farmer's Market would be nice. The board agreed. Cara said she would see if the vendors would like the idea and to sponsor it. Cara said the Greene County Environmental Service in conjunction with the Greene Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a used tire disposal event. People could dispose of car tires for \$0.50 apiece, semi-truck tires for \$1.00 apiece and implement and tractor tires for \$5.00 apiece. People interested need to call the Greene Soil and Water District to register and receive a date and place to take their tires for disposal.

G. Trustees

Mr. Pittman said early voting will be October 5, 2011.

7. New Business

**Fiscal Office**

A. Payment on Bills

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

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

**Administration**

C. Authorizing the Township Administrator to Submit for Interest Free Loans through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Purpose of Road Improvements and Other Necessary Public Infrastructure Projects.

**Resolution # 2011.10.03.02**

WHEREAS, the uninterrupted operations of the Township are necessary for the preservation of health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, is requesting permission to submit an application for interest-free loans through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the purpose of partnering with the Greene County Engineers Office on road improvements to Carpenter and South Alpha-Bellbrook Roads and other necessary public infrastructure projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believe it to be beneficial to the residents of Sugarcreek Township to utilize interest free loans whenever possible,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Township Administrator to submit an application for interest-free loans through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the purpose of road improvements to Carpenter and South Alpha-Bellbrook Roads and other necessary public infrastructure projects.

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

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

8. Trustee/Staff discussion

Chief Pavlak thanked Mr. Messer for taking care of the gravel on the parking lot at the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Pittman said he liked the idea of Halloween at the Farmer's Market.

9. Public Comments

Mr. Brian Sauer addressed the Board on behalf himself and Yana Akkanson who lives at Bayberry Cove. Mr. Sauer had several complaints regarding loud parties and disorderly conduct occurring at all hours of the night. He said he has called the Township Police on different occasions and one time was told if he called again he would be arrested. He said he is very unhappy with the response from the Police Department and wants something done about the situation. Chief Deaton asked Mr. Sauer to call and set up a time they could meet. Chief Deaton said he has been in contact with the managers of Bayberry Cove and Cedar Trails and has been working on proactive solutions to the problems there. Mr. King said he would like Mr. Tiffany to be involved in the discussion also.

Mr. Jim Martin talked about the value of houses going down. He said in the last several years his taxes have gone up hundreds and recently dropped sixty nine dollars. He said the economic recovery will take ten years. Mr. Martin said the Greene Memorial Hospital, as non-profit, was paid for by Greene County taxpayers and

when Kettering Networks took over the Hospital the County didn't receive a dime. Mr. Martin said until the taxpayers receive money back he won't vote for any levy.

Mr. King moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 pm for personnel reasons. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

Mr. Martin asked what the nature of the personnel reasons were. Mr. Tiffany said it was disciplinary.

The meeting reconvened at 9:45pm with the following actions taken:

D. Resignation of Fire Department Personnel Rusty L. Cross

**Resolution # 2011.10.03.04**

WHEREAS, Firefighter Rusty L. Cross has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department with an effective date of August 25, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Cross has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since September 4, 2000, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak indicated in his September 12, 2011, correspondence that Firefighter Cross has no monetary obligations to the Township and recommends we accept with regret his resignation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts, with regret, the resignation of Rusty L. Cross effective August 25, 2011.

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

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer