

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

1. Chairperson Dick King called the Session to order at 7:30 pm.
2. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. In Mr. Hodson's absence, Mr. Tiffany 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 Scott Bryant, Jim Martin, Darrin Fussner and Donna Hellman.

4. Community Activities

- D. Appointment of Part-time Dispatcher, Mandy M. Safriet

Resolution # 2011.11.07.03

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the classification of part-time Dispatcher; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police and Township Administrator have identified Mandy M. Safriet as an ideal candidate for the position of part-time Dispatcher,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees appoints Mandy M. Safriet to the position of part-time Dispatcher at the pay rate of \$11.50 per hour.

FURTHER BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this appointment shall have an effective date of November 8, 2011, and will be subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending November 8, 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

Ms. Safriet came forward and was personally welcomed by the Board and Staff.

5. Reports

A. Administration

A report prepared by Township Administrator Barry Tiffany is appended. Mr. King asked about the applications for the Ohio Public Works thirty year interest free loans. Mr. Tiffany we were not granted the Carpenter Road money but were granted the money for the Water Line installation on Cloyo Road. Mr. Tiffany said the Police Department Drug Collection and Disposal program collected over 40,000 drugs. Chief Deaton said that was correct.

B. Fire

A report prepared by the Fire Department is appended. Asst. Chief Joann Zimmerman was absent due to illness and Mr. Tiffany said he had nothing to add.

D. Police

A report prepared by the Police Department is appended. Chief Deaton said the Kick-off for the GUIDE program at the Middle School went very well. Chief Deaton said the operations and organization of the Department is being looked at for potential improvements.

E. Roads and Services.

A report prepared by Tracey Messer, Director of Roads and Services, is appended. Tracey said Washington Mill Road was open but there is still some residual work to be done. Mr. King said we should send a letter to the County Engineer thanking them for having the road open prior to Election Day.

F. Zoning

A report prepared by Cara Tilford, Township Planner/Zoning Official, is appended. Cara said Target and Kohls have submitted plans for remodeling. She said Target will remodel internally and Kohls is planning a new building facade.

G. Trustees

Mr. Pittman said he attended the Greene County Regional Planning meeting. He said Martin Kim, from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, spoke about their Going Places program Resolution. Mr. Pittman said Mr. Tiffany should call Mr. Kim about the Resolution. Mr. Pittman said he also attended the Greene County Trustee Association. He said Heidi Fought (Ohio Township Association) spoke about the viability of Townships in the State of Ohio. He said her view was relatively pessimistic about their continued existence and that people should contact their State Representatives and express their concerns.

Mrs. Daugherty said she also attended the G.C.T. A. meeting. She said she agreed with Mr. Pittman and said, when Heidi was asked the question about the future of Townships, she could tell from her reactions she was concerned about their future. She also urged all to contact their State Representatives.

Mr. King said, with the Budget Issues facing us, discussions on consolidating services need to be taken seriously. Mr. King suggested we formally task Mr. Tiffany to be creative and try to come up with some ways to potentially share services. Mr. Pittman said we met with the School Board, Park District and City and they all were interested. They decided to get together again at the first of the year to discuss further. One of the ideas was for the Fire Departments. Mr. King said we should have Citizens involved too. Mr. Pittman agreed. Mrs. Daugherty said the Citizens need to know this will not involve merging, since previous studies revealed that provided no savings, but actual sharing of resources. Mr. King said we need to pass a Resolution expressing our intent and started to verbalize a Resolution. Mr. Pittman asked if we were to vote on it tonight. Both he and Mrs. Daugherty thought it should be worked on beforehand. Mr. Pittman said there had been suggestions of a Fire District. Mr. Martin said we need a Joint Fire District not a Fire District. He also said we should sell the land for a Fire House south of town and that we should fire both Chiefs and start over with the Joint Fire District. Mr. Pittman said some Townships have had great success with Fire Companies. Mr. Martin said he will listen to any ideas. Mr. King said he is looking for all ideas and wants Mr. Tiffany to have full reign over this. Mr. King moved that a Resolution be prepared for the purpose of expressing the Township's intent to share beneficial resources. Mr. Pittman seconded. All voted in favor.

6. New Business

Fiscal Office

A. Payment on Bills

Mr. Pittman 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

Fire

B. Declaration of Excess Property. Fire Department

Resolution # 2011.11.07.01

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached correspondence have an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

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

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

C. Resignation of Fire Department Personnel, Brian F. Goddard, Christopher P. Ladue and John E. Fisher

Resolution # 2011.11.07.02

WHEREAS, Firefighter Brian F. Goddard, a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since April 4, 2011, has submitted his letter of resignation with an effective date of October 21, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Christopher P. Ladue, a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since September 22, 1997, has submitted his letter of resignation with an effective date of October 23, 2011, and,

WHEREAS, Firefighter Jon E. Fisher, a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since March 26, 1996, has submitted his letter of resignation with an effective date of October 28, 2011, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak has recommended we accept these resignations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Brian F. Goddard effective October 21, 2011, the resignation of Christopher P. Ladue effective October 23, 2011, and the resignation of Jon E. Fisher effective October 28, 2011.

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

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

Police

E. Declaration of Excess Property, Police Department

Resolution # 2011.11.07.04

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Police Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached correspondence have an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

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

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

Roads and Services

F. Declaration of Excess Property, Roads and Services Department

Resolution # 2011.11.07.05

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached correspondence have an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

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

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

G. 2011 Annual Township Highway System Mileage Certification

Resolution # 2011.11.07.06

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees has received the 2011 Township Highway System Mileage Certification from the Greene County Engineer; and,

WHEREAS, this Report has been reviewed by Tracey D. Messer, Director of Roads and Services, and was found to be accurate as presented; and,

WHEREAS, this Report indicates the 2011 Ohio Department of Transportation changes in road mileage,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Report, as presented and reviewed, is accepted by this Board of Township Trustees.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that a signed copy will be returned to the Greene County Engineer.

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

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

H. Appointment of Temporary Part-time Employees

Resolution # 2011.11.07.07

WHEREAS, the need exists to establish and maintain a viable work force within the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees, has authorized the hiring of temporary part-time employees to assist in the removal of snow through the fall and winter seasons, as well as other departmental functions; and,

WHEREAS, Charles H. Anderson, Ronald L. Applegate, Michael L. Roberts, Charles E. Prewitt, Ronald B. Brooks, Alexander J. Robinson, Jeffrey T. Lay, and Steven R. Gibson have applied for employment as temporary part-time employees, were interviewed and successfully underwent all necessary screening and testing,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees does hereby appoint the aforementioned individuals to the position of temporary part-time worker in the Roads and Services Department, at the rate of pay of \$10.25 per hour effective November 7, 2011.

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

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

Administration

I. Declaration of Excess Property, Administration

Resolution # 2011.11.07.08

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Administration Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached correspondence have an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this property to be excess and directs the appropriate disposition of this property.

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

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

J. Declaration of Excess Property and Transfer to Another Governmental Office

Resolution # 2011.11.07.09

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Administration Department has identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the Administration Department equipment is identified as an Evolis ID card printer and WS Electronics PC with keyboard, and;

WHEREAS, this equipment has an individual value of \$2,000 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares this equipment to be excess and directs its transfer to the Greene County Sheriff's Office at the cost of One dollar (\$1.00).

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

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

7. Trustee/Staff discussion

Mrs. Daugherty told everyone to get out and vote. She also said she has not seen any negative campaigning and respects that.

8. Public Comments

Mr. Jim Martin spoke about the article in the Sunday paper about the Fire Department charging motorists for Fire calls to an accident scene. He said he is against it. It is just another fee for a Fire run. Mr. Martin said it is not fair. Those who refuse to pay are let go and those who say they can't pay are let go. It's discriminatory. He said in one case, a fender bender, they sent a fire truck and there was a thousand dollar charge. He said you're not going to pass another Fire Levy because this thing is going to blow up on you. Mr. Martin said we're paying the second highest taxes in the County and I won't call the Fire Department if I have to pay for it. Mr. Pittman said if it is a 911 call you sometimes don't know what equipment may be needed. Mr. Tiffany said, in the article, the case listed was not a Township resident. He said 88% of our traffic calls are for non-residents of the Township. He said we do not bill our Citizens, nor their insurance companies. Mrs. Daugherty said the article in the paper was a little misleading in this respect. She also said if a non-resident insurance company doesn't pay it is also written off. Mr. Martin said he has talked to his insurance carrier and was told all carriers are going to raise their rates to cover these charges. Mr. King said this was put in to lessen the tax burden on our Citizens.

Mr. Darrin Fussner said in February he made a 911 call and his daughter was taken to the hospital. He said he was billed for over eight hundred dollars. Mr. Tiffany said this was for a different program. This was an EMT call instead of a fire call. Mr. Fussner said this was not what he was here to speak about. He said he is the President of the Kables Mill Homeowners Association. They have a recurring issue of complaints about parking in the streets behind the High School. Students are parking in front of mail boxes and partially blocking driveways by parking directly across the street from a drive. There were signs in place for a few years but were no longer legible. We invited Mr. Tiffany to a meeting and we agreed to have the majority taken down and not replaced. We agreed that a few would be left up but not enforced by the Police since doing so, against students only, would be discriminatory. I have talked to Mr. Guyer, the County Engineer, who said he believed signs could be put up and parking enforced if a Resolution regarding such is passed by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Tiffany asked if it would apply to everyone instead of just students. Mr. Fussner said they could list the time parking was illegal which could apply to all. Mr. Tiffany said we would like to pursue this through our Prosecutor. Mr. Fussner said he has a packet of all the laws pertaining to parking. Mr. King thanked him and said that may save some time. Mr. King asked Mr. Fussner if the Homeowners Association could share the cost. Mr. Fussner said he believed there would be some money available. Mrs. Daugherty asked Chief Deaton if he had any problem with a Resolution being passed. He said the parking was a problem and he had no objections. Mr. Fussner said that the incorrectness of doing this the last time was that there was never a Resolution passed. Mrs. Daugherty said she would like to make this an action item and to put this on the next agenda as an action item and as a Resolution. Mr. Fussner said he would like to thank Cara and Tracey for taking care of him every time he called.

Mrs. Hellman said she would like to see a no through way sign put up at Eaglestone in Eagle Rise so it would not be used as a cut through.

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 pm for personnel reasons. The meeting re-adjourned at 9:30 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.