

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on December 5, 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. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Dick King and Mike Pittman being present. Mrs. Daugherty was absent. In addition to Township Administrator, Barry Tiffany, others present who signed in were Scott Bryant, Jim Martin, Darrin Fussner, Jim Tharpe, Howard Ackerman and Donna Hellman.

4. **Community Activities**

5. **Reports**

A. Administration

Mr. Tiffany said, since we are hosting the Greene County Trustee Association Christmas meeting, ha has been busy with preparations. He also said, with regard to Mr. Fussner's request on behalf of the Cable's Mill Home Owners Association for no parking signs that he has been in contact with the Greene County Prosecutor's Office and is waiting for their response. He said the signs should be up by mid January. Mr. King said he would like a notification sign out front. Mr. Tiffany said that would be up to the Association if they wish to do so as long as it wasn't in the right-of-way. Mr. Tiffany said the signs will post no parking 7:00 am to 3:00 pm on school hours. Mr. Fussner said he has received no complaints for parking in times other than that proposed. Mr. Pittman asked about the cost. Mr. Tiffany said he believed they were about eighteen dollars a sign. Chief Deaton said he would issue written warnings at first and would follow those with citations if necessary.

Mr. King congratulated Mr. Hodson on the recently received Audit report for 2009/2010.

Mr. King also announced that Katherine Ullmer, our Dayton Daily News reporter, has resigned.

B. Fiscal Office

C. Fire

A report prepared by the Fire Department is appended. Chief Pavlak presented letters of recognition to Kevin Zehring for ten years of service and to Drue Kinney for being the full-time employee of the year. Both came forward and were personally congratulated by the Board and Staff.

D. Police

A report prepared by the Police Department is appended. Chief Deaton said he received a check from Wal-Mart for six hundred and thirty dollars and that it will go to the Community Outreach Fund. Chief Deaton said there have been cars broken into recently and that Citizens should not leave items in their cars. Mr. Pittman said the location of the Public Safety Building has probably saved the Citizens a lot of money over the years. Chief Deaton said it has definitely reduced response times.

E. Roads and Services.

Mr. Tiffany said he had nothing to report in Mr. Messer's absence.

F. Zoning

A report prepared by Cara Tilford, Township Planner/Zoning Official, is appended. Mr. King said he would like to see this years housing starts compared to previous to see if things were improving.

G. Trustees

Mr. Pittman said he attended the Fire Department's Christmas party. He said he was impressed with the awards presented and that we have some great young people employed. Mr. Pittman said it was a good event.

Mr. King said he had hoped an agenda item for new Trustee Orientation could have been included on the agenda. Mr. Bryant said he has met with Mr. Tiffany and Chief Deaton and is scheduled to meet with Chief Pavlak. He said in the next few weeks he will meet with Cara, Tracey and Ted.

**6. New Business**

**Fiscal Office**

**A. Payment on Bills**

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

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. King - Yes

**Fire**

**B. Authorizing the Sugarcreek Township Fire Chief to Enter Into a Contract to Purchase a New First Responder Truck.**

**Resolution # 2011.12.05.01**

Mr. King moved to table this item until the next meeting Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. King - Yes

Mr. Pittman said he was in favor of purchasing the new truck since he thought it was a needed and essential piece of equipment. He said this will give Nadine a chance to express he opinion at the next meeting.

**Police**

**E. Reclassification of Police Officer Timothy A. Pyles**

**Resolution # 2011.12.05.02**

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

WHEREAS, at times this need is met through the reclassification of Police Department employees; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Deaton requests the reclassification of Timothy A. Pyles from Part-time Police Officer to Full-time Police Officer in support of the goals and objectives of the Sugarcreek Township Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Deaton has recommended this reclassification in his December 1, 2011, correspondence and the 2011 Budget has sufficient funds allocated for this position,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Timothy A. Pyles is appointed as a full-time Police Officer at the hourly rate of \$19.41 effective December 5, 2011, and subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending December 5, 2012.

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

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. King - Yes

Chief Deaton said he is still not to full staff, but this should help reduce some of the overtime burden.

**7. Public Comments**

Mr. Fussner said the no parking changes will need a Resolution. Mr. Tiffany said when we here back from the Prosecutor's Office we will write the Resolution. We are waiting on them for the proper wording so it will be enforceable. Mr. King told Mr. Fussner that he will be informed of what's going on before the next meeting. Mr. Fussner said, on behalf of other Cables Mill residents that there is some dissension regarding a letter from Mr. Messer pertaining to basketball goals. Mr. Tiffany said the section of the letter referencing the law was not for Township roads but the Township does have authority with its road right-of-ways. He suggested anyone with questions should call him. Mr. Fussner agreed with that.

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

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. King - Yes

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 pm for personnel reasons. The meeting re-adjourned at 9:40 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer