

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Special Session on July 13, 2011, at 5:34 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Vice Chairperson Nadine Daugherty called the Session to order at 5:35 pm.
2. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Nadine Daugherty and Mike Pittman being present. Mr. King arrived within a few minutes of the meeting being opened.

In addition to Township Administrator, Barry Tiffany, others present who signed in were Jo Beth Bryant, Jim Martin and Donna Hellman.

4. Public Hearing of 2012 Fiscal Budget

Fiscal Office Report

Mr. Hodson said the Township has a workable budget for 2012 but it may be subject to corrections as the changes in the State Budget, which have impacted us at local levels with loss of revenue, become more defined. The State has passed changes in the Ohio Revised Code to supposedly help counteract the revenue loss, but the regulations regarding the implementation of these changes have not yet been fully defined. Mr. Hodson said the General Fund and the Roads and Services Fund were having the biggest financial problems and the Board may need to take corrective action depending on how the remainder of 2011 and the start of 2012 unfold. As an example, Mr. Hodson said the passage of the upcoming Road Levy was crucial to the Roads and Services Department. The amount received from the current expiring levy is the same amount as we received fifteen years ago. We now have more road Mileage than then and prices for fuel, asphalt and salt and other materials have increased dramatically. If it did not pass, corrective actions would need to be taken through reduction of services, personnel or termination of current road projects.

Mr. King opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Hodson provided a brief accounting for each of the Departments and other Funds listed in the new Budget. He pointed out significant positive changes in several of the funds. Mr. Hodson said the Purchased Services Expenditures has dropped dramatically for the General Fund and will drop more in 2012, primarily due to the Annexation issue with the Dille Property coming to a conclusion. He said this will provide about \$150,000.00 savings in expenditures between 2010 and 2012 with a significant reduction this year. Other substantial savings were obtained by our change to a Health Reimbursement Plan from our current Health Insurance. Mr. Hodson provided explanations to the Board when requested.

Mr. King suggested we form an employee committee for suggesting ideas for saving money. After discussion, it was determined to see how the remainder of the year progressed and for the Staff and Department Heads to identify shortcomings and plausible remedies since corrections, if necessary, will require managerial changes.

Mr. King asked if reserve funds were permissible and could one be established even if we had no money for the near future. Mrs. Donna Hellman said she thought Citizen's would probably think we had extra money to put back or were taking it from somewhere it might have been needed.

Mrs. Daugherty asked Mr. Hodson if he could provide a summary of the budget for the next Regular Session. Mr. Hodson responded that he would.

Mr. King moved to close the Public Hearing. 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 accept the 2012 Budget as Presented. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

5. New Business

Fire Department

A. Resignation of Part-time SAFER Firefighter Adam M. Dietz and Paul Kleinhenz

Resolution # 2011.07.13.01

WHEREAS, Firefighters Adam M. Dietz and Paul J. Kleinhenz have submitted their letters of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Dietz has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since June 21, 2010, and Mr. Kleinhenz has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since February 1, 2010, and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak indicated in his July 7, 2011, correspondence that Firefighters Dietz and Kleinhenz have no monetary obligation to the Township and recommends we accept their resignations,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Adam M. Dietz and Paul J. Kleinhenz effective July 1, 2011.

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

6. Trustee/Staff discussion

Mr. Tiffany said we received the contract for Cloy Road Phase II from the Ohio Public Works and the Board needs to sign the paperwork so we can get things started. Mr. Tiffany said the Design phase is due to be done this August, bids to be received in November and construction started in April 2012 to be completed in November 2012.

Mr. King asked Mr. Tiffany if, when we send the agenda to Times, we could send a copy of the Trustees meeting packet also. Mr. Tiffany responded that we would.

Mr. Tiffany said we would also be hiring a new Police Officer at Monday's Regular Session. Cara Tilford said she would have two Resolutions on the Agenda for Monday. Mr. Tiffany said Mr. Messer sent in the paper work for the Levy to the County today and we should have certification soon.

7. Public Comments

Mr. Jim Martin said he would like to see the comments from the Greene County Regional Planning Commission regarding the Little Miami River Overlay District. He said he has asked the Board for them but have not yet received them. Mr. Martin said they should have been presented at the meeting. Mr. Martin said he has request the Board remove Mr. Schieman from the Board of Zoning Commission but has not received a reply. Mr. Martin said Mr. Schieman should not have been involved with the Little Miami River Overlay Text Amendment because he is a State Water Monitor and had a conflict of interest. Mr. Martin said he wants to know if he is going to be removed and if not, why. He said Mr. Schieman was pushing Regulatory restrictions and not zoning.

Mr. King moved to recess for five minutes prior to entering Executive Session for litigation purposes. 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 approximately 8:00 pm with no action taken.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer