

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on February 6th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

- 1) **Mrs. Destefani called the session to order at 6:00 pm.**
- 2) **Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members**, Mrs. Destefani, Mr. Moeller, and Mr. Cramer were in attendance. Also, in attendance was Donna Hellmann, Louis Schatzberb, Jake Jagels, Jordan Rio, and Jodi Puterbaugh.
- 3) **All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4) **Jake Jagels – Congressman Turner’s Local Field Representative**

Mr. Jagels introduced himself. The trustees asked him to give updates on what Mr. Turner is doing for Greene County and that is why he is attending the meeting. He stated first are new committee assignments. Congressman Turner is now the chairman of the house permanent select committee on intelligence which will be very helpful with WPAFB. He added that he also now serves on house oversight and government reform which is a committee in which he previously served on but has not the last couple sessions of congress. He is also serving on the armed services committee as he has done in the past. He stated some of the major funding things that came from the bill that passed at the end of last year, Congressman Turner was able to secure \$3 million dollars for the preliminary engineering work at the I-675 and Wilmington Pike interchange to improve safety and relieve traffic congestion. He added that he was also able to bring back \$29 million for a school aged center on WPAFB totaling to \$53 million that will benefit the quality of life for younger people living/working on base. He stated he also wanted to provide an update for former governor, Bob Taft. He stated that he was appointed to he Afghan War Commission. He stated another major update is that the space force intel command has been moved to WPAFB. He thanked the trustees for allowing him to speak and stated if there is anything anyone needs from their office to reach out to him. Mrs. Tilford informed Mr. Jagels that the township is applying for the RAISE grant which will affect Greene County as well.

5) **Reports**

Administration

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked about the deeds for the memorial property. Mr. Tiffany stated he spoke with the prosecutor’s office, and they sent it to the park district who sent it to their attorneys, and they are currently working through it so hopefully they should see it soon.

Zoning

Mrs. Tilford had nothing to add to her report. She noted she spoke with a BZA board applicant and asked them to send their resume so she should hopefully be receiving that soon and there are currently two applicants.

Fiscal Officer

Mr. Demko stated he has started his meetings with the department heads to review the year end expenditures compared to the temporary appropriations in preparation for the permanent

appropriations due in April. Mrs. Destefani asked if in the work session in March they are still going to go over the audit. Mr. Demko stated yes.

Fire

Mr. Buffenbarger stated he informed Cornerstone that after so many false alarm calls, they start billing them and as of now they have not received any additional false alarm calls. They have begun the Blue Card Training for the full-time employees and some have finished the course and are just awaiting the in person test. He stated he is actively trying to get one of the employees trained to administer CPR training as well as car seat installation training to offer those services to the community which they will advertise on the website and social media. On 2/15/23 they will have candidate testing for the vacant firefighter position. The vacant lieutenant position written testing is on 3/28/23 and on 4/1/23 there will be an assessment center test organized by several fire chiefs. Some discussion continued on the assessment center and what that entails. The final interviews will occur on 4/5/23. Mrs. Destefani asked why Mr. Straight was resigning. Chief Buffenbarger stated he is now a full-time firefighter for Fairborn and no longer has time to give to Sugarcreek.

Police

Chief Brown had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani asked what Chief Brown asked for, for the Lyons club. Chief Brown stated their ballistic vests have a 5-year shelf life and this year 3 are due to expire, so they had a vendor come in to give a price for them. Their prices have increased to \$900. Chief Brown stated he applied for a grant that will cover 75% of the cost, and he submitted to the Lyons club to cover the remaining 25%. Mr. Cramer stated he was at the White Fence HOA meeting with both the police and fire chief and he was very impressed by both of their speeches. He also mentioned Chief Brown spoke on the police levy and the need for it, without asking people to vote yes or no, and he was very proud.

Roads and Service

Mr. Owens was not present and had nothing to add to his report. Mrs. Destefani stated she noticed that they were driving training for snow routes with the new staff. Mrs. Tilford stated that the training is to show the new staff how to not run over yards and damage mailboxes. Some discussion followed on the fiber optics installations and how some residents have presented complaints about losing power, the installation tearing up their yards, etc.

Information Technology

Mr. Tiffany had nothing to add.

Trustees

Mr. Moeller stated he attended the OTA meeting, and he stated it was a good conference this year and he learned quite a bit. He added he attended the Ohio Fire Marshalls Conference that was also really interesting. He added one of the things they are going to introduce is NFPA standard for pump operators only. He stated it was a really good conference and he learned a lot. Mr. Moeller asked the other trustees if they saw that Governor DeWine signed a bill supporting regional dispatch centers and they are going to be giving credits to those combining departments together for regional dispatching.

Mrs. Destefani stated she attended the OTA meeting as well and thought the sessions were very informative. She stated she also attended the Greene County Regional Planning meeting and they decided that the Director of Greene County Regional Planning was underpaid, and was offered another position that paid \$20,000 more but she opted to not accept that position and the county is trying to get closer to the pay of what the other offer was. To do this, the pay will come from each of the townships they support in Greene County. There will be a slight increase in the budget for the township of \$476.60 for Sugarcreek Township specifically. She added they did very equitably distribute through all of the townships and the county took the bulk of paying the difference.

Mrs. Destefani asked Mr. Tiffany to speak about the 911 implementation that was spoken about at CLOUT. Mr. Tiffany stated they would put another fee on your cell phone bill to pay for 911 services because it is getting so expensive for dispatch. This is something they are looking at, at the state level as opposed to passing another property tax.

Mr. Cramer stated he also attended the OTA conference and he thought it was well attended. He stated he took some of the leadership classes with Mrs. Tilford and he really enjoyed the speakers. Some discussion followed on the speakers at the OTA conference. He stated one thing he learned was to never “No comment.” As soon as someone says “No comment” it assumes guilt. You instead may say, “This is not tolerated in Sugarcreek Township” or “We do not know all the pieces yet, but we are vigorously searching for answers.” By sending this message, it saves a lot of pain and heartache.

6) **Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Mr. Rio stated he is attending this meeting to express his interest in joining the BZA. He stated he brought a letter addressed to the township officers and trustees. Mr. Rio read the letter he presented to the trustees expressing his interest in the BZA position. Mr. Tiffany asked where Mr. Rio’s office is. Mr. Rio stated he practices out of his home. Mr. Tiffany stated they have a physician that Sugarcreek partners with and they pay him an annual fee and no insurance is involved, and it has really worked out for the township. He asked Mr. Rio if this were something he would consider. Mr. Rio stated he has never considered this but would be willing to discuss is. The trustees thanked Mr. Rio and stated it is nice to have a face to go along with the application.

7) **Old Business**

None.

8) **Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Approval of Minutes

C. Rescinding Resolution 2020.08.17.03 Acceptance of Dedicated Roadway for Maintenance of Streets and Storm Systems for Oak Brooke 3 - 2023.02.08.01

WHEREAS, this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees has determined the need to rescind Resolution 2020.08.17.03 Acceptance of Dedicated Roadway for Maintenance of Streets and Storm Systems for Oak Brooke 3,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 2020.08.17.03 is hereby rescinded (copy attached and incorporated in this resolution).

D. Acceptance of Dedicated Roadway for Maintenance of Streets and Storm Systems for Oak Brook, Section 4 - 2023.02.06.02

WHEREAS, this Board of Township Trustees has received the name Oak Brooke, Section 3, from the Greene County Engineer which will become the responsibility of Sugarcreek Township per Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) 5553.31; and,

WHEREAS, the maintenance and responsibility for these roadways will belong to the Sugarcreek Township Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the following roadways have met the specifications and inspection procedures of both the Greene County Engineer and the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department:

Oak Brooke, Section 4

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that these subdivision roads are accepted as the responsibility of Sugarcreek Township and the speed limit in this residential area shall be set at 25 miles per hour.

E. Acceptance of Dedicated Roadway for Maintenance of Streets and Storm Systems for Oak Brooke, Section 2 - 2023.02.06.03

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Oak Brooke, Section 2

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F. Resignation of Fire Department Staff - Anthony Straight- 2023.02.06.04

WHEREAS, Full-time Firefighter/Paramedic, Anthony Straight has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Anthony Straight was hired as a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department on August 10, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Doug Buffenbarger recommends we accept the resignation of Anthony Straight

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the above-mentioned resignation effective January 31, 2023.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept all agenda items as stated. Mr. Moeller seconded.

Mrs. Destefani-yes

Mr. Moeller-yes

Mr. Cramer - yes

9. Discussion Agenda Items

None.

10. Public Comments

Mrs. Hellman asked Mr. Tiffany regarding the local projects plan for the Wilmington Pike Study, if the local projects were referring to Feedwire, Upper Bellbrook, and other roadways. Mr. Tiffany stated yes. She stated she just wanted to know with a HOA meeting coming up. Some discussion followed on locations for the HOA meeting. Mr. Tiffany stated their intent, is to push the expansion of Feedwire to the north side. Mr. Tiffany stated as soon as they know how it will affect their neighborhood there will be a collective negotiation process. Some discussion followed on the fencing and materials that would replace the current fence.

11. Trustee/Staff Discussions

None.

12. Executive Session

None.

13. Adjourn

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Moeller. Upon call of the roll, the vote resulted in the following:

Mrs. Destefani-yes
Mr. Moeller-yes
Mr. Cramer - yes

Richard J Demko, Fiscal Officer