

**The Board Of Trustees Of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on May 1st, 2023, at 7:00pm**

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Demko called the roll with Board Members, Mrs. Destefani, Mr. Moeller, and Mr. Cramer in attendance. Also, in attendance were Doug Cozad, David Lambright, Louis Schatzberg, Donna Hellmann, Kevin Price, Scott Carper, and Students of The Hog Flyers

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Recognition of the Hog Flyers, Winners of the State Competition**

Mr. Cramer reported on the achievements of the Bellbrook Hog Flyers and recognized super attendant Doug Cozad. Mr. Cramer introduces Dave Lambright as the start of the Flyer Hogs and how it began.

Mr. Lambright addressed that he is just the facilitator, the students take most of the credit for their success.

**5. Swearing in of Todd Tignor to Lieutenant - 2023.05.01.01**

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023.05.01.01**

IN RE: Promotion of Fire Department Personnel – Todd Tignor

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

WHEREAS, this need is met through the periodic reclassification of Fire Department employees and volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Douglas M. Buffenbarger requests the promotion of Todd Tignor from Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic to Full-time Fire Lieutenant, in accordance with the Table of Organization of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees approve the promotion of Todd Tignor to the position of Full-time Fire Lieutenant at the pay rate of \$26.68 per hour with an effective date of May 15, 2023, and is subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending May 15, 2024.

Chief Buffenbarger reviewed the history of Lieutenant Tignor's training background. Chief Buffenbarger swore in Todd Tignor.

## **6. Reports**

### **A. Administrator**

Mrs. Destefani spoke on behalf of Mr. Tiffany, the meeting's continuing topic of the construction roadwork of the Wilmington Pike I- 675 Interchange, there will be a meeting opened to the community for ODOT preferred recommendations on June 6<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm at Sinclair College. Mr. Cramer stated there is 6 million dollars accumulated for funding as of now.

Mr. Cramer stated that Mr. Tiffany met with the Greene County township administrators; the priority issue discussed was the county wide dispatch.

### **B. Zoning**

Mrs. Tilford has nothing to add. Mrs. Destefani inquired about the PUD-R discussions, Mrs. Tilford stated the first discussion will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Tilford discussed the potential process to obtain a vehicle for the Roads and Services Department, with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Mrs. Destefani addressed the OBC board meeting. Ohio Benefits Co-op Mrs. Tilford reported the OBC annual renewal meeting last was week, they are looking at 4% increase in health care costs which is a reasonable increase due to our township's good standing with low claims through the years.

Mrs. Destefani asked about PopShelf. Mrs. Tilford reported it is owned by Dollar General and it is more of a home goods type of store that will be in plaza one. In addition, we will be getting a new bakery.

### **C. Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Demko addressed the \$500 donation for the memorial fund that was not specifically designated, and spoke about the \$ 25,000 grant for the memorial fund as well.

### **D. Fire**

Chief Buffenbarger had nothing to add.

### **E. Police**

Mrs. Tilford discussed the Bike Rodeo on Chief Brown's behalf. The Bike Rodeo had a lower attendance this year and they will be looking at moving it to a more accessible location for next year to help increase the numbers.

Mr. Moeller asked what MILO training is. Mrs. Tilford states police offices go through scenarios training.

### **F. Roads and Services**

Repaving is not yet finished on the roads. Joe Hoffmann will be leaving the Roads and Services department.

### **G. Information Technology**

None.

### **H. Trustees**

Mr. Moeller stated that there was a great turn out for the Sugar Maple festival. The

Miami Valley Regional Planning dinner he attended was a success. Mr. Cramer stated that the strategy meeting that occurred with LJ, the engineer for the 675 interchange. Mr. Cramer also discussed the future bike trail. May 19 will be the UNCIN ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr. Cramer requested the 675-project letter be sent out. Mr. Cramer attended a dinner where Governor DeWine presented Greene County with 12 million dollars for the new jail. Mrs. Destefani stated the Greene County Regional Planning meeting had final results for what Greene County should look like in 2040. Mrs. Destefani attended the wastewater community meeting for Greene County. They are finishing the remote tracking for water consumption.

**7. Public Comments** - Limited to five minutes per person. Agenda related business only. (Time cannot be yielded to another person.)  
None

**8. Old Business**

Mrs. Destefani asked about the school, city, township, and park meeting. Mr. Cozad stated it is still being determined.

**9. Consent Agenda Items**

A. Payment of Bills

B. Minutes

C. Resignation of Fire Department Staff - Bradd Whitley - 2023.05.01.02

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.05.01.02**

IN RE: Resignation of Fire Department Staff – Bradd Whitley

WHEREAS, Part-time Lieutenant, Bradd Whitley has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Bradd Whitley was began as a volunteer member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department on June 6, 2005; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Doug Buffenbarger recommends we accept the resignation of Bradd Whitley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the above-mentioned resignation effective June 6, 2023.

D. Resignation of Roads and Services Staff - Joe Hoffman - 2023.05.01.03

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.05.01.03**

IN RE: Resignation of Roads and Services Department Staff – Joe Hoffmann

WHEREAS, Part-time Roads and Services Service Worker I, Joe Hoffmann has indicated his desire to resign from the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Hoffmann was hired as a member of the Sugarcreek Township Roads and Services Department on September 28, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Township Administrator Barry Tiffany recommends we accept the resignation of Joe Hoffmann.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accept the resignation of Joe Hoffmann effective May 10, 2023.

E. Declaring Excess Property - Police Department - 2023.05.01.04

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023.05.01.04**

IN RE: Declaration of Excess Property – Police Department

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

WHEREAS, the item listed below has been declared broken, obsolete or non-reparable and have been marked for destruction.

Nikon D70 Digital Camera

- Property tag 005117
- Serial Number 3292883
- Two accessory cords and lens caps

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.

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as written

Mr. Moeller seconded.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

## **10. Discussion Agenda Items**

Mrs. Destefani presented an additional Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer,

Mrs. Destefani made a motion to accept proclamation of National Day of Prayer

Mr. Moeller seconded.

Vote as follows:

Mrs. Destefani, Yes

Mr. Cramer, yes

Mr. Moeller, Yes

## **11. Public Comments** - Limited to five minutes per person. Township related business only.

(Time cannot be yielded to another person.)

Donna Hellmann, 3981 Windy Bluff CT Ms. Hellmann asked how to obtain the New Resident packets. Mrs. Tilford states they can be sent to her via email.

Kevin Price, 3249 Spillway CT. spoke in opposition of Jim Martin's land issue. Mr. Price stated the land was gifted to the township by Jim Martin, Mr. Price recalls 37 acres. Mr. Price stated the township has determined that the land cannot be used by the public as a park etc. Mr. Price stated rather than gift the land to non-excluded family members, the decision that's been made is to sell the property. Mr. Price stated he believes the intent of the township is to sell all or part of Jim Martin property to a Martin family member. Mr. Price questioned what would happen if Jodi Martin does not buy all of Jim Martin's property? Mr. Price stated the intent is to sell the remaining property that Ms. Martin does not acquire to someone whose property abutts Jim Martins. Mr. Price stated the idea to seek an agreement with the Martin family member who acquires the property and have become a dual-purpose lane. And no easement would be required. Mr. Price stated if you are not going to seek a variance and not work with the park district, put in a conservation deed restriction on the land that is going to be sold so the land does not become another housing area with 25 homes over the next 5-10 years. He would encourage the Trustees to do the right thing, not the most profitable to the general fund. He noted he is disappointed in the lack of working as a team with the park district. He noted it is beyond him.

Mr. Cramer thanked Mr. Price for his comments and noted that he believes if Mr. Price were to talk to Jodi she would share that she is content with the status of discussions.

Mr. Price indicated that he speaks to Jodi every day and he does not think that is the case. He noted it depends on what happens with the property. If she gets the property then yes but not if she hears chainsaws in a few years.

Donna Hellmann, 3981 Windy Bluff CT  
addressed the concerns of the residents around the Jim Martin property.

Mrs. Destefani redirected back to Mr. Price's comments stating the area where Mr. Martin's property is, is zoned in a fashion where the lots cannot be smaller than 500 acres.

**12. Trustee/Staff Discussion**

Mrs. Destefani stated Mary Kay Marsh has students wanting to contribute to the Veterans Memorial, using that as their fundraising project for student council.

**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