The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Regular Session, January 4, 2010, at 7:30 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Chairperson Dick King called the meeting 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, Nadine Daugherty and Mike Pittman being present.

In addition to Barry Tiffany, Township Administrator, others present who signed in were Jim Tharpe, Donna Hellman, Floyd Tharpe, Sam Black, Lance Goldbaugh, Ray Beal, Dennis Wehby, Gary Griggs, Dave Greenhorn, Steve and Deborah Durham, Ralph and Cindy Hughs, Mel and Keskie Tatman, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart D. Steele, Marvin and Marlene Moeller, Josh Greenhorn, Ed Fannin, Charles Shaves, Josh and Jennifer Griggs, Steve McCoy, Jennifer Dubin, Terry McCall, Dennis and Carrie Tate, Sharon Keller, Richard and Judy Carson, Paul and Jenny Soehner, Paul Salcheck, Ryan Gregory, Phil Colegrove, Carolyn Colegrove, Robert Kosins, Bill Stump, Bryce Schide, Loren Schide, Rick Woeste, Charles and Tammy Bowmen, Connie West, Tom Gallimore, Karl George, Ron and Judy Wysong, Eric and Lori Larson, Steve and Dodi Morgan, Mike Cleary, Jeanine and William Gauer, Sharron McGinnis, Nick Kammer, Walt Deaton, Chris Metzler, Lee Mendenhall, Tony Cascio and two or three other indiscernible signatures.

Mr. Tiffany suggested , since so many people in attendance tonight were here due to the recent rash of break-ins, we allow Chief Flick to address that issue. Chief Flick said there were numerous break-ins and crimes of opportunity on the 28th and 29th of December in Sugarcreek Township and other surrounding entities. All were related to barns and outbuildings. There were no homes broken into. Chief Flick said they were working a coordinated effort with other area agencies to find the perpetrators. Chief Flick said the Department will be glad to have an Officer provide a home and property security evaluation to anyone interested. He said they should contact Sgt. Guerrero. He also said the Department would be glad to assist in organization of neighborhood watch groups. A sign up sheet was passed around for those interested.

Many of the attendees spoke offering suggestions, ideas and criticisms regarding the Police Department's handling of the incident. Among those speaking were Marvin Moeller, Jennifer Dubin, Ralph Hughs, Dave Greenehorn, Mel Puttman, Phil Stump, Jim Tharpe, Donna Hellman, Robert Kosins, Charlie Bowmen, Bob Keller and Eric Larson. The Board and the Chief accepted criticisms and suggestions and offered many of there own suggestions during the discussion.

After a short break the meeting reconvened with the appointment of Matthew D. Stull as a Full-time Police Officer.

Police Department

C. Appointment of Full-time Police Officer Matthew D. Stull

Resolution # 2010.01.04.03

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

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists within the classification of Full-time Police Officer; and,

WHEREAS, this vacancy has been advertised and applications for the position have been evaluated by the Chief of Police and the Township Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, an assessment center was conducted which included testing in basic exercises, review board and personal interviews with the Chief of Police and Township Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, after review of all the candidates, it was determined that Matthew D. Stull has met or exceeded all requirements,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew D. Stull shall be appointed as a Full-time Police Officer at the entry-level rate of $18.48 per hour,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, this appointment shall have an effective date of January 5, 2010, and is subject to a one (1) year probationary period ending January 5, 2011.

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

Chief Flick administered the Oath of Office and the Board congratulated Officer Stull on his appointment.

4. **Reports**

A. **Administration** A Report prepared by Mr.

Tiffany is appended.

B. **Fiscal Officer**
Mr. Hodson said he just finished closing 2009 and preparing the year end reports. He said the accounting system will be up and operating with business as usual in a couple of days.

C. **Fire**

A report prepared by Chief Pavlak is appended. The Chief said all equipment is back in service. Mr. King asked Chief Pavlak if he could include a blotter with his report. Chief Pavlak said it would probably take a couple of pages of information to do so and he would have to be careful with what was permissible to divulge regarding EMS runs. Chief Flick suggested he could report various activity numbers instead. Chief Pavlak and Mr. King agreed.

D. **Police** A report prepared by Chief Flick, for the police department, is

appended.

E. **Roads and Services** A report prepared by Tracey Messer, Director of Roads

and Services, is appended.

E. **Zoning**
A report prepared by Cara KillKelley, Township Planner/Zoning Official, is appended. Mrs. Daugherty asked about the violation on S. Alpha-Bellbrook Road. Mr. Tiffany said the issue is resolved and will not occur in the future.

F. Trustees

Mr. Pittman said the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission will be giving a presentation to the Township in February. Mr. Pittman suggested we should advertise it in the paper. Cara KillKelley said she would call Bellbrook and see if we could have it on television.

Mr. King said a draft of the article addressing 'Township Goals and Looking Forward' has been prepared and is being reviewed. Mr. King also said , regarding 'Past Action' in the agenda, he would work with Mr. Tiffany to develop forms to keep track of items brought up in meetings to take action on.

Mrs. Daugherty asked about the previously discussed 'Welcoming Committee'. Mr. Tiffany said Mr. Bryant would get back with them on what he had done previously.

5. **New Business**

Fire Department

A. Resignation of Volunteer Firefighter Jamison R. Nieport

Resolution # 2010.01.04.01

WHEREAS, Volunteer Firefighter Jamison R. Nieport has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak, indicated in his December 28, 2009, correspondence that Firefighter Nieport has no financial obligations to the Township and recommends we accept his resignation,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Jamison R. Nieport with an effective date of January 4, 2010.

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

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

B. Appointment of Volunteer Firefighter Anthony R. Cascio.

Resolution # 2010.01.04.02

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

WHEREAS, Anthony R. Cascio has acquired and demonstrated all the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of Volunteer Firefighter for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Pavlak, in his December 28, 2009, correspondence to the Township Administrator, has recommended the appointment of this candidate; and,

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose within the Fire Department's 2010 Operating Budget,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Anthony R. Cascio shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter within the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department effective January 4, 2010.

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

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

Trustee/Staff Discussion

A. Renewal of the 2010 Radio Maintenance Contract with WS Electronics

Chief Pavlak said the contract is the same as last year. Chief Pavlak said that they have opted to take on a little additional risk, regarding the contract, but it will save a substantial amount of money.

Mr. King moved to execute the contract. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:
Mr. King – Yes Mrs. Daugherty -Yes Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Tiffany said they have looked at additional options for a new copier but cannot do better than the deal offered by Donnellon McCarthy. Mrs. Daugherty asked if they were buying the machine? Mr. Tiffany said no. Donnellon McCarthy would supply the machine and we would only pay per copy.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to authorize Mr. Tiffany to enter into an agreement with Donnellon McCarthy. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

Chief Pavlak said he was ready to move forward with the new ambulance. He said it is a McCoy Miller Medical Unit and will cost $128,027.00. Chief Pavlak said he plans to put $58,550.00 down.

Mr. Pittman moved to purchase a McCoy Miller Medic Unit from Burgess Hearse and Ambulance for the sum of $128,027.00. Mr. King seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

Mr. Tiffany said the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission has solicited the Township for dues for the year 2010 at a rate of $0.46 per person. Mr. Tiffany said the total would be $3049.34.

Mr. Pittman moved to pay dues in the amount of $3049.34. Mrs. Daugherty seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows: Mr. King – Yes Mrs. Daugherty -
Yes Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. King moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows: Mr. King – Yes Mrs. Daugherty -Yes Mr.
Pittman – Yes

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.

Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer