

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Regular Session, February 1, 2009, 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, Jim Martin, Frederick Murray Marvin Moeller, Sharon McGinnis, Garret Blakley and Scott Bryant.

**4. Reports**

**A. Administration**

Mr. Tiffany said he attended the Reform and Collaboration Committee meeting last Friday. Mr. Tiffany said there is a push in the State of Ohio to eliminate Township Government and replace it with City and County Government. He asked people to log in to the Ohio Collaboration website and get involved. Mr. Tiffany said Senator Bill Seitz is introducing legislation to reform annexation and T.I.F. laws. He said we still have land at risk and need this legislation.

**B. Fiscal Officer**

Mr. Hodson said he received his Certificate of Estimated Revenue and it appears the amount of tax revenue will be less than originally anticipated. Mr. Hodson said it shouldn't effect any of the current proposed budgets.

**C. Fire**

A report prepared by Chief Pavlak is appended.

**D. Police**

A report prepared by Chief Flick, for the police department, is appended. Chief Flick extended his report to include a Police Blotter.

**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, Zoning Compliance Officer, is appended. Mr. King asked about the Carpenter Road complaint. Cara said the bank had paid the taxes on the property and foreclosure and a Sheriff's Sale will be delayed.

**F. Trustees**

Mr. Pittman said he attended the Greene County Regional Planning Commission meeting and was planning to attend the Township Trustee Association meeting tomorrow night,

Mrs. Daugherty said she also planned to attend the Township Association meeting.

Mr. King said he also attended a Greene County Regional Planning meeting and hoped to attend the Township Association meeting.

**5. New Business**

**Fiscal Office**

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

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

**Administration Department**

A. Farmland Preservation – Agricultural Easement

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.01**

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees remains committed to the preservation of farmland in the Sugarcreek community, and;

WHEREAS, agricultural easements are an established legal tool used to protect land for its agricultural, natural and open space values for generations to come, and;

WHEREAS, when a board of trustees accepts an agricultural easement, the Township agrees to become partners with the landowner in order to restrict certain uses on the property in perpetuity and that the current and all future landowners assume the legal responsibility to use the property in a manner consistent with the agricultural easement, and;

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees desires to designate funds to provide for the future purchase of agricultural easements on farmland in the Township in concert with these principles, and;

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that minimal funding may be allocated for this project under the current tight budgetary environment, but some funding is necessary so that the program can be set-up and implemented, and;

WHEREAS, this Board is hopeful that additional funding from Clean Ohio and Federal Sources will become available to assist in the purchase of agricultural easements when the need arises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees does hereby direct the Fiscal Officer to designate funds within a line item of the General Fund in the amount of \$500.00 for the future purchase of agricultural easements in the interest of farmland preservation, recognizing this is a small amount intended to help structure the program.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, these funds shall remain designated as such for the 2010 fiscal year and must be reallocated each year thereafter with the annual reorganization resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees recognizes this line item as an initiative that will require additional funding sources such as private donations in the future.

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

B. Amend Resolution 2009.08.03.04 Renewal of Vision Insurance Coverage

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.02**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2009.08.03.04 Renewal of Vision Coverage with Vision Service Plan was approved on August 3, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution 2009.08.03.04 needs to be amended as there was a misprint regarding the single plan premium rates,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Vision Service Plan premium rates are \$16.37 per month for the single plan and \$37.05 per month for the family plan effective September 1, 2009 - August 31, 2011.

The Resolution was corrected to reflect \$16.37 per month for the single plan instead of \$6.37 per month.

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

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

C. Declaration of Excess Property

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.03**

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

WHEREAS, the Konica 7145 (Equipment ID #D0288) used as a photocopier, scanner and fax machine has an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

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.

Mr. King 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

**Fire Department**

D. Resignation of Part-time Firefighter Ryan E. Arnett

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.04**

WHEREAS, Firefighter Ryan E. Arnett has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak indicated in his January 20, 2010, correspondence that Firefighter Arnett 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 Ryan E. Arnett with an effective date of January 20, 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

E. Appointment of Fire Department Personnel: Garrett S. Blakley, Frederick W. Murray and Brian R. Bacher

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.05**

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

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

WHEREAS, Frederick W. Murray has acquired and demonstrated all the necessary qualifications to serve in the capacity of Volunteer Firefighter/EMT for the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

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

WHEREAS, Captain Zimmerman, in her January 27, 2010, correspondence to the Township Administrator, has recommended the appointment of these candidates; and,

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Garrett S. Blakley shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter, Frederick W. Murray shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter/EMT and Brian R. Bacher shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter/Paramedic within the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department effective February 1, 2010.

Mr. King 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

F. Appointment of Fire Department Personnel Under the Terms of the Acceptance of FY2008 Safer Grant

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.06**

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2009, the Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees approved Resolution 2009.06.15.07, accepting the FY2008 Safer Grant; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak is requesting under the terms of the FY2008 Safer Grant the appointment of Robert D. Milling and Paul J. Kleinhenz as Part-time Firefighter/EMTs in support of the goals and objectives of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, the funds for these employee appointments are allocated out of the FY2008 Safer Grant,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert D. Milling and Paul J. Kleinhenz shall be appointed to the position of Part-time Firefighter/EMT's at the pay rate of \$8.85 per hour,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that these appointments shall have an effective date of February 1, 2010, with a one (1) year probationary period ending on January 31, 2011.

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

**Police Department**

G. Declaration of Excess Property - Police

**Resolution # 2010.02.01.07**

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

WHEREAS, the items listed on the attached correspondence have an individual value of \$2,000.00 or less,

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.

Mr. King 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

**Trustee/Staff Discussion**

A. 911 Mobile Mapping License

Chief Flick said he would like to purchase 911 Mobile Mapping licenses. He said they will cost \$2,350.00 to put in service and he has the allocation in his budget.

Mr. King moved to purchase the licenses. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

B. Flashlights – Police

Chief Flick said he would like to purchase new flashlights. He said they will be high intensity L.E.D. Flashlight that are rechargeable and can be recharged in the patrol cars. He said there is currently only one flashlight per cruiser but he would like to have one flashlight per officer and three backup flashlights. Chief Flick said the flashlight produce 360 lumens and can produce temporary blindness. He said they can be purchased with drug seizure money.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to purchase the flashlights. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote

being as follows:

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

C. Chief Pavlak said he would like to have four new entry doors installed in the Public Safety Building. He said the doors and frames are steel and are rusted at the bottoms. He said he has gotten three estimates and the cheapest was for \$4,880.00. He said there is a lot of labor involved since the old frames will have to be removed from the concrete walls. He said they have poor seals and are hard to work and to secure. The Board thought the expense was a little excessive but Chief Pavlak said he has been looking to get them replaced for quite a while and after several estimates this was the lowest he could find.

Mr. King moved to purchase the entry doors. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

D. Mr. Messer said he would like to purchase a light dump truck. He said he has an opportunity to bid on a 2007 Ford 350 equipped with a dump bed and snow plow ready. He said the truck is being auctioned by an insurance company and only has 7,000 miles on it. He said he and Gary Branstetter drove it and ran diagnostics on the engine. They could find nothing wrong with it. Mr. Messer said the smaller truck would save use time on the big trucks, where they are not needed, and would extend the life of the fleet. It would also provide him with an additional snow plow not requiring a CDL license. Mr. Messer said he would like to submit a bid of \$18,200.00. Mr. Pittman asked Tracey to check and see if the warranty was transferable.

Mr. King moved to submit the bid to purchase. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

E. Mr. Messer said he would like to purchase the burmbox they borrowed from Beavercreek Township. Mr. Messer said ours is very old, needs repaired and he is having problems finding parts. He said Beavercreek has two and would sell this one to us for \$3,000.00. Mr. Messer said he was told they cost about \$13,000.00 new.

Mrs. Daugherty moved to purchase the burmbox. Mr. Pittman seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

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

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Jim Martin, with regards to the merger, an article in the paper said the zoning compliance officer for Bellbrook had to go to a household to see if they had three dogs. The City permits two and a neighbor complained. He said this is an example of the type of ordinances Cities pass and another reason why he doesn't want to live in a City. He said to date he has only seen costs on taxes and personnel from the Merger Commission and nothing on other expenses such as equipment, bridges and so on.

Mr. Marvin Moeller said he thinks the Merger Commission is a waste of taxpayers money. He said the Commission was voted down once and shouldn't be back again. Mr. Moeller said no one on the Commission represents the Agricultural part of the Township. Mr. Moeller said he was for preservation of farmland. He said we should allow farmers to operate without restrictions to make money so they might not

want to sell their property. Mr. Moeller used the farm on S. Alpha-Bellbrook road as an example. Mr. Moeller said he didn't think we needed another truck. Last year we just sold our Ford 550's and they could have served as a light duty truck.

Mr. Jim Martin said, regarding restrictions, people move into Platt's with restrictions and complain to the Township about them. They don't understand, as a Township, we can only do or enforce what is in our zoning laws.

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

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

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 10:05 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer