

**The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, in Regular Session on April 20, 2015, at 7:00 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Sugarcreek Township, Ohio 45305.**

1. Mr. Pittman called the session to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Mr. Hodson called the roll with Board Members Mike Pittman and Scott Bryant being present. Mrs. Daugherty was absent due to illness. In addition to Mr. Tiffany, Township Administrator, others present, who signed in, were Donna Hellman, Barbara Burson, Jim Martin, Danielle Coots, Steve and Colleen Schram and Robert Kosins.
3. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. **Community Activities**  
Mr. Tiffany said the Maple Festival starts this week-end.
5. Honoring the Accomplishments of Bellbrook High School Wrestlers Cameron Kelly, Benjamin Schram, Tyler Wiederholt and the Bellbrook High School Wrestling Coaches.

Mr. Pittman said the Bellbrook High School Wrestling Team had an exceptional year. He said, as a team, they finished fourth in the State, which is quite an accomplishment. Mr. Pittman read a list of Mr. Kelly's, Mr. Schrams's and Mr. Wiederholt's achievements, which are listed in the following Resolution.

**Resolution #2015.03.02.01**

WHEREAS, to be a great athlete you need to have commitment, dedication and determination; and,

WHEREAS, over the years Cameron Kelly, Benjamin Schram and Tyler Wiederholt have proven their commitment, dedication and determination to be great athletes; and,

WHEREAS, Cameron Kelly, senior at Bellbrook High School, is a two-time Ohio High School Division II State Champion (2012 and 2015), was named the 2015 Most Outstanding Wrestler in Division II and is an Ohio High School Division II Championship Semi-finalist (2013 and 2014); and,

WHEREAS, Benjamin Schram, senior at Bellbrook High School, is a 2015 Ohio High School Division II Championship Semi-finalist and is a four-time NHSCA National Champion; and,

WHEREAS, Tyler Wiederholt, junior at Bellbrook High School, is a 2015 Ohio High School Division II Championship Semi-finalist; a 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference (2014), 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Area (2014) and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State (2014),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees would like to offer congratulations to Cameron Kelly, Benjamin Schram and Tyler Wiederholt for their wrestling achievements.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees would like to congratulate and recognize Bellbrook High School wrestling coaches Bob Kosins, Ron Wiederholt, Don Tharpe and Jason Cook for being named by the Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association as 2015 Coaches of the Year and for their mentorship and commitment to the wrestling team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Board of Trustees further congratulates Cameron Kelly on signing to wrestle at Ohio University and Benjamin Schram on signing to wrestle at Old Dominion in the fall and looks forward to hearing more great things about Tyler Wiederholt as he prepares for his senior year of wrestling at Bellbrook High School.

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

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant – Yes

Mr. Bryant said he would like to recognize the coaches for their part in the achievement. Mr. Kosins said the parents were also a part their success. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Schram and Mr. Wiederholt came forward and were given copies of the Resolution. Pictures were taken and all were personally congratulated by the Board and Staff.

## 6. Reports

### A. Administration

Mr. Tiffany's report will be appended to the permanent record. He said at the last few CLOUT meetings they keep spending their time discussing priorities of things they would like to accomplish. He said he has been trying to get them to pick three things so they could get something accomplished. He said the OTA needs to become more vocal. Mr. Bryant said we have talked about the influence of cities on our legislators but we could have as much influence as cities. Mr. Tiffany said we are working on this and we are a big group. He said Townships are prohibited from having signs on the interstate as being a place. He said in many cases we are bigger than the cities represented by the signs.

Mr. Tiffany said Jim Martin was honored at 'Our Greatest Generation Event' at Wright-Patterson, for WWII veterans, where he spoke for several minutes. Mr. Bryant said they are not recognized enough for their sacrifices. Mr. Martin said he sees what he did as a service and an obligation instead of a sacrifice.

Mr. Bryant asked Mr. Tiffany about the OhioCheckbook.com website. Mr. Tiffany said we will be participating and were among the first to volunteer. He said all the checks we write will be available for viewing on the new web site.

B. Fiscal Office

Mr. Hodson said he received notification today that the Township's Audit regarding our State Retirement program participation will be posted on the State Auditors web site. Mr. Hodson said we are compliant and there were no irregularities or findings in our audit.

C. Fire

The report prepared by the Fire Department will be appended to the permanent record. Assistant Chief Zimmerman was present in Chief Pavlak's absence. Mr. Bryant thanked her for hosting the Eagle Rise HOA meeting.

D. Police

The report prepared by the Police Department will be appended to the permanent record. Chief Brown said he had nothing to add.

E. Roads and Services

The report for Roads and Services will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Tiffany said we are finishing up with potholes and have started dura-patching. He said we have been doing some street sweeping but Xenia Township has borrowed it for this week.

F. Zoning

The report prepared by Cara Tilford, Director of Planning and Zoning, will be appended to the permanent record. Cara said she at the May the fourth meeting we will have a Public Hearing on the Oberer Development and another on the text amendments for the Menu Boards. Cara said Mr. Schieman would like to schedule a work session meeting to discuss the flood plain overlay. After a discussion between Mr. Pittman, Mr. Bryant and Mr. Tiffany the Board said June would be okay to schedule.

G. Information Technology

The report prepared by Mr. Zappanti, Director of Information Technology, will be appended to the permanent record. Mr. Zappanti said he had nothing to add.

H. Trustees

Mr. Pittman thanked Donna Hellman for inviting the Board to the Eagle Rise HOA meeting. Mr. Bryant said they are a very inquisitive group and had a lot of good questions. Mr. Pittman said he was very sorry for the loss of Cindy Luse and Mary Ann Stone.

**7. Public Comments – Agenda Items**

Mr. Jim Martin asked Mr. Tiffany if, in their CLOUT meetings, there were any proposed changes for Township Zoning issues. Mr. Tiffany said there was not anything for this year. He said there has been some discussion on Firearms control in densely populated areas, but it is going nowhere.

Mr. Pittman asked Mr. Zappanti what he had in excess equipment. Chris said nothing less than seven years old.

8. **Old Business**

None

9. **New Business**

**Consent Agenda Items**

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Payment of Bills

C. Accept the Resignation of Part-time Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Kirby

**Resolution #2015.04.20.02**

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua Kirby has submitted his letter of resignation from the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirby has been a member of the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department since February 18, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, Chief Randall J. Pavlak recommends we accept the resignation of Joshua Kirby,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees officially accepts the resignation of Joshua Kirby effective April 13, 2015.

D. Declaration of Excess Fire, Information Technology and Police Department property

**Resolution #2015.04.02.03**

WHEREAS, the Sugarcreek Township Fire, Information Technology and Police Departments have identified equipment which is no longer needed for operations, and;

WHEREAS, the Department Heads of each department are requesting the attached list of items be declared as excess property and sold "as is"; and,

WHEREAS, the items listed have an individual value of \$2,000 or less,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby declares said property to be excess and authorizes the Township Administrator to immediately dispose of and/or place said property on GovDeals.com and sold “as is”.

Mr. Pittman moved to accept the above Consent Agenda Resolutions as presented. Mr. Bryant seconded. Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant - Yes

**10. Agenda Items**

E. Authorizing the Township Administrator to Sign the Commitment to Continue Membership Agreement with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA)

**Resolution #2015.04.02.04**

WHEREAS, the uninterrupted operations of the Township are necessary for the preservation of health, safety and general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator, has reviewed the insurance coverage proposal from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) and finds the proposal to be in line with our coverage needs; and,

WHEREAS, the Trustees recognize the benefits offered by the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA),

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby authorize the Township Administrator to sign the Commitment to Continue Membership Agreement with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority.

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

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant - Yes

Mr. Tiffany said anytime you have litigation, if you change, the old insurance company is off the hook. He said you can't change without risk. Mr. Tiffany said, however, we do not want to change. He said our other option is the Ohio Plan, whose financial pool is not as well off. He said they reduced rates a few years ago to attract new business and they have taken some big losses.

**9. Trustee/Staff Discussion**

None.

**10. Public Comments**

None.

**11. Executive Session**

Mr. Pittman moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation. Mr. Bryant seconded.

Roll was called with the vote being as follows:

Mr. Pittman – Yes

Mr. Bryant - Yes

The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 7:55 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:20 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.

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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer