

**SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2011.11.21.05**

IN RE: Roads and Services Austerity Plan and Spring Ballot Issue Authorization

WHEREAS, this Board of Sugarcreek Township Trustees has previously determined the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten mill limitation in Resolution No. 2011.06.20.04; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 5705.19 (G) authorizes submission of the question of the tax for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in townships; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed levy was a replacement of the existing .80 mill levy renewed last in August 2006, along with an increase of .60 mills, for a total of 1.4 mills, commencing tax year 2011 first due in calendar year 2012 for a five (5) year period; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed levy was previously voted on prior to 1980, renewed in November 1982, renewed in November 1987, replaced in June 1992, replaced in November 1996, renewed in May 2002, and renewed in August 2006, set to expire in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed levy was placed on the ballot for the November 8, 2011, General Election with a beginning collection date of 2012 and ending in 2016, where it failed to gain enough affirmative votes for passage; and,

WHEREAS, the funds that the levy would have generated have been determined by this Board of Trustees and the Fiscal Officer to be essential due to the continued rise in the cost of goods and materials that are integral to the maintenance and preservation of the roadways in Sugarcreek Township, and;

WHEREAS, until such a time that a levy is passed by the voters of Sugarcreek Township that is sufficient to generate the funds necessary to properly maintain the Township roadways at the current level the residents enjoy, this Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer feel it in the best fiscal interest of the community to direct the Township Administrator and Director of Roads and Services to place in effect the following cost saving "Austerity Plan":

AUSTERITY PLAN

1. Resurfacing projects currently planned for the coming year shall be placed on hold indefinitely.
2. Overtime for regular Full-time employees shall be permitted only on an emergency basis as determined by the Director of Roads and Services, or in his absence, by the Township Administrator.
3. Temporary Part-time employees, the Director of Roads and Services, the Township Administrator and the Trustees shall be utilized as much as possible and practical for after-hour call outs and snow removal.
4. The Department will utilize existing road salt inventory and not replenish the supply at this time. Based on the approved cutback of services, the current levels should be sufficient for the coming winter season barring any prolonged snow event of immense accumulation.
5. In the event of a foreseeable snow event, the Full-time personnel hours shall be flexed to accommodate the best use of their experience and skills at the lowest cost to the Township.
6. In the case of a snowfall event that is forecasted to create a total accumulation of 3" or less, the Department will plow and/or salt only the thoroughfares and main hills in the community during the event and will complete the balance of snow removal on the remaining roadways after the snowfall has subsided completely and as personnel are available without creating overtime costs.
7. In the case of a snowfall event that is forecasted to create a total accumulation of more than 3", the Department will plow and/or salt only the thoroughfares and main hills in the community until the accumulation has reached more than 3", at which time the Department will begin removal on the balance of roadways.
8. At no time will this austerity program be used to intentionally create unsafe road conditions; however, the residents must recognize that roadways during the winter months and snow or ice events can be hazardous and they should exercise caution while driving or avoid the use of the roadways whenever possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Sugarcreek Township Board of Trustees hereby directs the Township Administrator and Director of Roads and Services to implement this Austerity Plan until such a time that they are directed otherwise by the Board.

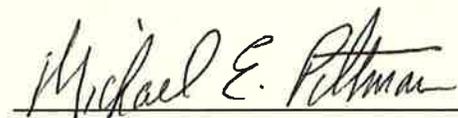
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees does hereby authorize and direct the Director of Roads and Services to place on the ballot for the spring primary in March of 2012, a replacement of the existing .80 mill levy renewed last in August 2006, along with an increase of .60 mills, for a total of 1.4 mills, commencing Tax Year 2012 and first due in Calendar Year 2012 for a five (5) year period.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Trustees directs the Director of Roads and Services to request the County Auditor to certify the total current valuation and dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by said millage.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, when certification from County Auditor is received, this Resolution will be certified to the Board of Elections in the manner and within the time prescribed by the applicable section of the Ohio Revised Code along with the County Auditor's estimate for inclusion on the March, 2012 election ballot.

  
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Dick King, Chairperson

  
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Nadine S. Daugherty, Vice Chairperson

  
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Michael E. Pittman, Trustee

  
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Theodore L. Hodson, Fiscal Officer