

The Board of Trustees of Sugarcreek Township, Greene County, Ohio, met in Regular Session, March 15, 2010, at 7:30 pm, at 2090 Ferry Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305.

1. Chairperson Dick King called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Jim Martin, Donna Hellman, Sharon McGinnis, William Barrett, Marvin Moeller, Scott Bryant, Barbara Burson and Floyd Tharpe.

4. **Reports**

A. **Administration**

Mr. Tiffany said Doug Cline, Centerville Deputy Mayor, had a heart attack yesterday and wished him well. Chief Pavlak said he heard he was stable today and doing fairly well. Mr. Tiffany said he has been in contact with Senator Seitz regarding a bill to correct several Township legislative problems including annexation by Cities.

B. **Fire**

A report prepared by Chief Pavlak is appended. Chief Pavlak said he attended a meeting in Columbus and is working with legislators fix current problems with Firefighter Certifications.

D. **Police**

A report prepared by Chief Flick, for the police department, is appended. Chief Flick said all Officers have completed training in CPR. He also thanked Dispatcher Molly Smith for an outstanding job regarding the recent traffic fatality.

E. **Roads and Services**

A report prepared by Tracey Messer, Director of Roads and Services, is appended. Mr. Tiffany said Tracey is working on Collective Pavement bidding with the Greene County Engineers Office for approximately 4.8 miles of Roads.

E. **Zoning**

A report prepared by Cara KillKelley, Zoning Compliance Officer, is appended. Mr. Tiffany said Cara had given red lined copies of the Zoning Resolution Draft to the Board for their review. Mr. King said they are cutting over one hundred pages from the original draft.

F. **Trustees**

Mr. Pittman said he attended the Greene County Township Trustee Association meeting. Mr. Pittman and Mrs. Daugherty talked about the upcoming community organized clean-up project. Mr. Pittman asked Mrs. Daugherty if she had talked to Greg Sparks who is organizing this effort for the Lions Club. Mrs. Daugherty responded that she had. Mr. Tiffany said Greg told him he had tons of volunteers for the project. Mr. King suggested that maybe they consider doing this quarterly.

Mrs. Daugherty said she also attended the Greene County Trustees Association meeting and attended the Greene County Regional Planning meeting. Mrs. Daugherty said people should fill out their census forms and get them submitted. She said it is important for the proper receipt of tax dollars. The forms will be mailed twice and if not returned someone will call at your door.

Mr. King said the Action Item Forms are being worked on and should be available soon.

5. **New Business**

Fiscal Office

A. Payment of Bills

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

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

B. Transfer of Funds

Resolution # 2010.03.15.01

Debit		Credit		
Fund Number	Account Name	Fund Number	Account Name	Amount
2905	FEMA	2031	Roads and Services	\$ 66,410.00

Purpose: To move FEMA wind storm reimbursement to Road and Bridge Fund

Mr. King 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

Fire Department

C. Appointment of Fire Department Personnel: William J. Barrett

Resolution # 2010.03.15.02

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

WHEREAS, William J. Barrett 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, Fire Chief, Randall J. Pavlak in his February 24, 2010, 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 William J. Barrett shall be appointed to the position of Volunteer Firefighter/EMT within the Sugarcreek Township Fire Department effective March 15, 2010.

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

Mr. Barrett, being present for his appointment, came forward and was personally welcomed by the Board and

attending staff members.

6. Trustee/Staff Discussion

Mr. Tiffany said Mr. King had received a somewhat mysterious letter from AT&T regarding the offering of its new AT&T U-verse IP based video product to customers in Sugarcreek Township. Mr. Tiffany said they requested information regarding revenues to be remitted to the Township from our percentage of Video Service Provider Fees. Mr. Tiffany said currently we are attempting to determine the nature of the program and the Townships involvement.

7. Public Comments

Mr. Jim Martin said the cost analysis done by Mr. Tiffany and Mr. Schlagheck showed that a merger would cost the Citizen's of Sugarcreek Township approximately two hundred dollars per one hundred thousand of evaluation. Mr. Martin said the Citizens can't take on any additional taxes and its time to pull the plug on the merger issue. He said many people still think we will still receive revenue from the Dille property even if we merge. This is not true. We have been advised by legal council that we will lose all tax revenue from that property and we will still have to provide Fire Service. Mr. Martin said he thinks its time for the Trustees to come out against the merger.

Mr. King said he thinks the Board should stay clear of the merger issue until the Board has reached a formal conclusion. Mr. King said at that time the Board Members should individually state their opinions.

Mr. Martin said he thinks the results of the Sugarcreek and City Focus Groups should be on the Merger Study Web Site. Donna Hellman said it should be there since the information was submitted to be put on.

Mr. Pittman asked what the time line is regarding the election. Mr. Tiffany said there will be public information meetings thirty days before the election if it is to be put on the ballot.

Mrs. Daugherty said she thinks the Board should state an opinion before it becomes a ballot issue. Mr. King said he is waiting for a formalized report.

Mr. Scott Bryant said he has written a letter to the Editor regarding the merger. He also said the Washington Township Trustees put a letter out in July stating they did not endorse the Washington Township/Centerville merger. Mr. Bryant said he agreed with Mr. King that the Board should let the Merger Commission reach its conclusion before the Board stated theirs. Mr. Bryant said his letter was not in favor of the merger.

Mr. Marvin Moeller said he was selected to be in one of the Township's study groups for the study conducted by Wright State regarding the merger. Mr. Moeller said he was very disappointed in the article in the paper regarding the outcome of the study. Mr. Moeller said no one in his group expressed the opinions in the paper. Mr. Moeller said he does not think anyone who serves on a Board or Committee for the Township should be allowed to serve on a different Board or Committee. Mr. Moeller said he did not think any additional money should be spent on the Merger Issue. He also said he thinks the Township should be looking at J.E.D.D.'s to develop its commercially zoned areas.

Mr. King moved to adjourn to Executive Session for pending litigation and personnel issues. 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 approximately 11:00 pm with no action taken and promptly adjourned.