

Unapproved  
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Merger Study Commission  
Work Session Minutes  
June 16, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mike Shank and Joan Gallagher, Co-Chairpersons of the Merger Study Commission.
2. Bill Berry, Donna Hellmann, Howard Ackerman, Ron Folkerth were present. Sam Staley, Linda Hummel, Tom Frantz and Charlie Schwegman were not present
3. Others present were, Jim Martin, Jim Tharpe, Marvin Moeller, Tim and Denise Toth, Scott Rigsby, Brian Deckert, Kenny Powers, James Williams, Scott Bryant, Mark Schlagheck and Barry Tiffany.
4. A lawyer familiar with mergers, Robert Portune was in attendance as an intern. He answered questions re to the Conditions of Merger and just what would appear on the November Ballot. He indicated that the ballot would contain language asking the voters in both Bellbrook and Sugarcreek to vote Yes or No for the Merger. In answering a question as to whether the Commission could put a levy on the ballot to support the new government he said that the City of Bellbrook would have to put such a levy on the ballot, with only the City voting for or against the levy. There were some comments from Mr. Schlagheck and Mr. Tiffany re to mills and evaluations. Mr. Schlagheck noted that the City Council's next meeting was July 12, 2010. A vote would have to be taken at this meeting by Council to place a levy on the November Ballot to support the new government. Mr. Schlagheck and Mr. Shank would be working on this.
5. Mr. Tiffany had distributed to the Commissioners a letter from the Township Trustees, voicing their concerns re the Personnel section of the draft of the Conditions of Merger. The Commissioners recognized this, with ensuing discussion from Mr. Schlagheck and Mr. Tiffany and their concerns for their competent and loyal employees. Mr. Shank volunteered to re-draft the Personnel section with the suggested changes of the Township Trustees.
6. The Commissioners then reviewed the Rationale for the various Articles of the Conditions of Merger presented by Mrs. Gallagher. Generally speaking they reviewed each of the nine articles individually with the suggestion to add reasons for each section of the article.

7. Mr. Shank reminded everyone that on June 23, 2010 there would be a Special Meeting instead of a Work Session so the Commission could conduct business. There will be another Work Session on June 30, 2010.
8. The Work Session was adjourned at 9 PM