

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 21, 2011

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
Council President Linda Turner opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted there will be no hurtful or hateful speech allowed.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (American Flag)**
Council President Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
A moment of silence was observed in honor of Officer John David Dryer who was shot & killed in the line of duty in East Washington Borough.
- IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Present at the meeting were Council members Linda Turner, Mayor Charles Minnick, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger and Bogan Goughler. Also present was Chief Carlson and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips, Harold Bloomgren, Penny Covell and Officer Deeter were not present.
- V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**
- VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**
- VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
A. John McClelland reported the Planning Commission did not meet.
- VIII. STAFF REPORTS**
- A. Engineer
1. No report
- B. Maintenance Foreman:
1. Dick Phillips presented Council with a written report on the various jobs the Maintenance Department has been working on since the previous Council meeting.
- C. Police Chief:
1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve Resolution No. 9 of 2011, which states Sugarcreek Borough Police Department will contribute five percent (5%) to their pension fund, beginning January 1, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Ms. Turner questioned Chief Carlson if there was money found to cover the contribution that would be now required by the police department? Chief stated he was unaware of anything, as was Mr. Sporer. Ms. Turner stated she received the information from Lt. Ashbaugh.
- D. Administrator/Special Projects:
1. Mr. Sporer reminded Council and the public that the regular Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2012, is now scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2012, to follow the Reorganization Meeting, at 7:00 PM.
 2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to adopt Ordinance No. 270 of 2011, which fixes expenditures for Fiscal Year 2012 at \$2,895,733.00 and the Real Estate Tax Rate for year 2012 at 5.0 mills and a tax rate of 0.55 cents on each front foot assessment for street lights in Rocky Grove and Reno. Mr. Barger, Mr. Goughler, Mr. Resinger and Mr. Baughman voted in favor of the motion. Ms. Turner voted against the motion. Motion carried.
- E. Zoning Officer:
1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Joe Page as the alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Mr. Sporer also reminded Council that there will be a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 5, 2012.
- F. CDBG Administrator:
1. No report

- G. Solicitor:
1. Mr. Spaid stated he will not be able to attend the January 3, 2012 meeting.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*limited to 3 minutes each*)

- A. Mike Garbacz stated himself and the Volunteer Fire Department had to wait for approximately 3 hours over the weekend for a State Trooper to respond to a wreck. He questioned if there was any way to have an officer on call on the weekends to respond to such calls? Or to have an arrangement with Franklin and/or Oil City Police Departments? Mayor Minnick stated the weekend coverage issue will be discussed and something needs to be done in the near future.
- B. James Whitting questioned when the speed study was done on Keely and Cherrytree Road. Chief Carlson stated officers patrolled and observed the area at various times, between November 16 – December 7, 2011. Chief stated drivers have slowed down. Mr. Whitting stated drivers are still speeding in that area. Mr. Whitting agreed that there needs to be police coverage on the weekends, even if it is only part – time. Mayor Minnick stated he cannot comment on the weekend coverage issue, but a weekend schedule is available when and if the issues can be resolved.
- C. Tom Karns stated he believes the State Police are doing a good job and they are busy, but he understands why they have to wait.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:15 pm for an executive session to discuss personnel and legal issues which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege of information or confidentiality protected by the law and any action to follow. The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President