

# BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 5, 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

Chaplain Ed Gresik led invocation.

## IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present at the meeting were Council members Linda Turner, Bogan Goughler, Larry Baughman, Robert Resinger and Howard Barger. Also present were Chief Carlson and Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips, Penny Peterson and Harold Bloomgren were not present. Officer Deeter was excused.

## V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

## VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

## VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission: No report.

## VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. The H2O meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2011. Mr. Sporer reported that the Martin Hill Road Bridge Project is on schedule. Shingledecker Welding was awarded and approved the bid for the project by the Borough and PennDot.

B. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Phillips was not present and gave Council written report on the various jobs the Maintenance Dept. has been working on since the last council meeting.

C. Police Chief:

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve Lt. Ashbaugh to attend Child First PA Forensic interviews with children in preparing for court, March 14 – 18, 2011, at Messiah College in Grantham, PA, at a cost of \$200.00 and Lt. Ashbaugh's wages, to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Patrolman McDevitt to attend a 1 – day training for drug field testing and NIK testing systems. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Chief stated Santa Claus night was held on Wednesday, December 22, 2010 with Police Clerk Larry Moyer as Santa. Chief reported it was a good turn out.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to adopt Ordinance No. 265 of 2011, which fixes the Real Estate Tax Rate at 5.0 mills and Street Light Assessment rate at 0.55 cents on each front foot for the fiscal year 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Sporer reported on the report done on the Front Street Playground. Mr. Sporer has spoken with Penny Peterson about applying for funds through the Justice Program and not CDBG, to take care of suggested repairs/upgrades. The approximate cost would be \$6,500.00 and the playground would be good for about 10 years.
3. Mr. Sporer stated he is waiting for bids on repairing the front door in the administrative offices. The door has rusted out on the bottom and thus far he has only received one (1) bid.

E. Zoning Officer:

1. No report

F. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report

- G. Solicitor:
  - 1. Mr. Spaid stated he has sent out approximately a dozen letters to residences on Rt. 417 water system in regards to connecting to the water and/or sewer system(s).

**IX. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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

- A. Tom Karns apologized if he and the Fire Department did not seem appreciative for the work that Ms. Peterson and the Borough did for them on behalf of CDBG.
- B. John Kernic said he submitted to Ms. Peterson a summary of the past year's Planning Commission meetings.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010 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**

- A. Zoning Hearing for Allegheny Toyota, scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:30 PM.

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed at 7:20 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. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't.)**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler and Robert Resinger to approve the purchase of a 2006 Chevy Impala and 1999 Chevy Suburban for the Police Department, at a cost of up to \$18,000. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Joseph Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President