

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2010

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.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission: No report.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. No report.

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. Chief Carlson presented Council with an updated "Application for Fire Police". Mr. Baughman requested that a section be added to have five (5) Fire Dept. Board Members sign and remove the "official seal" line.

2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the updated fire police application as submitted by Chief Carlson, with the changes requested by Council. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Sugarcreek Borough and PennDOT, which states the Borough is responsible for maintaining the closed drainage systems, as part of the Traffic Signal Project at Rt. 417 and Front Street. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve and adopt Resolution #5 of 2010, which states that the County of Venango will act as the responsible agent for the inspection and inventory of the Borough's bridges. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve and adopt Resolution #6 of 2010, which states the amount of Participant Contributions paid by the Sugarcreek Borough Police Department to the Police Pension Plan shall be zero percent (0%). Motion carried unanimously.

E. Zoning Officer:

1. No report

F. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report

G. Solicitor:

1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

- A. Tom Karns stated he is still waiting for the flow data on the hydrants. Mr. Sporer stated Mr. Karns should come and see Mr. Phillips or Mr. Geer.
- B. Mike Garbacz commented on Reno's fire police's uniforms; they will be the same uniform as Rocky Grove's fire police.
- C. John Kernic questioned if all the residents on the 417/Galloway system are connected and could that help to avoid the tax increase? Mr. Sporer said he will talk to Mr. Spaid about those who are not connected. Mr. Sporer also stated that does not affect the need for the tax increase and the tax increase would have to be done. Mr. Kernic also commented on the appearance of the recycling bins outside the Borough building. Mr. Sporer stated he believes a part of the problem is that there are non – residents who also are using it causing it to fill up quickly after they are emptied.
- D. John McClelland commented on the new paint to the window frames on the Borough building. He said it looks very nice and he likes the color.
- E. John Dumbleton commented on the crosswalk sign at Rt. 8 and Front Street still being down. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough may have to hold on to the contractor's bond until it is repaired.
- F. Andrew Fish stated Pleasantville Borough went to the larger recycling bins and they started to have large appliances being placed in and around the recycling bins. They then went to the larger bins with the slotted openings on them.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman approve the minutes of the November 17, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to adopt the proposed 2011 Budget for the Borough of Sugar creek as prepared, based on a real estate tax rate of 5.0 mills. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:40 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 8:11 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't.)

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve a three percent (3%) hourly pay increase for Barb Manski, Stephanie Lehman, and Heidi Davis. And a \$2,000 pay increase for Joseph Sporer; to set 2011 salary at \$40,000. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Joseph Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President