

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
July 20, 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 Mr. Leonard Dittman (Officer Deeter's grandfather)

**IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

**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.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to table the motion, until the next meeting, to approve the purchase of a sewer inspection camera, at a price not to exceed \$12,000.00, to be used in the sewer lateral project. Motion carried unanimously. The Borough will have to bid out for the camera because the price may exceed \$10,000.00.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with the Police Department's report.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the purchase of tires for the Ford Crown Victoria (Car #12), at a price of \$460.00, through Franklin Service and Supply, at the request of Ptlmn. Deeter (Fleet Maintenance Officer). Motion carried unanimously.

3. Chief Carlson stated qualifications will be held July 28, 2011 at the Coon and Fox Club. The Soap Box Derby is scheduled for July 30, 2011, on Rocky Grove Avenue/Rt. 417. Chief also reported the Civil Service Committee met on July 19, 2011 and are still going over the information/paperwork for testing.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the H2O grant money. According to Sen. White's office, the Borough can include the amount of money borrowed and paid out to the engineers as part of that money needed to match the \$1 million grant. Therefore, the Borough may not have to borrow \$725,000.00 as originally thought. The grant is earmarked for the Borough only and will not go to another municipality. Mr. Sporer will continue to discuss the amounts borrowed and amounts needed with Mr. Bloomgren and the state.

2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the purchase of two (2) new computers for the Treasurer's Office and the Billing Clerk's Office, at a price not to exceed \$2,750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Zoning Officer:

1. Chief Carlson stated Veon Construction will begin digging for the new Parole and Probation Office. He has signed off on the final plans.

2. Larry Baughman questioned if there is an update in regards to a bush he requested Officer Deeter to look into being trimmed as it poses a safety issue while driving. Chief Carlson stated he was unaware of the status and Mr. Baughman will talk to Officer Deeter when he returns.

- F. CDBG Administrator:
  - 1. No report

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- G. Solicitor:
  - 1. Mr. Spaid reported he had an update on the Jody Davison case. The News Herald has filed paperwork with the courts to have Ms. Davison file her claims against those named in the case.

**IX. COUNCIL REPORT**

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

- A. John Kernic had a question regarding the letter to the editor in the News Herald from July 18, 2011. Chief Carlson said there was no record of this woman contacting the Police Department or Administration Offices, by phone or in person. Mr. Kernic also had a question regarding who does the Borough's vehicle maintenance. Chief Carlson said Don McCool (Maintenance Dept.) can do a majority of the vehicle repairs & maintenance. If the vehicles are under warranty then those respective garages will do the work. As for inspections, the Borough uses local garages. Mr. Sporer stated Maintenance can maintain and repair their own vehicles. But, in the instances where they cannot, they are taken to the appropriate garages.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the recycling bins located at the Borough building. He stated that Tri – County will be willing to break the contract they have with the Borough, at no cost to the Borough.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS**

- A. Heckathorn hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at 6:45 PM.

**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 and any action to follow. The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 pm.

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

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
JULY 20, 2011

I. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Council President Linda Turner convened the Public Hearing at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 to consider a Purchase Agreement by the Reno Volunteer Fire Department. Subject of the agreement was to enter into a purchase agreement and to finance debt for a remounted Horton model 453 Fire – Squad/Ambulance to be located at Reno VFD.

II. **ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Present at the hearing were Council Members Linda Turner, Bogan Goughler, Larry Baughman, Robert Resinger, and Howard Barger. Also present were Police Chief Matt Carlson, Solicitor Brian Spaid, Reno VFD Fire Chief Mike Garbacz, applicant, and Joseph Sporer, Borough Manager. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused.

III. **PRESENTATION OF TESTIMONY**

Council President Linda Turner opened the Public Hearing on Reno VFD. Mr. Sporer stated the purpose of the hearing was to obtain a loan for a Horton Model 453 Fire – Squad/Ambulance to be refurbished.

Council President Linda Turner asked for public comment. There were none. Reno VFD Fire Chief Mike Garbacz stated there would be no financial responsibility to the Borough.

Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Reno VFD to enter into a loan agreement at Northwest Savings Bank for the purchase of a Horton 453 Fire – Squad/ Ambulance. Motion carried unanimously.

Council President adjourned the hearing.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph M. Sporer  
Council Secretary

Linda Turner  
Council President