

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 6, 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.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John McClelland stated 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. Mr. Sporer stated the Maintenance Department has been working out on Martin Hill Road and has made huge improvements to the road.

C. Police Chief:

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

2. Chief stated the Police Department has registered for the National Night Out. The Civil Service Commission has been in gathering the needed information from Chief.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the recycling issue. He has spoken with Erik Johnson at Venango County and there is no agreement with the County. Mr. Sporer has also been in contact with Tri County and we do have an agreement with them. He urged Council to come to a decision in whether or not to keep the recycling bins. There have been some residents placing tires and other non – recyclables in the bins and on the ground. Mr. Sporer stated there is a recycling location in Reno now and residents may use that as well. It would cost the Borough money to break the contract with Tri County. There are two (2) years left on the contract. Mr. Sporer stated if the Borough had garbage services, the Borough would be responsible for billing and maintaining the service; which would probably not be worth it.

2. Mr. Sporer stated that the State needs to be notified by July 11, 2011 on whether the Borough will accept with H2O Grant money or not. Mr. Goughler and Ms. Turner stated the Borough could not afford to borrow the matching funds necessary to accept the grant money. Mr. Goughler suggested having the residents replace/repair their laterals. Mr. Sporer said if the sewer lateral ordinance (No. 261) is enforced, it will help the issue as well. As long as the Borough is making an effort in improving the system, the DEP will not fine the Borough.

3. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to require Borough residents whose laterals have been identified as bad be replaced/repared. Howard Barger, Bogan Goughler, Linda Turner voted in favor of the motion. Robert Resinger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

E. Zoning Officer:

1. No report

F. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report

G. Solicitor:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to move the public hearing concerning the vacation of a portion of Russell Street to August 17, 2011, at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

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

- A. John McClelland requested that Council contact the City of Franklin in regards to the old hospital property. The grass and weeds become overgrown and it is an eyesore. Mr. McClelland questioned if Council was still interested in painting the Municipal Building? Mr. McClelland stated he had spoken to Skip Gravatt before leaving office. He recommending painting it "Courthouse Red" and the price was approximately \$5,000.00. Mr. Sporer said he has spoken with Dick Phillips about the Maintenance Department painting the building and he thought they seemed interested.
- B. John Kernic stated the lines in the parking lot, including the handicap logo, need to be repainted.
- C. Tom Karns said the last two (2) fire hydrants on Keely Road, near Patchel Run, have the wrong steamer threads. Mr. Sporer said he will speak to Dick Phillips about this.
- D. Mike Garbacz said Harold Bloomgren should be made aware of the issue with the fire hydrants. Also, what is the status on the flow meters? Mr. Sporer stated he has spoken with Dick Phillips about this and they have not been functioning properly. Mr. Sporer said he will look into this and check into them. Mr. Garbacz said they have to advertise the request for the loan for the ambulance, for the July 20, 2011 Council meeting.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger 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

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:25 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 7:58 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President