

# BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 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, Larry Baughman, Mayor Charles Minnick, Bogan Goughler and Howard Barger. Also present were Penny Peterson and Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips and Harold Bloomgren were not present. Officer Deeter and Robert Resinger were excused.

## V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

## VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

## VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John McClelland reported the Planning Commission met on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 to review the Cranberry SALDO plan and they recommend approval of it.

## VIII. STAFF REPORTS

### A. Engineer

1. Mr. Sporer stated he has not heard from Mr. Bloomgren about the options available to the Borough in regards to rehabilitating the sewer lines. He stated this is not an easy project and it will take time to sort it out and come up with the best option for the Borough and the residents. There should be answers by the next Council meeting. Mr. Sporer stated it would not be in the Borough's best interest to borrow the amount of money needed to do the repairs, based on what was awarded from the H2O money.

### B. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the purchase of a Honda WT20XK2C Trash Pump, at a cost of \$1,104.00, to be used in the water and sewer departments. Motion carried unanimously. The said trash pump was ordered as part of the bid items submitted by the R.G.V.F.D. for CDBG, but was the wrong item and would cost approximately \$485 to ship it back. Maintenance department said they are in need of another trash pump, since their current one is older and this will be cheaper than purchasing a new one.
2. 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. Chief Carlson gave Council an updated schedule for June. Ptlmn. James Harrah, Jr. submitted his resignation from the S.B.P.D. effective May 27, 2011, as he has accepted full – time employment with Franklin P.D. Ptlmn. Jarrod Deeter passed the ASP Instructor Certification class. Ptlmn. Robert Martz passed the firearms certification.
2. Chief also reported that there needs to be a new list completed by the Civil Service Commission that will list those individuals/applicants who are certified to be police officers for the Borough.
3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to accept the resignation of James Harrah, Jr. from the Sugarcreek Borough Police Department, effective May 27, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

### D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer stated he expected the Hankey hearing scheduled for July 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM to last the hour before the regularly scheduled Council meeting. Therefore, it would not be worth advertising a time change for the Council meeting.
  2. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the codification of the ordinances. The process has only been half completed & it will cost an additional \$6,000-\$8,000 on top of the money already spent. It is Mr. Sporer's recommendation that the Borough does not follow through with the codification.
- E. Zoning Officer:
1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to appoint Joseph E. Sporer, Mark Berringer, and Calvin Forsell, at the recommendation of Zoning Officer Deeter, to the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. CDBG Administrator:
1. Ms. Peterson reminded Council of the Rocky Grove Playground Workshop, scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2011, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
  2. Ms. Peterson reported the first part of the 2010 CDBG application has been completed and submitted online.
- G. Solicitor:
1. No report

**IX. COUNCIL REPORTS**

- A. Larry Baughman expressed concern about a bush that blocks the view by the horseshoe pits at Miller – Sibley. He stated this needs to be addressed and taken care of before an accident happens.

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

- A. John Kernic told Council he would get them a copy of the last Planning Commission's meeting minutes. Mr. Kernic also questioned what the trash pump was used for? Chief Carlson stated it was a portable pump used to pump out sewage.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger 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 7:38 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 8:10 pm.

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

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to schedule the public hearing for vacating a portion of Russell Street on July 20, 2011, at 6:45 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.