

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 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, Robert Resinger, Mayor Charles Minnick, and Bogan Goughler. Also present were Chief Carlson, Penny Peterson, Dick Phillips and Brian Spaid. Harold Bloomgren was not present. Officer Deeter and Howard Barger were excused.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John Dumbleton stated there was nothing to report.

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 Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Richard Phillips, William Martin, Paul Geer, and Donald McCool to attend "Water Storage Tank Inspection, Operation, Design, and Maintenance" Training June 27, 2011, at Bonanza Restaurant, at a cost of \$20.00 per attendant. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson reported the Police Department performed ballistic testing on new firearms at the Coon & Fox Club. Chief also commented on the stray elk in the Borough. The Police Department was instructed to shoot the elk.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Joe Sporer updated Council on the current status of the recycling bins. Mr. Sporer said there are non – recyclables being dropped off and items are being left on the ground, therefore, making more work for the maintenance department which has to clean it up. Mr. Spaid said he will have to research if we can just get rid of the bins. Mr. Sporer requested that Council think about what the Borough can do.

2. Mr. Sporer stated he has been looking to transfer the Borough's bank accounts from Northwest Savings Bank to another bank, where more money on interest can be made. Northwest Savings Bank did not submit an offer to the Borough. Mr. Sporer said First National Bank came and made a presentation and the Borough could make between \$3,000 - \$4,000 in interest per year. Currently, the Borough is only making approximately \$1,000 in interest per year.

3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to close existing accounts at Northwest Savings Bank and move bank accounts to First National Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Sporer presented Council with four (4) options for the sewer system in Rocky Grove. The first option would be to accept the \$6.9 million project as originally propose by Northwest Engineering and accept the \$1 million grant. The monthly

payment on a loan of \$5.9 million would be approximately \$25,000 and sewer bills would increase by \$20.00 to offset the cost of the loan payment. The second option would be to scale back the project to \$2 million; accepting the \$1 million grant and borrow \$1 million. The monthly payment on this loan would be approximately \$4,100 and the sewer bills would increase \$4.00. The issue with this option is only 325 residents would benefit from this, but all the residents in the Rocky Grove would have to pay the increase in the sewer bills. The third option is to have those sewer laterals that have been identified as bad be replaced. The benefit to the Borough would be there is no increase in sewer bills because no money will be borrowed. The last option would be to leave the laterals as they are and face fines and penalties. Mr. Sporer also stated the sewer rates for Rocky Grove and Sugarcreek Village need to be increased anyways to get the bank accounts into the positive. He estimated a \$10 - \$15 increase in the monthly amounts. This would not have to be done until the beginning of 2012. A decision will have to be made at the July 6, 2011 Council meeting as the H2O money commitment letter expires on July 11, 2011.

- E. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to adopt the SALDO Plan as recommended by Zoning Officer Deeter and the Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. CDBG Administrator:
 - 1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve Penny Peterson to attend "CDBG: Tools for Compliance" Training July 19 & 20, 2011, in Lewisburg, PA. Training is at a cost of \$245, plus wages and hotel room expense for two (2) nights, reimbursed by CDBG. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. Ms. Peterson stated the Rocky Grove Playground Rehab day will continue as scheduled on Thursday, June 16, 2011, rain or shine.
- G. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORTS

- A. Robert Resinger complimented Dick Phillips and the Maintenance Department on the good job they did on Warren Road.

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

- A. Bob Lewis expressed concern over pedestrian safety along Rocky Grove Avenue and Front Street and to see crosswalks put in at the intersections. Mr. Lewis stated he believes the K – 9 dog is costly and is it worth it? Mr. Lewis would like to come in and request a copy of the budget and where the budget is currently at. And Mr. Lewis questioned who is in charge of each department within the Borough? Mr. Sporer stated that Rt. 417 will be paved and pedestrian crossing should be addressed when PennDot does that work. In regards to the budget, Mr. Sporer stated Council is given budget updates monthly and the public may request copies of such reports.
- B. Terry Newman lives on Baker Street and his neighbors have garbage piled up and it is attracting rats and snakes. He is very upset over this. Ms. Peterson stated a letter was mailed to them and the zoning officer has been working on nights this week for the Police Department.
- C. John Kernic questioned if there could be anything else done with the recycling? Mr. Sporer stated if finances were not an issue, the Borough could upgrade the bins to accommodate the issue with the current bins. Mr. Kernic asked if there was a grant or anything we could do through the County? Mr. Sporer said we have been in contact with Erik Johnson at the County.
- D. Mike Garbacz requested permission from Council to apply for a municipal tax free loan from Northwest Savings Bank, at no obligation to the Borough. The loan would be used to refurbish an ambulance.
 - 1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Reno Vol. Fire Dept. to borrow \$92,824 at 4% interest, to be used to recondition the 1996 Horton Ambulance with a new 2011 Ford F350 Chassis. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Garbacz also commented on the excellent job that Shingeldecker's Welding did with the Martin Hill Bridge. Mr. Garbacz questioned if there was a contract from those that televised the sewer lines and what were the specifics on what was to be done.

- E. John Dumbleton questioned: why does the Borough pass ordinances and then doesn't enforce them? Mr. Dumbleton stated he believed the \$1 million grant money should be used & not declined. Also, the Borough should look at hiring another engineering firm. Mr. Dumbleton suggested that the Borough should get rid of the recycling bins.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2011 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

- A. Larry Baughman asked to be excused for the July 6, 2011 Council meeting.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

- A. Darryl Hankey Property Maintenance Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at 6:00 PM.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 8:10 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 9:11 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President