

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 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, Mayor Charles Minnick, Robert Resinger, Howard Barger, Larry Baughman and Bogan Goughler. Also present was Chief Carlson and Officer Deeter. Harold Bloomgren, Dick Phillips and Penny Peterson were not present. Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John Dumbleton reported that the Planning Commission did not meet.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the Sewer Rehab Project rebidding. State Pipe Services, Inc.'s bid was \$429,940.00, Chivers Construction Company's bid was \$733,840.00 & L.E.B. Contracting's bid was \$1,513,040.60. Mr. Bloomgren is currently checking with the DBE to make sure standards are being met. A motion on awarding the bid should be ready by the next Council meeting.

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.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a report. Chief reported Ptlmn. Highfield attended the funeral for Lower Burrell Officer Kotecki, who was killed in the line of duty. There was a school bus safety program done at the elementary school and approximately 500 students participated. The Civil Service Committee met in regards to testing. The DEA dropped off the collection boxes for the pharmaceutical drug collection on Saturday, October 29, 2011. The Police Department will be handing out candy during trick – or – treat hours on Halloween.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to enter into a long term user agreement with the North Central Highway Safety Network (NCHSN), which states the Borough may maintain possession of the ENRADD unit and be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the unit. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to advertise and accept bids on all unclaimed items in the Borough's possession to include, but not limited to a bicycle trailer, two (2) foot scooters and six (6) bicycles. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. No report

E. Zoning Officer:

1. Officer Deeter stated there is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for November 3, 2011, for a home occupation business. Officer Deeter has also received calls from Real Estate Agencies in regards to the former K – Mart building and former Fed Ex building; both located on Rt. 8.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to award the one (1) year contract for inspection services to Construction Code Inspectors, Inc. (CCI), effective November 8, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

F. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer stated the CDBG application was filed.

G. Solicitor:

1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Larry Baughman said he was pleased to see the side streets off of Rt. 417/Rocky Grove Avenue have been paved. Mr. Sporer stated he was in close contact with PennDot in regards to the paving job. PennDot will continue work in Spring 2012.

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

- A. John Dumbleton reported there is water coming up through the new pavement near the high school. Mr. Sporer stated he has seen the water as well and reported it. The PennDot employee he spoke with stated the paving has met PennDot's specifications.
- B. Bob Lewis stated there needs to be some patching done for the driveways along Fern Avenue.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger and 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

- A. Office Deeter stated he needed to schedule a meeting for the Planning Commission.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:21 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)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President