

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2010

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

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission: John Dumbleton reported that the Planning Commission finalized the Borough's Comprehensive Plan at their October 13, 2010 meeting.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Northwest Engineering spoke with O'Polka Accountants in regards to the sanitary system cost sharing improvements. The Borough will be invoiced & a copy is to be sent to Northwest Engineering in order to close the Pennvest Rt. 417 project.
2. L.O. Bouquin Company has completed the siphon repair work. The final contract amount is \$98,899.00 (\$4,030.00 reduction from the last change order). Final pay estimates are yet to be received & the water levels of French Creek will continue to be monitored & advise Bouquin of any maintenance that may be required during their guarantee period.
3. Mr. Bloomgren suggested waiting until after the H2O Board Meeting on November 16, 2010 to make a recommendation on the sewer rehabilitation project. Reviewing of the applications are to be completed this week, as per DCED staff members.
4. Martin Hill Road Bridge will be advertised for bids on October 28, 2010 and received on December 2, 2010.

B. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer reported the maintenance department is preparing for the winter season; plows are ready and salt/ anti – skid are being delivered.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson reported the Venango County Emergency Operation Center and Pennsylvania State Police have switched to 800 MHz radio.
2. Chief Carlson stated there is an "Active Shooter" Course being held on November 9 – 10, 2010. Tuition is \$199.00. It is undecided at this point if any officers will attend the training due to tuition cost.
3. On October 26, 2010, PennDot will be holding a free workshop on Engineering & Traffic Studies.
4. Lt. Baker is attending the PennDot Winter Education meeting on October 20, 2010.
5. Chief also reported that he spoke with Bruce & Helen Sharp in regards to issues with their sidewalk being damaged by the neighbors. The Borough does not have a sidewalk ordinance that would allow them to not allow the neighbors to access the sidewalk.

6. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to authorize purchase of ammunition, in the amount of \$696.97, purchase order # 101310, to Mark Supply Company, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Administrator/Special Projects:
 1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve Glacial Energy as the electric supplier, which is a month – to – month contract, .06309 increase, beginning January 1, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler, to approve and advertise the dates of the Budget Work Sessions: November 8, 10, 15, 22, 2010 and December 6, 8, 13, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Mr. Sporer reminded Council & the public of the Borough's burning ordinance. Burning shall only occur on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays between the hours of 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM.
 - E. Zoning Officer:
 1. No report.
 - F. CDBG Administrator:
 1. Ms. Peterson reported the legal notice has been published for the 2010 bids for the fire departments.
 - G. Solicitor:
 1. Mr. Spaid reported that everything is in order for the Martin Hill Road Bridge Project.
- IX. COUNCIL REPORTS**
- A. Mr. Resinger had a question on what was the status of the bridge on Warren Road that PennDot is currently working on. Chief Carlson was not sure of the status or progress.
- X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*limited to 3 minutes each*)**
- A. Helen Sharp reported to Council that the public has been abusing the sidewalk located in front of their property and harassing them. Chief Carlson stated he will discuss the matter with Lt. Baker.
 - B. John Kernic had a question on the pole located at Front Street and Rocky Grove Avenue. Council reported the hole for the pole was dug.
 - C. Mike Garbacz questioned if they need to advertise in the paper what they want to bid for using the CDBG funds for the fire departments.
- XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger and Larry Baughman to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.
- XIII. OLD BUSINESS**
- IV. NEW BUSINESS**
- XV. CORRESPONDENCE**
- XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS**
- XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- Council recessed at 7:30pm 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. The meeting was reconvened at 8:30 pm.
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Con't.)**
- XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**
- There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

