

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

**VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission: No report.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Engineer

1. Mr. Bloomgren reported he will meet with Bouquin on Tuesday or Wednesday to begin the siphon pipe job. He also reported there is interest in the sewer rehab work.
2. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve Resolution No. 3, \$1,000,000 General Obligation Note, Series of 2010, for First National Bank. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Joseph Sporer reported the paving in Reno is on schedule with the top coat to be done on Thursday or Friday and completed sometime the following week. The mowing has been completed on all the playgrounds. Sewer and water tap – ins have been done on a new house on Warren Road for the Griffins and on Rocky Grove Avenue for the Cornells. There was a pipe replacement done on McCleery Road.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson reported he would like to send Officer McDevitt, October 19 – 22 to attend the PA chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics certification for standardized child passenger safety training, in Jackson Center, PA. The only cost would be the officer's wages and the cost of the fuel in the vehicle. The registration is paid by a scholarship through the American Academy of Pediatrics.
2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to authorize to send an officer to the standardized child passenger safety training certification at a cost of the officer's wages and fuel to attend. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve cooperative agreement between Sugar creek Borough Police Department and Venango County DUI Task Force. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to set Trick – or – Treat hours for October 31, 2010, from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Learning Structures Inc. to conduct an inspection of the Rocky Grove Park/Front Street Playground, at a cost of \$1,850.00. Motion carried unanimously.
  3. Mr. Sporer reported he is in the process of talking with Tri – County Industries in regards to the recycling bins at the Borough Building. An option would be to replace the current bins with larger recycling containers. Tri – County also presented the idea of placing surveillance to the recycling area to deter those from placing their recyclables on the ground; which would be considered littering.
- E. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- F. CDBG Administrator:
1. Ms. Peterson reported Mr. Terry Ray of T & T Valley Consulting will discuss a possible option of using CDBG money to help replace sewer laterals within the Borough. Mr. Ray stated those residents that own and reside in their home and are income eligible, may qualify for CDBG funds to replace their sewer laterals. Ms. Peterson would have applications available for those who believe they would be eligible and she would review the applications and qualifications, to determine eligibility. A list of contractors that would be willing to do this type of work would also need to be done and then send the specs out to those contractors for bid. Mr. Ray reported that CDBG money is not currently set aside for such a project, but it could be. Officer Deeter stated the laterals are to be replaced within six (6) months of the beginning of the project. Mr. Ray said 2009 money should be available within four (4) months of approving the process. 2010 money, if approved by the end of 2010, may not be available until the end of the summer 2011. Mr. Ray reported that Cranberry Township, along with several other municipalities, have done a similar project, with a six (6) month time frame. Those municipalities made special exceptions with the time frame since CDBG funds were being used. Mr. Ray reported there is approximately \$120,000 available for 2010 money and \$55,000 available for 2009.
- G. Solicitor:
1. No report.
- IX. COUNCIL REPORTS**
1. Larry Baughman reported on the crosswalk signal that has been knocked down at the intersection of Front Street and Rt. 8. Mr. Sporer reported he has spoken with Dick Phillips and Chief Carlson in regards to this. Chief Carlson suggested placing in pins around the pole or barriers.
  2. Robert Resinger thanked and commended Officer Deeter on getting the abandoned trailer that was sitting at the bottom of Cedar Street, removed.
  3. Bogan Goughler reported that the water in Reno is now fine to use/drink; boiling the water is no longer required.
- X. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*limited to 3 minutes each*)**
- A. Mike Garbacz commented on and thanked the Borough for the road work that was done in Reno. Mr. Garbacz had questions on the availability of CDBG funds. Mr. Ray stated cost figures would need to be presented to determine how the funds are spent. Mr. Garbacz also mentioned if the Justice Trust was contacted or thought of in regards to the Front St. playground.
  - B. John Kernic stated he was pleased to see the abandoned trailer removed from Cedar Street and Chief Carlson on the front page of the paper.
- XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman approve the minutes of the September 1, 2010 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, 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**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS**

**XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council recessed at 7:44pm 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 8:43 pm.

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS (Con't,)**

A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to authorize \$6,700 payment to property owners for rights – of – way on the Martin Hill Road Bridge Project. Motion carried unanimously.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Joseph Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President