

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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 and Bogan Goughler. Also present was Chief Carlson. Harold Bloomgren, Dick Phillips and Penny Peterson were not present. Council member Larry Baughman, Solicitor Brian Spaid and Officer Deeter were excused.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Mr. Sporer reported Ms. Turner signed a permit needed for the sewer rehab project, which is currently being rebid. The sewer line for Lamberton Street and some lines in Sugarcreek Village will be repaired with the PennVest money.

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. Mr. Sporer stated the Maintenance Department has begun to power wash the Borough Building in preparation to have the building repainted. The building will be painted "Courthouse Red" and the windows will be trimmed in a cream or off white color.
3. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Don McCool and Paul Geer to attend "Hydrants, Valves, & Meters" training October 12, 2011, at a cost of \$70 per person, plus wages. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson updated Council on the traffic signal located at Rt. 8 near Burger King. The lights could be placed on a flash sequence. This would require a conference call with PennDot.
2. Chief stated that twenty (20) applications for full/part – time officers were picked up and sixteen (16) were returned. Chief gave those returned applications to the Civil Service Committee.

D. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the process of the private sewer laterals. There has been an average of five to six (5 – 6) laterals being replaced a week. Mr. Sporer advised that there have been some elderly residents who have been taken advantage of and charged large sums of money to replace their laterals. Mr. Sporer state he will contact Matt Carroll at the News – Herald about such issues to raise awareness. Chief Carlson recommended that it could also be put on the website.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve Trick – or – Treat hours in the Borough for October 31, 2011, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. Officer Deeter presented Council with a written report updating them on the status of the bids for inspection services and the status of Mr. Darrell Hankey's property in Reno.
 - 2. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve Penny Peterson to attend zoning training sessions through Venango County, on September 26, 2011, October 3, 2011 and October 10, 2011, at a cost of \$95.00, plus wages. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. CDBG Administrator:
 - 1. No report.
- G. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

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

- A. Steve Wheeling stated he does not live in the Borough, but attends the Grace United Methodist Church located on Front Street. He expressed concern about there being no police coverage on the weekends. He said he would like to see the weekend and nights coverage return since there is not enough manpower with the State Police. Mayor Minnick stated the lack of weekend coverage is due to budgetary issues. Mayor Minnick suggested placing options on the ballot and allowing the voters of the Borough to vote on the amount of police coverage. Mr. Resinger suggested eliminating coverage on Thursday to pick up for a weekend day.
- B. John Kernic asked if there was a letter sent out to the Planning Commission in regards to the meeting about the Rt. 8 Walkway Study. Mr. Sporer stated it is a public meeting.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the September 7, 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. A roll call was taken. Mr. Barger, Mr. Goughler and Ms. Turner voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Resinger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Linda Turner, Council President