

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 17, 2016

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council President Bogan Goughler opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted there will be no hurtful or harmful speech allowed.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (American Flag)

Council President Goughler 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 Bogan Goughler, Howard Barger, John McClelland, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman and Mayor Jeff MacKenzie. Also present was Chief Carlson. Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. David Marshall expressed concerns over the debris left on the property of the former Franktown Store. Chief Carlson stated he will discuss this with the Zoning Officer and follow up with the concern.
- B. Mike Garbacz presented Council with Reno V.F.D.'s end – of – year report. Mr. Garbacz requested to have the Borough Maintenance Dept. plow a section of the former K – Mart parking lot in order to get to the fire hydrants. Mr. Garbacz questioned what the status was on the building/property. Mr. Sporer said Klapec Trucking has expressed an interest and has done an environmental review. There was a fuel storage tank discovered and Klapec Trucking will assume responsibility for the removal of it, under the lease agreement.
- C. Diane Shields requested Council continue to look at installing street lights in Sugarcreek Village. Ms. Shields also presented Council with a petition of approximately 95 signatures of local residents who are in favor of the street lights in Sugarcreek Village. Ms. Shields believes there will be an increase in traffic due to the upcoming bridge construction and speeding is an issue as well. Mr. Goughler asked Chief Carlson his opinion on the street lights as Chief of Police and a resident of the Village. Chief stated he does not want to pay for street lights.
- D. Heather Lewis asked where does the tax money go to pay street lights. Mr. Sporer stated the villages of Rocky Grove and Reno are taxed for street lights and have a street light tax account and that money goes to pay for the electric and maintenance of those street lights. If lights were to be installed in Sugarcreek Village, the money should not be taken out of the General Fund because that includes everyone's tax money. Mr. Sporer said this is the current issue; trying to figure out where to draw the funds from, if lights are going to be installed.
- E. Jeremy Simcheck, Rocky Grove V.F.D. chief, presented three (3) letters from the fire department. One was requesting the \$10,000 donation be used for debt reduction. Another letter requested to use Liquid Fuels money to pave in front of the fire department. And a letter with a list of drivers for the fire department. Mr. Simcheck asked when a date and time are set up for the annual meeting, could Council go over to the fire hall to see the equipment and the different workings of the fire department.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission did not meet.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report

- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written yearly report, again. Chief also said there have been speeding complaints on and around Walnut Street, in Reno. He suggested making 5th and Walnut Streets a four – way intersection. Chief also presented Council with a letter himself and Mayor MacKenzie wrote to Senator Hutchinson and Representative James in regards to renaming the Sugarcreek Truss Bridge the Andrew White Memorial Bridge. Mr. Baughman brought up a concern to Chief that he was approached about; people are running the stop sign at 1st Street in Reno.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to enter into the Water Service Agreement with the General Authority, also known as Exhibit “E” in the Settlement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to authorize payment to Attorney Robert Varsek for services rendered during litigation, in the amount of \$10,607.82. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the sewer lateral repairs/replacements. To date, there have been 323 laterals replaced within the Borough. These and future replacements will cut down on the infiltration going into the treatment plant.
- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
 - 1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Howard Barger said an employee from the Wyattville Store approached him and wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for their hard work during the recent snow storm.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland 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

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:23 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 7:39 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (CON'T.)

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to remove Sheila Lauer, Police Clerk, off of probationary status, adjust pay accordingly and move her to part – time. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM. Motion carried unanimously.