

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2015

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, Larry Baughman and Robert Resinger. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused. Also present were Solicitor Brian Spaid and Chief Carlson. Bill Walker, Barbara Manski and Dick Phillips were absent.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. No report.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer stated that the Borough received a shipment of salt.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with his written report. Chief also reported that 14 applications have been mailed to applicants. Civil Service Commission review will take place the end of March or beginning of April.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a letter received from Walt Burgard of R.G.V.F.D. requesting Workmen's Compensation coverage for events held at the Tri – City Raceway Park. Mr. Sporer said he spoke with the Borough's Insurance Company which issues the Workmen's Compensation Policy and the fire department would not be covered under the Borough policy because the event(s) are being held outside of the Borough. Mr. Sporer stated the fire departments may go and get their own policy to cover such events. Mr. Burgard asked how the departments are covered if they respond to a fire or emergency outside of the Borough. Mr. Sporer stated they are covered in such an event because it is in the line of duty.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

A. Mr. Resinger wanted to apologize to Chief Carlson for his actions after the last meeting.

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

A. Albert Abramovic, member of Venango County Planning Commission, stated he is on the committee for the county's comprehensive plan. He reported there is a workshop scheduled for April 10, 2015 in regards to building permits. He is also available for any questions or concerns the Borough may have and wished to have an open line of communication between the two entities.

- B. Mike Garbacz expressed his concerns for the property maintenance of the former K – Mart building on Rt. 8. He stated the snow makes it difficult to get to the building in case of an emergency. Mr. Garbacz requested that the alleyways be attended to in Reno. Mr. Garbacz questioned if the departments would be covered for the 4 – H Fair? Mr. Sporer stated that may be a different situation; fund raising at the fair versus providing services at Tri – City Raceway Park.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger 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 7:12 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 7:38 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President