

# BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2014

## 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 hateful 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, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger, John McClelland and Mayor Charles Minnick. Also present were Bill Walker, Barbara Manski and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips and Chief Carlson were not present.

## V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

## VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

## VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John Dumbleton reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

## VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the Maintenance Dept.'s new truck. It is expected to be delivered the second week of February.

B. Police Chief:

1. No report.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve payment to Barr's Insurance to provide Sugarcreek Borough's Workers' Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance at annual cost of \$100,964.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Mr. Walker stated the Rocky Grove V.F.D. would like to schedule tractor pull events during the Fireman's Fair in the summer. Jeremy Rankin, representative from the Rocky Grove V.F.D. told Council the tractor pulls would take place on the fairgrounds near the back parking lot, a lot that would approximately 16 feet wide. It would be scheduled on the Saturday of fair week; along with a car show. Each tractor that would participate would be charged a fee and a portion of the fee would go to maintenance of the fairgrounds and a portion to the fire department. The lot would either be fenced in or have cement barriers placed around the perimeter. The fire department would also consider placing concession stands near the lot and holding the pulls monthly if there was a good response. Mr. Goughler requested the fire department keep the Borough up – to – date with the progress and status of the tractor pulls.
2. Mr. Walker updated Council on 22 Front Street, the IAM & AW Local Lodge 1842 union hall. He stated the contractors have filed for a building permit and are beginning minor renovations.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Ms. Manski introduced Alexa Martin as her assistant in CDBG. There were 463 income surveys mailed to random residents within the Rocky Grove – area of the Borough. Surveys are beginning to be returned; the Borough must receive back approximately 80% of the surveys that were sent out. Funds are currently on hold until the income survey is completed. The environmental review for the Reno Playground is under way, as well.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report

**IX. COUNCIL REPORT**

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

- A. Charles Barrickman presented Council with pictures of garbage piling up at 211 Lamberton Street. Mr. Barrickman stated it has been an issue for some time. Mr. Goughler said the Borough will follow up with it.
- B. Mike Garbacz stated he was upset that Council discussed that the fire departments do not pay property taxes on the property they own, at the previous Council meeting.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 Reorganization and 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 7:21 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 7:47 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)**

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President