

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 16, 2013

**NOTE:** Council conducted a public hearing at 6:30 PM today to amend Section 304 to allow scrap yards and junkyards as a "Conditional Use" in a Light Industrial Zone and Section 416.3 relative to the proximity or distance of such businesses from a federal, state or borough road.

**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 Officer Deeter, Chief Carlson and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Barbara Manski and Dick Phillips 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. Dick Phillips presented Council with a written report on the various jobs the Maintenance Department has been working on since the previous Council meeting.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve a donation to Venango County Fox & Coon Club, in the amount of \$200.00 for the use of their facilities during qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer reported to Council that the Borough's insurance premiums increased approximately 10% or about \$8,000. The main cause of the increase, Mr. Sporer explained, was due to Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Sporer also stated he has been speaking with Erik Johnson from the County, in regards to the recycling bins located outside the Borough Building. Mr. Johnson stated the County will be conducting a meeting in February to discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan and address issues such as what the Borough is having. Mr. Sporer stated he will be attending that meeting and looking at other options in the meantime. Also, Mr. Sporer stated he has the Fire Departments' checks prepared for them to pick up.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve payment to Barr's Insurance to provide Sugarcreek Borough's Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance at an annual cost of \$85,066 for 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Officer Deeter reminded Council there will be a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer stated the pavilion at the Rocky Grove Playground is complete.

F. Solicitor:

1. Mr. Spaid stated the fire referendum (Fire Tax) may go on the ballot and the Borough may adopt such a tax, under certain provisions. The Borough may adopt a Fire Tax up to 3 mills and anything higher will have to go to the voters on the ballot.

**IX. COUNCIL REPORT**

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

- A. John Dumbleton stated the Council Meeting minutes and local politicians need updated on the Borough's website. Mr. Dumbleton also asked if the Fire Departments considered holding some kind of fundraisers each month to help raise funds.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 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 7:27 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 8:20 pm.

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

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to amend the motion made at the January 2, 2013 meeting to add a Wholesale Business as a Permitted Use in a C – 2 Highway Commercial Zone, such that it be a C – 1 Commercial Zone. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to suspend Officer Deeter for one (1) day, without pay. A roll call was taken. Mr. Barger, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Goughler and Mr. Baughman voted in favor. Mr. Resinger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President