

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 02, 2013

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 and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Chief Carlson, 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. No report.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer reported the Borough received a detailed timeline in regards to bringing the Islams' building at 310 Rocky Grove Avenue, up to code. The work is planned to begin in April 2013 and be completed by October 2013. The Islams intend to place a convenience store in that building.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Officer Deeter stated he spoke to the Islams about the building and their intended timeline and if the building is not brought up to code, they will be cited and fined.
2. Officer Deeter also stated there will be a public hearing on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 6:30 PM, to discuss amending Section 304 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow scrap yards and junkyards as a "Conditional Use" in a Light Industrial Zone. As well as discuss Section 416.3 relative to the proximity or distance of such business from a federal, state or borough road.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report

F. Solicitor:

1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

A. Howard Barger reported he has been receiving comments/complaints about the former Girty property on Causeway Drive. There have been 5 or 6 vehicles on the property, along the railroad and blocking the roadway.

B. Larry Baughman wanted to commend the Maintenance Department on doing a good job on plowing and salting during the snowstorms over Christmas and New Year's.

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

A. Mike Garbacz asked if Brian Spaid had time to look into his question regarding placing the Fire Tax on the ballots.

- B. John Dumbleton expressed concern over the recycling bins outside the Borough building; he stated they are overflowing and have an odor. Mr. Goughler stated the Borough will look into their options.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 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 7:06 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 8:30 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to begin the process to amend the Zoning Ordinance to add "Wholesale Business" as a "Permitted Use" in a C – 2 Highway Commercial Zone. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to schedule and advertise for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 6:30 PM, in regards to amending the Zoning Ordinance to add "Wholesale Business" as a "Permitted Use" in a C – 2 Highway Commercial Zone. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President