

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL REORGANIZATION & COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

January 2, 2018

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (Mayor will preside until after officers have been elected.)

Mayor Charles McDaniel 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)

Mayor Charles McDaniel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

Note: Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid swore in Council Members Larry Baughman, John McClelland and James Speth.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present at the meeting were Council members Bogan Goughler, Howard Barger, John McClelland, James Speth, Larry Baughman and Mayor Charles McDaniel. Also present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid and Chief Carlson.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Accept Nominations for President of Council

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to open nominations for Council President. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Larry Baughman nominated Bogan Goughler for Council President.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to close nominations for Council President. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to name Bogan Goughler as Council President. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Accept Nominations for Vice President of Council

1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to open nominations for Council Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Bogan Goughler nominated Larry Baughman for Council Vice President.

2. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to close nominations for Council Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to name Larry Baughman as Council Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Accept Nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to open nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

a. Larry Baughman nominated John McClelland for Chairman Pro Tempore

b. Bogan Goughler nominated James Speth for Chairman Pro Tempore

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to close nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to name John McClelland as Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: The new Council President will preside over the remainder of the meeting.

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

A. Linda Turner asked Chief Carlson if the other end of Elm Street could be looked at in regards to moving the "No Parking" sign back from the intersection. Chief Carlson said he will do as Council instructions him. Mr. Goughler requested Chief to look into the concern.

B. Rich Mulholland wanted to express his pleasure in seeing progress within the Borough and the County.

IX. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a letter from Richard Daugherty expressing his interest in filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mr. Sporer and Zoning Officer Larry Moyer both recommend appointing him to the vacancy. Mr. Speth questioned if there were any other applications. Mr. Sporer said there was not and it is difficult to get people to fill vacant seats.
 - 1. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to appoint Richard Daugherty to the Sugar creek Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

X. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. John McClelland questioned if the 1986 dump truck has been scrapped yet. Mr. Sporer says it has not been done yet, but may be in the spring. Mr. McClelland asked if the Borough could purchase a vacuum for leaf pick up and use that vehicle for it. Mr. Sporer said the frame is no good and it will not pass inspection.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the \$115,000 Certificate of Deposit that is held at Edward Jones, for the sewer account. The CD is now due and Mr. Sporer presented Council with current rates for 2 years (2.15%), 3 years (2.25%) and 4 years (2.35%). Mr. Sporer recommended going with 4 years at 2.35%, which would generate approximately \$2,500.00 in interest per year. Mr. McClelland questioned if there would be any reason to access the funds before the CD is due. Mr. Sporer said he does not anticipate needing to access them, but if so, the penalty is six (6) months interest which is about \$1,250.00. Mr. Spaid said any documentation that would need reviewed could be given to Attorney James Greenfield.
 - 2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to reinvest in a four (4) year Certificate of Deposit for the Rocky Grove Sewer, with Edward Jones, at a rate of 2.35%. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve retaining the services of Attorney Brian Spaid and Dale Woodard Gent McFate Law Firm as solicitors at an hourly rate of \$165.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

XI. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Howard Barger said he was approached by employees at Constable Refuse and they wanted to thank the Borough Maintenance Department for keeping the roads clear for them; making it easier for them to be able to move around and make their job easier.

XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

XVII. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:17 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 7:57 pm.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President