

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

January 2, 2024

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Matthew Carlson opened the meeting at 6:00 pm, welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted there will be no hurtful or harmful speech allowed.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (American Flag)

Mayor Matthew Carlson 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 Larry Baughman, Alan Heller, Bogan Goughler, Howard Barger, James Speth and Mayor Matthew Carlson. Also, present was Attorney Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Alan Heller to appoint Howard Barger to the vacant Ward 3 Council seat, for a two – year term. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mayor Matthew Carlson swore in to office Council Members Bogan Goughler and Howard Barger.

VII. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Accept Nominations for President of Council

1. Motion by Alan Heller to open nominations for Council President.

a. Alan Heller nominates James Speth for Council President

2. Motion by Larry Baughman being duly seconded by James Speth to close nominations for Council President. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Alan Heller, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to name James Speth as Council President. Motion carried unanimously.

***NOTE:** James Speth will now preside over the meeting.

B. Accept Nominations for Vice President of Council.

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

a. Bogan Goughler nominates Alan Heller for Council Vice President

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

3. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to name Alan Heller as Council Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Accept Nominations for Chairman Pro Tempore

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

a. James Speth nominates Larry Baughman for Chairman Pro Tempore

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

3. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to name Larry Baughman as Chairman Pro Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 6:09 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 6:40 pm.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by Alan Heller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

James Speth, Council President