

# BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2016

## 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 harmful 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, Howard Barger, John McClelland, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman and Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie. Also present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid and Lt. Ryan Ashbaugh.

## V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

## VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*limited to 3 minutes each*)

- A. Linda Turner asked Council about a rumor going around the Borough that Council is planning to eliminate five (5) police officers. She expressed her displeasure of such a rumor. Ms. Turner stated she heard that Mr. Goughler made the statement to people at Franklin Service and Supply. She agrees with Mr. McClelland in regards to holding budget work sessions.
- B. Mike Garbacz questioned if the new police cruiser was purchased through the reserve account. Mr. Sporer stated the funds were taken from the Borough's reserve account, along with a grant and a seized money account.

## VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission did not meet.

## IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
  1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
  1. Mayor MacKenzie stated he spoke with Chief Carlson and there was nothing significant to report.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
  1. Mr. Sporer stated the leaf pick up will begin Thursday, October 20, 2016 at the same locations in Rocky Grove and Reno as previous years. Maintenance requests that the leaves be placed in brown paper bags. The leaves are given to a turtle farm in the area and the plastic bags will pose a hazard.
  2. Mr. Sporer reported the Police Contract has been signed by the Bargaining Unit and only Mr. Goughler and he needed to sign.
  3. Mr. Sporer presented Council with an agreement/proposal from Cohen Law Group in regards to the Borough's Cable Franchise Agreement. He requests Council to look at it over the next few weeks, as the Borough will begin negotiations soon. This is the same law firm the City of Franklin used for their negotiations.
- D. Zoning Officer:
  1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
  1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
  1. No report.

**X. COUNCIL REPORT**

- A. Larry Baughman wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for patching North Front Street and Fern Avenue where the street was dug up to replace a storm sewer pipe.
- B. Robert Resinger questioned if the Borough has heard any information in regards to one of the houses on Warren Road that did not connect to the system. Mr. Sporer stated there is a lien against the property; that is all the Borough can do at this point. If the house were to sell, the Borough's lien would be satisfied first. Mr. Sporer stated he has not seen a deed transfer for that property.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, 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**

No Executive Session was held.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President