

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2017

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, Larry Baughman and Robert Resinger. Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie was excused. Also present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid and Chief Carlson.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Linda Turner questioned the status of next year's budget. Ms. Turner said the Borough should not get rid of the Police Department due to the recent events in Las Vegas. Ms. Turner also suggested the newspaper should recognize Chief Carlson for his years of service.
- B. Mike Garbacz said the tree that was on the house along Rt. 8 in Reno has been removed. Mr. Garbacz also requested the Borough increase the donation amount given to the fire departments in next year's budget due to cost increases and building projects needing to be done. Mr. Spaid said he has been in contact with Larry Moyer, Zoning Officer in regards to the house with the tree on it. He said Mr. Moyer followed up with the concerns, researched and found the property was in an estate and contacted the family listed.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
 - 1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the status of Shaffer Run Road. Mr. Sporer said Dick Shingledecker of Shingledecker's Welding completed the work on September 26 – 27, 2017, at a cost of \$7,820.11. He wanted to thank Mr. Shingledecker for the good work and cost of the project; early estimates were between \$50,000 and \$75,000. Mr. Sporer also stated beginning on Monday, October 9, 2017, the Borough will be accepting leaves in paper bags only.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief said the Explorer has been stripped down and is ready to be sold. The new school crossing lights along Rt. 417 have been inspected by PennDOT and have passed.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Mr. Sporer said he will have a proposed 2018 Budget ready for Council at the October 18, 2017 Council Meeting. Mr. Sporer has spoken with Chief Carlson in regards to his budget and they are in agreeance to keep the budget the same. Mr. Sporer said adjustments for wage increases as per the Police and Maintenance Union contracts and possible increases in the health insurance would be figured into the 2018 Budget. He also asked Council for their input on the budget. Mr. Sporer also said the amount the Borough gives to the fire departments is up to Council, but he would request receiving either balance sheets, income statements or financial statements from the fire departments for

2017, before the funds are given to the departments. He said this would be for record keeping purposes to go with the requests from the fire departments.

- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger 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 7:15 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 7:36 pm.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President