

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2014

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 and Larry Baughman. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused. Also present were Chief Carlson, Solicitor Brian Spaid and Barbara Manski. Bill Walker and Dick Phillips were absent.

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. No report.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2014, which states the Sugarcreek Borough Police Department will contribute five percent (5%) to their pension fund, beginning January 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the proposed 2015 budget, with no tax increase and advertise that it is available for public inspection and scheduled for adoption at the regular Council Meeting on December 3, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Ms. Manski updated Council on the CDBG Application. Ms. Manski stated she has received updated maps and census information; the fire departments no longer qualify for CDBG funds. Currently, only one block group – the main section of Rocky Grove, qualifies for CDBG funds. Funds could still be used for blight issues, demolition, handicap accessibility and streets/roads projects. Ms. Manski has scheduled the first public meeting for CDBG on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 6:30 PM, for public input on potential projects and ideas. The application is due to DCED on January 5, 2015.

2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve Resolution No. 4 of 2014, which is the Fair Housing Resolution for CDBG. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

A. Mr. McClelland reported the UPMC Urgent Care held an open house on November 3, 2014.

- B. Mr. Baughman stated he would like Council to address potential changes to the burning ordinance at a later date.

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

- A. Linda Turner expressed concern over a garage on Parker Avenue and a possible home business being ran out of there. She stated there are several cars parked around the property and blocking driveways. Mr. Goughler stated Chief Carlson will follow up.
- B. Jan Bowen presented Council with photos in regards to a dispute with her neighbor and a trash bin. Mr. Spaid recommended the Borough speak with Robert Varsek in regards to the matter since Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are currently represented by another attorney in his law firm.
- C. Brian Bowen presented Council with a concern over the fence with the same above mentioned neighbor.
- D. John Dumbleton questioned the status with the Planning Commission. He stated they have not met since last year.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger 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 7:17 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 8:03 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to name Chief Matt Carlson Assistant Zoning Officer, subject to review of the Zoning Ordinance by the Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President