

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 1, 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, John McClelland, Larry Baughman and Robert Resinger. Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie and Council Member Howard Barger were 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. No public participation.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief Carlson reported the bidding on the 2008 Ford Explorer ended on October 30, 2017 and the high bid was \$3,500.00. Chief also reported the department received \$4,401.72 from Mike and Joyce Hughes, trustees for the Jessie L. Peters Trust. \$1,121.76 was used to purchase four (4) V – Watch portable electric field detectors. Retired Chief Rick Baker donated candy for the Police Department to pass out to trick – or – treaters on Halloween night. Chief estimated around 700 – 800 kids were out trick – or – treating. The Stuff – a – Cruiser event was able to fill the back of two (2) cruisers. Mr. Baughman requested that the department send Chief Baker a thank you card/note.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to accept the bid of \$3,500.00 on the 2008 Ford Explorer to the high bidder, Ron Tobias, Wernersville, PA. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. No report.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. Solicitor:

1. Mr. Spaid updated Council on the establishment of a Police Pension Review Board. Mr. Baughman requested to be on the board as a Borough Council Member, along with Retired Officer Frank Heller, Borough Citizen Ray Swacha, current Officer Darin Baker and Chief Administrative Officer for Pensions Joseph M. Sporer. Mr. Spaid requested Mr. Sporer create the resolution for the establishment of the board. Mr. Spaid also gave Council copies of the Act 172 Fire Tax Credit Ordinance for them to review for the public meeting and next Council meeting. In the Ordinance on page 2, section 2 (b), it says it is the Council's responsibility to establish, by resolution, the annual criteria necessary to meet the eligibility for the tax credit. He suggested Council speak with the fire

chiefs to help give input and ideas on the criteria. Mr. Spaid said Council can adopt the ordinance for the tax credit first and then approve a resolution establishing the annual criteria needed to meet eligibility requirements, at the December 20, 2017 Council meeting.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. John McClelland questioned if the City of Franklin will be repairing Fox Street where a water line broke. Mr. Sporer said Mr. Phillips has been in contact with the City and the General Authority plans on fixing the street before winter. Currently, it is dependent on the weather.
- B. Robert Resinger said he was approached by residents on Park Avenue about a large pothole along the alley way near the Sports Medicine building. Mr. Sporer asked if they have spoken to anyone at the Borough. Mr. Resinger said the residents told him they had. Mr. Sporer said he will speak to Mr. Phillips about it.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 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

No Executive Session was held.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President