

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

November 15, 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, Robert Resinger, Howard Barger and Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie. Also present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid and CDBG Administrator Barbara Manski.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Jeremy Simcheck expressed concerns over the fire tax credit that Council is proposing to adopt. He stated he is disappointed that Council has chosen to only offer a tax credit on property taxes and not Earned Income Taxes. He felt it was a "slap in the face" to volunteers to only offer them a \$50.00 tax credit. He said there are some volunteers who spend more than that in gas to respond to calls for the fire departments.
- B. Linda Turner said she was in Titusville, PA the previous night to attend a meeting on scams that have been occurring. She said she would like to see the Borough's Police Chief organize such an event and invite the public.
- C. Joe Highfield was there to inquire about the status of the Police Pension Board.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
 - 1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. No report.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Resolution No. 6 of 2017 which establishes a Police Pension Review Board applicable to the Police employees of the Borough. Larry Baughman abstained. Motion carried.
 - 2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the proposed 2018 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 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator
 - 1. Ms. Manski presented a proposal to Council to move funds from the 2015 CDBG allocation. \$9,000.00 would be moved from demolition to the Miller – Sibley Pool Project. Upgrades included ADA accessibility to the bath house.
 - 2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the reallocation of \$9,000.00 of 2015 CDBG Funds from demolition to the Miller – Sibley Pool Project. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. 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 November 1, 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

- A. Linda Turner questioned why Council is not going to discuss the budget nor hire another full – time police officer. Ms. Turner said there was a 1 mill increase last year to hire a full – time officer and Council lied to them. She expressed concern over Officer Highfield working by himself and she hopes he is not in Sugarcreek Village if her house is broken into. Ms. Turner said Council needs to consider the public. Mr. Goughler asked Ms. Turner if she has met with Mr. Sporer to go over any concerns she has over the budget. Ms. Turner said she has not. Mr. Goughler recommended Ms. Turner speak with Mr. Sporer about it. Ms. Turner said paying a pension should not be the reason to not hire Officer Highfield because they deserve it.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Council recessed at 7:11 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 7:40 pm.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President