

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2016**

*NOTE: Council Meeting location was moved from Council Chambers to the R.G.V.F.D. fire hall

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, Barbara Manski, Larry Moyer and Chief Carlson.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Borough Solicitor Brain Spaid reminded the public that they are given three (3) minutes each to express concerns or to state their opinion. This is not a "Question and Answer" time and banter amongst the public and/or Council will not be tolerated. The public is to wait until their name is called to speak and Parliamentary Procedures will be followed.
- B. Lori Everett spoke in support of the Police Department.
- C. Lois Bingman spoke in support of the Police Department.
- D. Faye Baughman spoke in support of the Police Department.
- E. Linda Turner spoke in support of the Police Department.
- F. Steve Wheeling spoke in support of the Police Department.
- G. Gina McCullon spoke in support of the Police Department.
- H. Floyd Dunlap spoke in support of the Police Department.
- I. Diane Shields spoke in regards to street lights in Sugarcreek Village. Ms. Shields stated she would be willing to contact Penelec if necessary.
- J. Heather Lewis expressed concerns over the children in Sugarcreek Village and requests having street lights installed.
- K. William Valdesalice spoke in support of the Police Department.
- L. Jessica Monaco spoke in support of the Police Department.
- M. Bridget Baker spoke in support of the Police Department.
- N. Tim Lowry spoke in support of the Police Department.
- O. Mike Garbacz spoke in support of the Police Department and questioned funding for the sewage treatment plant upgrades. Mr. Garbacz also proposed a 1 mill fire tax in order to raise additional funding for the fire departments.
- P. Brandy Richards spoke in support of the Police Department.
- Q. Bob Richards spoke in support of the Police Department.
- R. Jaylee Donovan spoke in support of the Police Department.
- S. Jackson Donovan spoke in support of the Police Department.
- T. Jasey Donovan spoke in support of the Police Department.
- U. Heather Miller spoke in support of the Police Department.
- V. Nikki McGill spoke in support of the Police Department.
- W. Lisa Martz spoke in support of the Police Department.
- X. Lacey Van Wormer stated her concerns over the lack of street lights in Sugarcreek Village.
- Y. Bill Lambert spoke in support of the Police Department.
- Z. Heather Wysocki spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AA. Deb Price spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AB. Jen Moon spoke in support of the Police Department.

- AC. Beth Campbell spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AD. Jim Campbell spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AE. Chris Castonaughy spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AF. Darlene White spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AG. John White spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AH. Richard White spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AI. Joe Highfield spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AJ. Dale Green spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AK. Doug Latchaw spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AL. Tammi Latchaw spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AM. Tim Steiner spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AN. Scott Kramer spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AO. Brett Hill spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AP. Terri Lowry spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AQ. David Schull spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AR. Kurtis Schull spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AS. Joane Beach spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AT. Dave Beach spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AU. Dawson Beach spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AV. Justin Heffernan spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AW. Kyle Peasley spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AX. Rusty Dodds spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AY. Don Huey spoke in support of the Police Department.
- AZ. Mark Baughman spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BA. Matt Jarzenski spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BB. Art Jarzenski spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BC. Bev Prichard spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BD. Brian Spaid reminded the public that budget work sessions were not held between the Nov. 2, 2016 and Nov. 16, 2016 Council meetings due to scheduling conflicts. Mr. Spaid also reiterated that there is no public participation during the work sessions, but the public is welcome to attend. Work sessions are scheduled for Mon., Nov. 21, 2016, at 6:00 PM and Tues., Nov. 22, 2016, at 6:00 PM, in Council Chambers. Council would then be able to present a budget at the December 7, 2016 Council meeting and vote to advertise that the budget will be adopted at the December 21, 2016 Council meeting. A budget must be passed by December 31, 2016.
- BE. Stephen Snyder spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BF. Karen Snyder spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BG. Janine Morgan spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BH. Chris Morgan, Sr. spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BI. Chris Morgan, Jr. spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BJ. Suzanne O'Neil spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BK. Floyd O'Neil spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BL. Ryan Ashbaugh spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BM. Nate Danzer spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BN. Michael Cherry, Sr. spoke in support of the Police Department.
- BO. Brandy Cherry spoke in support of the Police Department.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission will be meeting on Wednesday, November 23, 2016.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson stated the new Police cruiser was picked up earlier and was outside of the building if anyone was interested in looking at it.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to set and advertise the 2017 Council and Planning Commission for 2017. Council will meet on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesdays for the months of January, February, March, April, May, September, October, November and December.

And only the third (3rd) Wednesdays for the months of June, July and August. Planning Commission will meet on the second (2nd) and fourth (4th) Wednesdays of each month. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the reappointment of Tim Dunkle to the Borough's seat on the General Authority, for a five (5) year term. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Tim Dunkle gave Council an update on what the General Authority has been discussing. The 13th Street siphon was able to be cleaned out and repairs will cost approximately \$50,000, as opposed to the previously proposed \$2,000,000. Upcoming projects will include changing valves at the pump stations, replacing lines, applying for grants and establishing a long – range plan. The General Authority has paid off their bond project. They have had a first read of the budget and there currently is no rate increase for water and sewer.
- D. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
1. Mr. Spaid stated he looked into a suggestion made at a previous Council meeting regarding a flat service fee being issued to cover Emergency/Civil Services. Mr. Spaid said he had made numerous attempts to contact the City near Pittsburgh that was implementing such a service fee, but had not received a call back from their Solicitor. He contacted the State Association of Solicitors and they advised Mr. Spaid that such a fee is not legal. Mr. Spaid stated the Borough currently has a local service tax in place and that a fire tax would be legal if Council chose to create such a tax.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. John McClelland wanted to thank the public for showing their support for the Police Department. Mr. McClelland also stated he has been contacted about his opinion on the matter. Mr. McClelland said he refrained from making public comment because he was the Mayor for several years and that his position on the Police Department remains unchanged from the time he was Mayor till now.
- B. Robert Resinger said it was interesting to see the Police Department doing traffic stops over that past two (2) weeks.
- C. Jeffery MacKenzie reminded the public of the budget work sessions and he said alternate budgets will be offered.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the minutes of the November 2, 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

Council recessed at 8:05 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 8:51 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (CON'T.)

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded John McClelland to approve the relocation of the December 7, 2016 Council meeting from Council Chambers to the R.G.V.F.D. fire hall, room to be determined and advertised accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President