

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2013

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 hateful 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, Robert Resinger, Howard Barger, John McClelland and Mayor Charles Minnick. Council Member Larry Baughman was excused. Also present was Chief Carlson, Solicitor Brian Spaid and Bill Walker. Dick Phillips and Barbara Manski were not present.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. 1. John Dumbleton reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a recommendation to purchase a 2014 Ford F – 350 XL Truck and Western Plow for the Maintenance Department, through a Co-Stars approved dealer.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the purchase of a 2014 Ford F – 350 XL Truck at a cost of \$27,797 and Western Plow at a cost of \$5,969. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Chief:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to appoint Jonathan Griswold to the Rocky Grove Volunteer Fire Department Fire Police as requested by the Rocky Grove V.F.D.. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer stated there is a position available on the General Authority's Board for a Borough resident. Any resident interested should contact the Borough.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the 2014 Council Meetings for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for the months of February, March, April, May, September, October, November and December and the 3rd Wednesday of each month for the months of June, July and August. For the month of January, a reorganizational meeting followed by a regular Council Meeting will be scheduled for January 2, 2014 and a regular Council meeting on the 3rd Wednesday. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the proposed 2014 Budget, with no tax increase and advertise that it is available for public inspection and scheduled for adoption at the regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 4, 2013, at 7:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Mr. Walker updated Council on the decision of the Zoning Hearing Appeal that was heard on October 28, 2013. The Zoning Hearing Board approved to allow the IAM & AW Local Lodge 1842 to use the building located at 22 Front Street as offices, meeting hall and storage. Mr. Walker anticipates they will be in the building around February 2014.
2. Mr. Walker said he received a phone call from the new owner of the former Bi – Lo building, located at 767 Allegheny Blvd. The new owner would like to open a Tru Value Hardware Store in the building. The projected opening would be for May 2014.

3. Mr. Walker updated Council on a correspondence the Borough received from Anchor Construction regarding the Borough's help and cooperation on the development and construction of the new Fastenal building on Rt. 8. Mr. Walker also updated Council on the progress of North Front Street. He stated a catch basin was installed and water pipe is being installed that will run to Monkey Run as a way to improve the standing water issue.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
 1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
 1. Mr. Spaid updated Council on the status of the Borough's Floodplain Ordinance. Mr. Spaid stated he will be working on the Borough's and it will need to be passed by January 16, 2014.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. John McClelland said he received a list of crosswalks from Bob Lewis and then Mr. McClelland met with Mr. Sporer and Chief Carlson. Mr. McClelland recommended that a crosswalk needs to be installed at Rocky Grove Avenue and Palmer Avenue. Mr. McClelland did not recommend a crosswalk at Rocky Grove Avenue and Pennell Street. He stated the crosswalks are currently marked at the Rocky Grove High School, Rocky Grove Avenue and Front Street and at Fox Street and Front Street. Mr. McClelland did not recommend a crosswalk at Front Street and Rocca Way due to traffic and students do not need to cross the street because of the bus route.

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

- A. John Dumbleton requested the Planning Commission meet as needed. Mr. Spaid stated the Planning Commission must advertise their meetings the same as Council Meetings; but do not have to meet. If they need to schedule a special meeting, the Planning Commission will have to advertise the change. Mr. Sporer requested to advertise the Planning Commission's meetings at the same time the Council Meetings are advertised.
 1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to advertise the Planning Commission meetings for 2014 for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers, with the exception of the months of June, July and August where they would meet on the 4th Wednesdays only. Motion carried unanimously.
 2. Mr. Dumbleton stated there is water running onto the roadway on Elm Street, near Wiley Avenue and can it be directed into the ditch. Mr. Sporer said to have the person call him and he and Mr. Phillips will try to resolve the issue.
- B. Mike Garbacz asked if the Borough has heard any new information in regards to the Borough receiving a cancellation notice from the Borough's Worker's Compensation Company, for the fire departments regarding cancer presumption. Mr. Sporer stated such employees' coverage could be mandated by the State. Mr. Garbacz also asked if Council could do the same thing as they did last year for the fire departments. Mr. Garbacz questioned why the Borough could not look into purchasing Government surplus trucks for the Borough instead of going through a dealer? Mr. Goughler stated the trucks are used every day and the wear and tear placed on the vehicles is high.
- C. Ron Blair questioned the seatbelt policy issue. Mr. Blair stated his wife was cited for not wearing her seatbelt, but Mr. Blair said he witnessed a Borough employee not using their seatbelt last summer within the City of Franklin limits. Mr. Blair said he contacted both City of Franklin Police Department and the Borough's Police Department. Chief Carlson stated Mr. Blair observed them within the parking lot and he repeatedly contacted the Borough's Police Department. Mr. Sporer stated when Mr. Blair confronted him, Mr. Sporer put on his seatbelt. Mr. Blair would like action taken and is not pleased his wife received a fine for not seatbelt. Mayor Minnick said the Borough cannot do anything.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, 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 7:34 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 8:38 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President