

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 1, 2021

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council President John McClelland 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 McClelland 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 Larry Baughman, John McClelland, Bogan Goughler, Matthew Carlson and James Speth. Mayor Charles McDaniel was absent. Also, present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid, Chief Bob Wenner and Maintenance Foreman Doug Freer.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

A. Alan Heller wanted to wish the Council a Merry Christmas.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Doug Freer reported the Maintenance Dept. has switched everything over and are ready for winter. Mr. Baughman wanted to express his appreciation for the Maintenance Dept. going around and cleaning up the leaves away from the storm sewer grates. He also asked if the Borough could look into purchasing a leaf vacuum machine, similar to what the City of Franklin has, so the residents wouldn't have to rake the leaves up, bag them and bring them over to the Borough building. Mr. Freer said they could look into it.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Wenner said he has received four (4) applications for the full – time police officer position. And he will move on to the next phase of the hiring process.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Bogan Goughler, being duly seconded by James Speth to adopt Ordinance No. 296 of 2021, which fixes expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 at \$3,339,175.00 with a tax rate of 6.0 mills and a tax rate of 0.55 cents on each front foot assessment for street lights in Rocky Grove and Reno. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to adopt Ordinance No. 297 of 2021, which amends the sewer service charges for the Village of Sugarcreek set forth in Ordinance No. 249 of 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to adopt Ordinance No. 298 of 2021, which amends the sewer service charges for the Village of Rocky Grove set forth in Ordinance No. 259 of 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Sporer informed Council that the Borough was approved for \$25,000 in County Liquid Fuels Funds. The funds will be used to replaced the third culvert pipe along Shaffer Run Road.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. Solicitor:

1. Mr. Spaid wished to congratulate Mr. McClelland on his years of service to the Borough and it was an absolute pleasure to work with him between him being a Council Member and Mayor. Mr. McClelland thanked Mr. Spaid for the working relationship he has had with him over the years.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. John McClelland said it has been a pleasure serving his community for over 45 years. He also wanted to thank Council for trusting him with the duties of Council President. Mr. McClelland said he feels he has made a contribution and looks forward to the break.
- B. James Speth wanted to echo Mr. Spaid's comments and he has enjoyed working with Mr. McClelland during his short tenure on Council.
- C. Bogan Goughler told Mr. McClelland that he has enjoyed working with him the past several years.
- D. Larry Baughman wished Mr. McClelland luck in his future endeavors.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2021 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Matthew Carlson, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler 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 7:15 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 8:00 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.

- 1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the appointment of Jodi Freni, 806 Fern Avenue, as the representative for Sugarcreek Borough on the General Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- 1. Council President John McClelland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

John McClelland, Council President