

# **BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**December 16, 2015**

## **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, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger and Mayor Jeff MacKenzie. Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused. Chief Matthew Carlson was also present.

## **V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

## **VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**

## **VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission did not meet.

## **VII. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with his written report. Chief Carlson stated the Ford Explorer that was sold, has been paid for and picked up. The Civil Service Commission deadline for applicants was December 16, 2015. Chief also reported on 615 Rocky Grove Avenue, which was condemned on November 19, 2015.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adopt Ordinance No. 282 of 2015, which fixes the expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016 at \$2,971,241 with a tax rate of 5.0 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 Howard Barger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to authorize the services of Charles R. Gibbons as an Independent Contractor to work on the revised Sugarcreek Borough Zoning Ordinance, effective immediately, with the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the payment of Barr's Insurance to provide Sugarcreek Borough's Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance at an annual cost of \$101,450.00. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report.

## **IX. COUNCIL REPORT**

A. Howard Barger stated Causeway Drive was blacktopped where the street was cut out for the new sewer lines that were installed for the new Sugar Valley Lodge buildings.

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

- A. Diane Shields expressed concern over the lack of street lights along Sugarcreek Drive and motorists speeding and for the safety of children walking to the elementary school. Mr. Goughler said the Borough and Council will look into it.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, 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**

- A. Mayor MacKenzie expressed concerns over group homes coming into the Rocky Grove residential – area and property values decreasing as a result. He stated there were two (2) currently on his street and what would the results be if these homes went from housing mentally challenged individuals to felons. The Mayor also wanted to recognize Lt. Baker for his recent arrests.

**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 7:57 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't.)**

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President