

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 2014

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 and Larry Baughman. Mayor Charles Minnick and Solicitor Brian Spaid were excused. Also present was Chief Carlson. Barbara Manski, Bill Walker and Dick Phillips were absent.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mike Garbacz reported the Planning Commission met on December 10, 2014, to discuss the construction of the new UPMC building at Sugarvalley Lodge. As well as the state of Louis Kraft property along Rt. 8, the former Wendy's and K – Mart buildings and the new construction at the former KFC building.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief also wanted to thank Judge Andrew Fish for his seven years of service as District Judge for the Borough and welcome Judge Patrick Lowrey to the Borough, as part of the redistricting.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to adopt Ordinance No. 278 of 2014, which fixes expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015 at \$2,841,325 with a tax rate of 5.0 mills and a tax rate 0.55 cents on each front foot assessment for street lights in Rocky Grove and Reno, with no tax increase. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer stated Ms. Manski is continuing to work on the CDBG Application.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

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

A. Judge Andrew Fish wanted to express his gratitude for the time he has spent as the Borough's District Judge. Council thanked Judge Fish for being willing to come to the Borough Building for hearings each week.

B. Judge Patrick Lowrey wanted to assure Council that he will continue to come to the Borough Building weekly for hearings and there will be little to no change. Judge Lowrey stated he is looking forward to working with Sugarcreek Borough.

C. Mike Garbacz asked Council if there were any additional funds that could be given to the fire departments to help recoup the \$15,000 they used to receive from CDBG funds.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2014 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger 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 7:10 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 7:42 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to increase the Borough Manager's salary by \$3,200.00, which includes a 3% raise (\$1,800.00), as well as business expenses (\$1,400.00), to bring the total salary to \$65,000 for the year 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President