

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

December 20, 2017

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, Larry Baughman, Robert Resinger, Howard Barger and Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie. Also present were Chief Carlson and Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Linda Turner wanted to thank the fire and police departments for helping a woman who had a stroke while at a local auction. Ms. Turner questioned why a new budget is being passed when there was a millage increase for 2017 to add another full – time officer and he was not added.
- B. Charlie McDaniel wanted to express his concerns over the tar and chipping that was done on Sugarcreek Drive by PennDOT. He said it was poorly done. Mr. McDaniel also thanked Robert Resinger and Mayor Jeff MacKenzie for their years of service.
- C. Mike Garbacz requested the Borough increase their funding to the volunteer fire departments. He stated Council needs to “step up” and do more for the fire departments. Mr. Garbacz also questioned why the Borough does not have another savings account, besides a Capital Reserve, for wages or funds for the fire departments.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
 - 1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief said the incoming Mayor has been in and meeting with him in preparation of the transition. Larry Baughman asked Chief if he has spoken to the Maintenance Department about moving the “No Parking” sign at the corner of Fox Street and Gilfillan Street. Chief said he has not, but the “No Parking” sign near the intersection of Elm Street and Fox Street has been moved back.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Tim Dunkle, Borough’s representative on the General Authority, presented Council with the 2017 report from the Franklin General Authority. Mr. Dunkle said the General Authority passed their budget and there are no rate increases for 2018. He also said the 10” water line under the bridge at Washington Crossing is being fixed after rehab work has been completed on the bridge. Some upcoming projects include replacing the water lines on Cedar Street between Park Street and Fox Street, on Park Street between Maple Street and 2nd Avenue, on N. Front Street between Rocky Grove Avenue and Fern Avenue and on Parker Avenue between Rocky Grove Avenue and the new line. The section of Fox Street and Parker Avenue that had lines repaired will be paved, in 2018. Completed projects in 2017 include the replacements of water lines on McCalmont Street between N. Front Street and N. Gilfillan Street, on Fox Street

between Gilfillan Street and Parker Avenue and 80 feet of line replaced on Parker Avenue from Fox Street. In July 2017, the General Authority hired a Utilities Manager, Eric Finske, to map and digitize the water and waste water systems and he will be the project manager on their projects.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adopt Ordinance No. 287 of 2017, which establishes a Volunteer Service Credit Program; enacting tax credits for volunteer members of Volunteer Fire Companies; and establishing Administrative procedures and appeals. Motion carried unanimously.
 3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Resolution No. 8 of 2017, which establishes the criteria to meet the minimum participation level to be eligible for a property tax credit, under Act 172. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adopt Ordinance No. 288 of 2017, which fixes expenditures for Fiscal Year 2018 at \$3,129,459 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.
 5. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve payment to Barr's Insurance to provide Sugar creek Borough's 2018 Worker's Compensation and Property & Casualty Insurance at an annual cost of \$109,459.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Larry Baughman wanted to wish Mr. Resinger well in his post – Council life and thanked him for his 12 years of service to the Borough.
- B. Robert Resinger wanted to thank the public for allowing him to work with them for the past 12 years. He said it has been an honor and a pleasure.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, 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

- A. Mr. Goughler reminded the public of the Reorganization and Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 1, 2018, at 7:00 PM.
- B. Ms. Turner asked if she could make another statement. Mr. Goughler told her Public Participation is over.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:20 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 7:26 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.

- A. Mr. Spaid wanted to thank Jeff MacKenzie for his time as Mayor. Mr. Spaid also thanked Mr. Resinger for his years of service to the Borough.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President