

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 2016

*NOTE: Council Meeting location was moved from Council Chambers to the R.G.V.F.D. fire hall

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, Larry Baughman and Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie. Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused. Also present were Chief Carlson and Attorney James Greenfield.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Linda Turner expressed support for the Police Department.
- B. Mike Garbacz questioned what the 1 mill tax increase was for.
- C. Bridget Baker expressed support for the Police Department.
- D. Don McNany requested a forensic audit of the Borough's records and expressed support for the Police Department.
- E. Gina McCullon expressed support for the Police Department.
- F. Peg Baker expressed support for the Police Department.
- G. Jeremy Simcheck expressed support for the Police Department and Fire Departments and requested to have the 1 mill tax increase for the Police and Fire Departments.
- H. Deb Price expressed support for the Police Department.
- I. Evelyn Karns stated the public needs to be aware of the financial hardships faced by the volunteer fire departments.
- J. Darlene White expressed support for the Police and Fire Departments.
- K. John White expressed support for the Police and Fire Departments and there are not enough volunteers.
- L. Mary Beth White expressed support for the Police and Fire Departments. As well as increasing the number of officers and funding.
- M. Andrew Eckel expressed support for the Police and Fire Departments.
- N. Dustin LeGoullon expressed support for the Police and Fire Departments.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Diane Shields addressed Council in regards to having street lights installed in Sugarcreek Village.
 - 2. Heather Lewis addressed Council in regards to having street lights installed in Sugarcreek Village.
 - 3. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to install street lights at three (3) locations within Sugarcreek Village; the intersections of

Wilson Street and Sugarcreek Drive, Causeway Drive and Sugarcreek Drive, Buttermilk Hill and Sugarcreek Drive, and to be paid out of the General Fund. There was a roll call taken. Mr. Barger, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Baughman and Mr. Goughler voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Resinger opposed the motion. Motion carried.

1. Audrey Hollen expressed her displeasure for having to pay for the street light located in front of her residence.
 2. Ms. Shields suggested installing the three (3) lights now and possibly pursue looking further into implementing a street light tax for Sugarcreek Village in the near future.
 3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve and advertise the proposed 2017 Budget is available for public inspection and to advertise Ordinance No. 284 of 2016, which fixes expenditures for Fiscal Year 2017 at \$2,991,092.00 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.
- D. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Mr. McClelland wanted to thank the public for their interest in the budget the past few meetings. Mr. McClelland asked to have the Mayor made a part of the Council Report section; to stay informed on what project(s) the Mayor is currently working on.
- B. Mayor MacKenzie wanted to thank the public for their support of the Police Department. Mayor MacKenzie also stated that with this tax rate increase, the funds are available to have Officer Highfield placed on full – time status and would like to entertain a motion stating thusly. Mr. Goughler informed Mayor MacKenzie that is a personnel and Executive Session issue and cannot be discussed at this time.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by John McClelland, 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 7:40 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 7:56 pm.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Motion carried unanimously.