

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

February 5, 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 hateful 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, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger and John McClelland. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused. Also present were Chief Carlson, Dick Phillips, Bill Walker and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Barbara Manski was not present.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. John Dumbleton reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Dick Phillips updated Council on the status of the new trucks. Mr. Phillips stated the 2014 Ford Pick – Up Truck had arrived and he anticipated the 2014 Peterbilt should be delivered within the next week.
2. Mr. Phillips said there is still a good supply of salt remaining on site. He also ordered another 150 tons of salt, which should be delivered in approximately 5 – 6 weeks.
3. Mr. Phillips also said Mike Garbacz, Reno V.F.D. Chief, had approached him about purchasing a truck from the Fire Department. It is a 1988 International 4 x 4 Truck, with 8,000 miles. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough will be in contact with Mr. Garbacz over the next few days and will report back at the next Council meeting.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with his written report. Chief also said PennDot representatives will be meeting with himself and Mr. Goughler in regards to proposed changes and improvements to Coefield's Corners. On Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, there will be a meeting regarding "Active Shooter" situations. There is a Drug – Take Back scheduled for April 26, 2014.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer wanted to thank Camilla Anderson for the exemplary job she did while serving as Interim Tax Collector during 2013. Mr. Sporer stated he will send Ms. Anderson a letter of thanks from Council.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Mr. Walker updated Council that the Borough is waiting to receive a set of plans from True Value Hardware. Mr. McClelland said he enjoyed the article in the paper in regards to the current businesses and available space along Rt. 8.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council with a memo in regards to the Income Surveys that were mailed out. Currently, the Borough has received back approximately 67% of the surveys needed. A second set of surveys will be mailed at the end of the week to those who did not respond to the first survey. Mr. Sporer reminded Council and the public that those surveys will determine how much funding will be allocated and be dispersed to the Rocky Grove V.F.D.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

A. Mr. Resinger asked if anyone followed up with a complaint he previously reported on for a house on Circle Street. Chief Carlson stated the owner had been notified and was in to speak with Mr. Sporer and Mr. Walker. Mr. Resinger also asked if anyone has followed up with a complaint on Seysler Road; about a resident who was pumping water out of their basement and out onto the roadway. Mr. Phillips said he has been in contact with the owner and the owner will resolve the issue.

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

A. Jeremy Rankin, from the Rocky Grove V.F.D. Board of Directors, made a request for the Borough Maintenance Department to plow the Fire Department's parking lot, during substantial snow falls; especially on Thursdays before Bingo. Mr. Resinger expressed concerns over other businesses then requesting the Borough to plow their parking lots as well. Mr. Rankin stated the Fire Department is providing a safety service and the Fire Department is trying to save money and to avoid paying for plowing services. Mr. Goughler said Council will discuss it and report back.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Motion by Robert Resinger, 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 7:26 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 8:25 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President