

# BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2018

## 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, James Speth, Howard Barger and Mayor Charles McDaniel. 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. Robert Resinger wanted to thank the Maintenance Dept. for the good job they are doing this time of year.

## 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 year – end report. The report consisted of 2017 mileage totals, average response time of each officer & the department, complaint log and a copy of 2016's year – end totals. Chief stated mileage and number of calls are holding constant. Larry Baughman questioned if Council or Chief Carlson can approve the parking request the Police Dept. received from Fox Street Church of God. The church requested to temporarily move the handicap parking that is currently in the back of church out to the front along Fox Street while construction of the new elevator is being done. Mr. Baughman questioned if the church has signs to place up. Chief Carlson said he will follow up with them and if not, the department has some signs that could be used.
2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to approve the temporary parking request received from Fox Street Church of God. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the status of the former K – Mart building and lot. Mr. Sporer said the current lease with Klapac is set to expire September 30, 2018 and then goes to a month – to – month basis after that, until the Borough or Klapac terminates the agreement. Attorney Greenfield was in touch with Klapac's attorney and Klapac still intends to purchase the property. Mr. Spaid said Klapac will have to petition the Courts to purchase the property.
2. Mr. Sporer said Mayor McDaniel approached him about the condition of the Borough sign at the corner of Fox Street and Front Street and replacing the sign. Also, replacing the sign that was hit by a motorist at the corner of Cedar Street and Rocky Grove Avenue. John McClelland requested that the appearance of the signs be improved as well as the letters/signs on the front of the Borough building. James Speth asked if Council could present such a project to high school students.

3. Mr. Sporer also updated Council on the status of the inspection/report on the Rt. 417 water tank. Arcadias US Inc. reported that the improvements/maintenance needed on the tank would cost approximately \$192,000. There is a grant available through the PA Small Water and Sewer Program. The Borough would be responsible for matching a minimum of 15% of the total costs, but Mr. Sporer felt a 30% matching would improve the Borough's chances of having the grant awarded. The Borough is requesting a grant in the amount of \$134,400. The proposed amount would cover engineering costs and all work needed on both the inside and the outside of the tank. Mr. Sporer said if the funds cannot be secured through a grant, then the Borough would have to front the whole amount, but the work must be done on the tank. With the maintenance done on the water tank, it would extend the life of the tank 10 – 15 years. The cost to replace the tank at this time would approximately be \$1 million.
4. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2018, the PA Small Water and Sewer Program Resolution for Application. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Zoning Officer:
  1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
  1. No report.

**X. COUNCIL REPORT**

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman 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 7:20 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 8:54 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.**

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded Larry Baughman to take disciplinary action as discussed in Executive Session. A roll call was taken. Mr. Barger, Mr. Goughler, Mr. Speth and Mr. Baughman voted in favor of the motion. Mr. McClelland opposed the motion. Motion carried.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President