

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 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 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, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger and John McClelland. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused. Also present were Chief Carlson, Dick Phillips and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Bill Walker and Barbara Manski were 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. Mr. Phillips stated the new plow truck has been delivered. Mr. Phillips also said that Fox Street will be the top priority for road work this summer due to the current condition of the road.
2. Mr. Phillips also updated Council on the leak in the water tank located on Rt. 417. The leak has been repaired without any loss of water and water pressure. The Maintenance Department will inspect the tank for any other possible issues.
3. The Maintenance Department has begun to do some cold patching, as the weather permits.
4. Mr. Phillips told Council the Maintenance Department has no need for the truck Reno V.F.D. is selling. There currently is no storage room and an older truck can be used as a spreader truck.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Saturday, April 26, 2014 for the Borough's Spring Clean – Up Day. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough is still receiving income surveys, but more responses are still needed.

F. Solicitor:

1. No report

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

A. Robert Resinger asked if the Borough could look into purchasing the former Rocky Grove Elementary School land to build a garage or storage building. Mr. Sporer said he will follow up with it.

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

A. John Dumbleton wanted to thank Chief Carlson for putting and updating information on the Police Blotter page on the Borough's website.

- B. Mike Garbacz questioned what else can be done to get more responses for the income surveys. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough has the option to go door – to – door for those who do not respond to the survey; but only as a last resort. Mr. Garbacz said he asked Bill Walker about approving an ordinance which makes it a requirement for a house to have smoke detectors and has not heard a response. Mr. Sporer said it will be too difficult for the Borough to police such an issue and he encouraged the fire departments to continue to educate residents on fire safety.
- C. Walter Burgard presented Council with a letter from the Rocky Grove V.F.D. requesting permission to provide crash, fire and rescue services for the Allegheny Motor Speedway during the 2014 racing season. Mr. Baughman asked if it would only be Rocky Grove V.F.D. members or would there be others from outside the department helping? Mr. Burgard said if there were outside members, those people would have to bring the Rocky Grove V.F.D.'s Board a letter from their Borough/Township and Fire Chief stating they will be covered by their municipality. Reno and Oakland V.F.D. have provided services in the past. Mr. Burgard said it would be a fundraiser for their department; they will be paid for their services.
 - 1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the Rocky Grove V.F.D. to provide crash, fire and rescue services at the Allegheny Motor Speedway, pending the Borough's Workers' Compensation Policy will not increase or be affected. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2014 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

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:22 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 8:19 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President