

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

March 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 Lt. Darin Baker and Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Jerry Woods wanted to inform Council on a 90 – day proposal presented by Gov. Tom Wolf which states a gun owner will not be able to openly carry a handgun, even if they have a permit. He also said there will be a 2nd Amendment rally held on April 30, 2018, in Harrisburg.
- B. Jeff Coxson said he has spring water running off of Keely Road and Rt. 427 and it is damaging his farming fields. He knows the water along Rt. 427 will be a PennDOT issue, but the majority of the water is running off of Keely Road. He stated he does not know if bigger ditches are needed or another drainage system to alleviate the issue. He then asked for assistance and help from the Borough in fixing the problem.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
 - 1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report.
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Lt. Darin Baker presented Council with Chief's written report.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. No report.
- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, 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 7:07 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 8:06 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.

- A. Larry Baughman presented an amendment to the Borough's burning ordinance. Under Section 7, Mr. Baughman proposed to allow burning any day of the week for the months of April, May, September and October. He asked that Council consider this amendment. Mr. McClelland requested to have time to consider the amendment since he was part of the original public hearings when the ordinance was being drafted and he remembers people coming in about breathing concerns. Mr. Baughman said he attended those public hearings and at that time, the breathing issues were related to people burning garbage and those residents that owned wood burners.
- B. Mayor McDaniel questioned what the process is to get the speed limit lowered on a road. Mr. Spaid said the Police Department would first have to conduct a traffic study and then Chief Carlson would have to present it to Council. Mayor McDaniel said the traffic study has already been done and could he present the request since he is the Mayor and oversees the Police Department. Mr. Spaid said he could present the request. Mayor McDaniel would like to recommend lowering the speed limit on Sugarcreek Drive between Red Bridge Lane and the school zone, from 35 mph to 25 mph and see the Police Department enforce it. Mr. Sporer said there was an ordinance that proposed lowering the speed limit on Sugarcreek Drive during the construction of the new UPMC Sugar Valley Lodge buildings, which was tabled by Council in August 2015.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by James Speth to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President