

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 1, 2015

NOTE: The Property Maintenance Board of Appeals held a hearing today at 6:00 PM to hear the appeal of Shahidul Islam and Tufiqul Islam, property located at 310 Rocky Grove Avenue.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council held 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.

**II. 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.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (American Flag)**

Council President Goughler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed.

**V. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Present at the meeting were Council members Bogan Goughler, Howard Barger, John McClelland, Larry Baughman and Robert Resinger. Mayor Charles Minnick was excused. Also present were Solicitor Brian Spaid, Chief Carlson and Bill Walker.

**VI. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

**VII. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. No report.

**IX. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report

B. Police Chief:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the use of the regional Police Testing Consortium for police applicants through Mercyhurst University. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve sending Lt. Ryan Ashbaugh and Ptlmn. Robert Martz for Patrol Rifle Instructor Course per MPOETC Regulations, May 27 – 29, 2015 in Palmer, PA. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the request by V.F.I. to utilize Rt. 417/Rocky Grove Avenue for the Fatherhood Initiative Soapbox Derby, on July 25, 2015 from 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chief Carlson reported BKI is demolishing the residence at 202 Front Street, which was destroyed by fire. Chief also reported Lt. Darin Baker and Lt. Ryan Ashbaugh have requested to participate, in uniform, in the "Walk – A – Mile In Her Shoes" event, held on April 26, 2015. Chief stated Lt. Ashbaugh and the K – 9 assisted in a traffic stop with Franklin Police Department, in which the K – 9 located heroin within the vehicle.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. No report.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Bill Walker updated Council on the status of the Sugarvalley Lodge project and he stated Whalen Construction will be doing the construction on the project.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report.

- F. Solicitor:
1. Mr. Spaid said he has been presented with a memo from Bill Walker in regards to updating the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Spaid recommends updating the Zoning Ordinance, which will take several months to complete and to work with Mr. Walker. Mr. Sporer recommended that Mr. Spaid and Mr. Walker develop a schedule and begin to work on updating the ordinance.

**X. COUNCIL REPORT**

- A. John McClelland presented Council with an update on the Rt. 8 sidewalk. Mr. McClelland said Council, at this time, needs to make a decision as to proceed with the project or defer.
1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to postpone action at this time and look for another round of funding. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Robert Resinger questioned if a ruling has been made in the case between the City of Franklin and the General Authority. Mr. Sporer said nothing has been decided at this time.

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

- A. Mike Garbacz asked Council if there have been any updates with the Workmen's Compensation situation. Mr. Goughler and Mr. Resinger stated they are not in favor of providing coverage for the departments to provide services at Tri – City Raceway. Mr. Resinger recommended giving the fire departments the \$2,100.00 per department they would have received instead of providing Workmen's Compensation coverage at the raceway. Mr. Garbacz said it will have to be presented to their Boards for approval. Mr. Goughler then said Council would take action after the departments' Boards rendered their decision.
- B. Walt Burgard questioned if the recommended \$2,100.00 was in addition to the \$5,000.00 given to the fire departments. Mr. Resinger said that is his recommendation.

**XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. OLD BUSINESS**

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

**XVI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XVII. BOARD OF APPEALS**

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President