

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 17, 2013

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 in honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present at the meeting were Council members Bogan Goughler, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger, John McClelland and Mayor Charles Minnick. Also present were Chief Carlson, Bill Walker, Barbara Manski and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips was not present.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. 1. No report

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson reported there has been a settlement agreement met on the property damage done to the traffic controller box on Rt. 8.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to ratify the Police Contract, effective years 2013 – 2014 – 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the Franklin General Authority meeting he attended on behalf of the Borough. It was in regards to work being done to the treatment plant, which the Borough is responsible for a portion of that. A contract was awarded and the Borough's portion would approximately be \$120,000. Mr. Sporer said the Borough could make payments and does not anticipate any rate increases. He will also be attending future General Authority and Franklin City Council meetings. Mr. Baughman questioned if there was anyone from the Borough on the General Authority and was this an unforeseen issue. Mr. Sporer said a resident could be a representative and Al Wodzianski spoke with Mr. Sporer back in the fall and said this may be coming in the near future.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Mr. Walker stated the public notices have been sent out for Klapac's public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 6:30 PM.
2. Mr. Walker also reported he has posted a residence in Reno which has been damaged in a fire. Mr. Resinger asked how long the owner had to clean the property up. Mr. Walker said the International Property Code does not give a time frame.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Ms. Manski reported on the CDBG and DCED conference she attended. Part of the conference included a special meeting on amending the CDBG process and program. DCED is proposing the CDBG program be administered by the County for each municipality within the County. DCED recommended presenting this information to each municipality's Council or Board of Supervisors and the municipalities should not contact their local representatives. Mr. Sporer recommended the Borough should speak with Senator Hutchinson and Representative R. Lee James and express the Borough's disapproval of such a proposal. Mr. Spaid said it is in the Borough's best interest to involve the local

politicians because of the possible financial ramifications that may occur if the CDBG program goes to the County. Mr. Sporer stated the fire departments would need to get involved as well. Mr. Baughman recommended speaking with Cranberry Township and possibly developing a resolution keeping the CDBG program within the Borough. Ms. Manski stated all information coming forth has been vague, but the Borough's amount allotted for Administrative fees would go to the County.

- F. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

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

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 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

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to authorize a settlement of property damage claim, in the amount of \$20,240 for damage to the traffic signal control box and executing the appropriate paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:24 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 7:43 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President