

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 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 John McClelland, Larry Baughman, James Speth, Howard Barger, Bogan Goughler and Mayor Charles McDaniel. Also present were Chief Matthew Carlson and Attorney Greg Merkel. Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

A. Linda Turner expressed concerns over the amendment made to the burning ordinance. She is upset over not being able to hang clothes out to dry while her neighbors are burning. Mr. Baughman asked Ms. Turner if she could speak with her neighbors about her concerns. She said she could not because they are rental properties and the burning ordinance was not included in the paper. Mr. Baughman said it is on the Borough's website and residents will have to exercise common sense when they are burning leaves/brush. Ms. Turner also said she had relatives that had done construction to their house and the inspector failed to come and preform a final inspection. Their realtor said the final inspection is needed in order to sell the home and they cannot get in touch with the inspector. Mr. Sporer said the issue is between the home owners/contractor and the inspector. Mr. Sporer said Zoning Officer Larry Moyer will be able to get a number for the inspector if they cannot get in touch with him.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission
1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:
1. Mr. Sporer said the Liquid Fuels bid items will be advertised soon. The Borough is bidding out the milling and paving of Prospect Ave., Palmer Ave. and Kistler St. this summer, using County Liquid Fuels, along with the Borough's Liquid Fuels funds. Mr. McClelland asked if the Maintenance Dept. would be able to pave it. Mr. Sporer said the Borough's paver is not wide enough for those streets. The Maintenance Dept. will replace the catch basins before the streets are paved.

B. Police Chief:
1. Chief Carlson said he will need to advertise for a crossing guard at Sugarcreek Elementary School. This will be a temporary position until the regular crossing guard returns, possibly into next school year.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:
1. Mr. Sporer reminded Council the spring clean – up day will be held Sat., 04 – 21 – 18, from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
2. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a request from the Cranberry Chaos Fast Pitch Girls Softball Team to use the Front St. Ballfield for practices and their yearly tournament. The days and times requests were Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Also on Saturdays from 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM and Sundays from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. The yearly tournament will be held from August 3 – 5 and August 10 – 12, 2018. Mr. Baughman expressed concerns if the Little League teams use the field in the summer. Mr. Sporer said the Borough has

not been contacted by the Little League last year or this year so far, so he is unsure. Mr. Baughman said the parents associated with the Cranberry Chaos will take care of the field. Mr. Sporer said Kevin Garmong, President of Cranberry Chaos, said they will work with other teams that would like to use the field.

3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to approve the request by the Cranberry Chaos Fast Pitch Girls Softball Team to use the Front St. ballfield as requested. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. Solicitor:

1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. 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.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

XVI. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, being duly seconded by James Speth to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President