

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

April 4, 2018

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council President Bogan Goughler opened the meeting at 7:03 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 Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

A. Richard Brady questioned Council if there was a pending lawsuit against the Borough and/or Council; he had been hearing rumors. And if there was a lawsuit pending, how would that affect taxpayers. Mr. Spaid said there was no lawsuit filed against the Borough. Mr. Brady also wanted to thank Dick Phillips and the Maintenance Department for the job they have been doing.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission
1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to advertise for bids on road maintenance materials and equipment, including but not limited to antiskid, aggregates and pipe. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief updated Council on the status of the ARLE Grant; the packet for reimbursement has been mailed. Chief also presented Council with a request to attend CIT Train the Trainer Session, on May 7 – 8, 2018, in Cranberry Township. The training is to certify individuals in verbal de – escalation techniques and then that person is certified to train others. Chief also said the pedestrian pole near the Giant Eagle entrance has been repaired and placed back up. The invoice from Drayer Electric was hand delivered to the driver who hit the pole, for payment.

2. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by James Speth to approve Chief Carlson to attend the CIT Train the Trainer Session, May 7 – 8, 2018, in Cranberry Township, plus wages and \$93.00/night for a room at the Hilton Garden Inn Pittsburgh Cranberry.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough is in need of a new flag pole and the approximate cost of a new one would be \$500.00. Mr. Sporer also said himself and Mr. McClelland have been working on new signs for the building to be hung above the Police door, Court door, and the Council Room door, at a cost of about \$950.00. Chief Carlson said a light is supposed to be on the flag pole.

2. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the purchase of a new flag pole and light and new signs for the Police, Court and Council Room doors, at an approximate cost of \$1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adopt Ordinance No. 289 of 2018, which amends Ordinance No. 247 of 2006 in order to expand the times when burning is allowed in certain months. Motion carried unanimously.
 4. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to adopt Ordinance No. 290 of 2018, which amends Ordinance No. 124 of 1989 and establishes the speed limit on Sugarcreek Drive from Meadville Pike to Buttermilk Hill Road at 25 M.P.H. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
1. Mr. Spaid said he will not be at the April 18, 2018 Council Meeting. Greg Merkel from his office will be filling in for him.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the minutes of the March 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

No Executive Session was held.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President