

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 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 and prayer was led by Pastor Ed Gresick in honor of Police Memorial Day.

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 and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Dick Phillips and Barbara Manski were not present.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. 1. John Dumbleton reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. No report

B. Police Chief:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the Venango Fatherhood Initiative Soapbox Derby on Saturday, July 20, 2013, from 6:00 AM – 3:00 PM, along Rt. 417/Rocky Grove Avenue approximately between Front Street and Country Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Bob Billingsley asked to come before Council to give an update on the General Jesse Reno marker. Mr. Billingsley gave Council a brief history on the life and military career of Gen. Reno, who spent his childhood in the Franklin – Sugarcreek Borough area, in the 1800's. The towns of Reno, PA and Reno, NV are named in his honor. Mr. Billingsley would like to place up a State Highway Marker in Reno, PA, indicating that Reno is named after him. PennDot has approved the marker and Mr. Billingsley is in need of a location. He would like to have the marker in place by Sept. 14, 2013, the 151st anniversary of Gen. Reno's death. Mr. Billingsley has requested a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the marker.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to authorize giving \$1,000 to the Venango County Historical Society for the Gen. Jesse Reno State Highway Marker for placement in Reno, PA. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to grant Joe Klapac and Sons, Inc. a Conditional Use Approval, as directed in the decision by the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Mr. Walker stated there are two (2) Zoning Hearings on June 5, 2013, at 6:00 and 6:30 PM. The first one is for the Borough to build a salt shed at 201 Fox Street. The second hearing is for a non – conforming use at 22 Front Street, to be used as an emergency shelter and to add an addition to the current building.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. Mr. Sporer stated there is money set aside from the 2010 CDBG funds for the Rocky Grove/Front Street playground. Mr. Sporer said the Borough has proposed to remove the "Kiddie" section of the playground and replace it with grass. He said the equipment is in disarray with little of it being repairable. Mr.

Sporer said the money will need to be spent soon or the Borough will lose that money. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough is open to suggestions. Mr. Baughman questioned what has happened with the Playground Committee and the money raised from selling memorial/in honor of bricks. Mr. Sporer stated the Playground Committee is basically non – existent. Mr. Baughman requested to have the last known members of the Playground Committee, Julie Danzer, Michelle Schull and Terri Lowry, attend the next Council meeting. Mr. Sporer stated he will attempt to make contact with them.

- F. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Robert Resinger inquired about the status of the old Latchaw Plumbing building on Rt. 417. Mr. Walker said very little work was done last week on the building. Mr. Sporer stated citations may need to be issued if progress is not made.

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

- A. Mike Garbacz questioned if a flow test could be done on the system when the water tank is being repaired on Rt. 417. Mr. Garbacz also asked if there was an ordinance for smoke alarms in rental properties. Chief Carlson stated there is a section in the Property Maintenance Code, but he does not know if it specifies anything about rental properties.
- B. John Dumbleton wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for cleaning up the recycling bins. Mr. Dumbleton suggested checking with the Presbyterian Church on Rt. 417/Rocky Grove Avenue to make sure there are no weddings scheduled on the same day as the Soapbox Derby. Mr. Goughler directed Chief Carlson to contact the Fatherhood Initiative in regards to it.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2013 Council Meeting and Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, 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

Council recessed at 7:31 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 8:10 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President