

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2015

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 Bogan Goughler, Howard Barger, John McClelland and Robert Resinger. Mayor Charles Minnick and Larry Baughman were excused. Bill Walker was not present. Also present were Solicitor Brian Spaid, Dick Phillips and Chief Carlson.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. No report.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Phillips stated he received a letter from the Kiwanis Club in regards to concerns about a deteriorating guardrail on Takeiteasy Road. Mr. Phillips received a quote from Shingledecker Welding to replace the guardrail, at a cost of \$5,971.10.
2. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to authorize Shingledecker Welding to replace the guardrail along Takeiteasy Road. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded John McClelland to award bids for pipe, catch basins, dust control, aggregates and antiskid as recommended by Dick Phillips, Maintenance Foreman. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the rebid and advertisement of the paving project and binder and wearing course asphalt. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief reported the Rocky Grove V.F.D. Fireman's will be held July 7 – 11, 2015. The Soapbox Derby is scheduled for July 25, 2015. Chief also stated Smooth Operator/Aggressive Driver has begun. Chief also reported that the owners of 310 Rocky Grove Avenue have lost their appeal with the Board of Appeals, on April 1, 2015. And the owners did not file an appeal within the 30 days they had to file with the Venango County Courts. Chief Carlson recommends the building be demolished. Mr. Sporer stated the Borough will begin the paperwork process to use CDBG funds for demolition.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the Borough to proceed with using CDBG funds to demolish the building located at 310 Rocky Grove Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. No report.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. CDBG Administrator:

1. No report.

F. Solicitor:

1. Mr. Spaid stated he met with Bill Walker in regards to updating the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. There are three more meetings scheduled.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

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

- A. Charlie McDaniel expressed concern over the bridge on Sugarcreek Drive, near his residence. Mr. Phillips stated they have received a report from the engineers about the condition of it and he will be contacting PennDOT over replacing/repairing the bridge. Mr. McDaniel asked if he could get assistance in cleaning the ditch that runs along the creek behind his office because of flooding concerns. Mr. Sporer stated Mr. McDaniel will have to contact DEP because it is not on Borough property and it involves a body of water.
- B. Ryan Ashbaugh wanted to thank the Maintenance Department for providing gravel and maintaining an area the Police Department uses for running speed. Lt. Ashbaugh also wanted to thank Terry Newman, Fire Police, for aiding the Police at a fire on April 25, 2015. Lt. Ashbaugh said he and Lt. Baker participated in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event to raise awareness for domestic violence and sexual abuse.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2015 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by John McClelland, 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

Council recessed at 7:13 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)

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to authorize Mr. Sporer to submit a bid in the amount of \$56,000 for the purchase of the former elementary school grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

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