

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
May 6, 2026**

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council President Alan Heller opened the hearing at 7:00 pm, welcomed everyone to the hearing and noted there will be no hurtful or harmful speech allowed.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present at the meeting were Council members Alan Heller, John McClelland, Bogan Goughler, Larry Baughman, Matthew Carlson, and Mayor Craig Westover. Also, present were Maintenance Foreman Doug Freer, Chief Michael Goss, and Attorneys Brian Spaid and Alex Spaid.

III. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

IV. REVIEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 310 OF 2026 (Vacating the Entirety of Clark Avenue)

A. Mr. Brian Spaid stated the Borough received a petition that was signed by 50% or more of those that own property along the paper street known as Clark Avenue, in the Village of Sugarcreek. The street has not been opened for a period of 10 years or longer. Mr. Spaid said the notice of the proposed ordinance to vacate the street was posted on the Borough's website, advertised in the Meadville Tribune and notices were mailed to those property owners whose property abuts Clark Avenue. He also explained that the ordinance will vacate Clark Avenue, which is located between Marshall Street and McQuaid Street.

V. COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMENTS

A. Matthew Carlson said he thinks this is similar to other times that the Borough has vacated paper streets.

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

A. Jim McCurdy questioned what would happen with the property lines and the right – of – way. Mr. Spaid said if the avenue is vacated, half of the avenue would go to the property owners along their side of the avenue. Their properties would be extended to what would have been the middle of the avenue. Mr. McCurdy asked if that would be deeded over to the owners. Mr. Spaid said there will be no deeds done and it will be public record at the Borough. And at the time the properties would sell, Mr. Spaid said it would need to be referenced at that time. He said some may want to get updated surveys done, but it is not required since the avenue was vacated.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion by Larry Baughman being duly seconded by John McClelland to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

James Speth, Borough Manager

Alan Heller, Council President