

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

June 20, 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 Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

A. Jeff Coxson updated Council on what has been done with the excessive runoff from Keely Road to S.R. 427 since he last spoke with Council. Mr. Coxson said Range Resources has put in a new road and larger pipe for the area that they use to access a gas well. PennDOT has yet to clean out the ditches along S.R. 427. Mr. Coxson would like to work with the Borough, PennDOT and the Venango County Conservation District in resolving the issue. He has spoken with Tim Hummel of the Conservation District. Mr. Spaid recommended Mr. Sporer also contact the Venango County Planning Commission about possible stormwater management issues causing the runoff. And he advised that it may be a private property issue and may take several months to a couple years to resolve the issue.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission
1. No report.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:
1. No report.

B. Police Chief:
1. Chief Carlson presented Council with a written report. Chief requested an additional 53 hours of coverage, at straight time, on top of the 160 hours regularly scheduled hours for the week of June 25 – 30, 2018, during the R.G.V.F.D. Fireman's Fair. Mr. Goughler asked if that many hours were necessary. Chief said he usually requests more hours than he may need. Chief also said he was contacted by the newspaper about suspected Hogweed being found in the Borough. He said he has contacted the Noxious Weed Hotline in regards to it.

2. Lt. Ryan Ashbaugh informed Council that former K – 9, Goose passed away on May 18, 2018. Goose served for 10 years and was 13 years old. Lt. Ashbaugh requested the Council send a thank you letter to Dr. Doverspike at the Franklin Animal Clinic. They absorbed all the costs for Goose's final treatments. Also, send a thank you letter to John Morrison at Morrison's Funeral Home for donating the urn. Lt. Ashbaugh said the Crime Watch was primarily functioning as raising funds for the K – 9. There are currently 3 members and they are considering ending the program due to lack of public interest and donating current funds to other organizations. He said Crime Watch, in the past, has done numerous fundraisers, crime prevention education and bringing Santa to meet local children. Crime Watch has donated \$1,000.00 to the Franklin Animal Clinic in

Goose's honor to help families that could not afford necessary treatments for their pet(s). Mr. McClelland expressed his sympathies in the passing of Goose.

- a. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to authorize the Borough to send Thank You Letters to the Franklin Animal Clinic and Dr. Doverspike and Morrison Funeral Home for their service to Goose. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve an additional 53 hours, at straight time, during the week of June 26 – 30, 2018. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
1. Mr. Sporer reminded Council of the upcoming Rt. 8 Public Official Briefing on Tues., June 26, 2018, at 4:30 PM. He said he will be in attendance and Council may attend. Mr. Sporer also said the Borough received a donation from the American Legion Post 368, Titusville to be used towards the purchase of the new flag and flagpole outside of the Borough Building. Mr. Sporer will send a thank you card from Council.
- D. Zoning Officer:
1. No report.
- E. Solicitor:
1. No report.

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. James Speth wanted to thank his fellow Council Members for helping him acclimate to being a new Council Member.
- B. Mayor Charles McDaniel presented the Rocky Grove Orioles Boys Baseball Team the following proclamation in response to the team winning the 2018 PIAA State Baseball 2A Championship:

PROCLAMATION

By the

Council of Sugarcreek Borough and Mayor

In recognition of the

ROCKY GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ORIOLES BOYS BASEBALL TEAM'S 2018 PIAA STATE BASEBALL 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS, the 2018 Rocky Grove Boys Orioles Baseball team advanced to the State Championship game on June 14, 2018 against Camp Hill High School. The Rocky Grove Orioles won 5 – 4 to secure the Rocky Grove Orioles first ever State Championship in Baseball; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Rocky Grove Orioles Baseball team are recognized for their record breaking State Championship season, hard work, good sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication, community spirit; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of such excellence in performance enhancing the sports experience of the entire Sugarcreek Borough area to include the villages of Rocky Grove, Reno and Sugarcreek, thereby enriching the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Sugarcreek Borough Council hereby honor the 2018 Rocky Grove Orioles 2A State Champion Baseball Team players, coaches, manager, teachers, staff, parents and fans that supported the team during their Championship season; and

THEREFORE NOW IT BE RESOLVED that the Sugarcreek Borough Council and Mayor do hereby proclaim Friday, June 22, 2018 as "The 2018 Rocky Grove Orioles Baseball Team Day" and urges all citizens to reflect upon the dedication, determination and perseverance that enabled this team to become 2A State Champions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation be read and put forth into the official minute book of Sugarcreek Borough as a lasting testament for the appreciation and affection the Community has for the 2018 Rocky Grove High School Boys 2A State Championship Baseball Team.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have set their hands and seal to this proclamation this 20th day of June, in the year 2018.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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

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 8:12 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CONT.

A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to deny Valley Grove School District's request of waiver of inspector's fees on their upcoming construction project. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President