

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2023

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Council President James Speth 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 Speth 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 Larry Baughman, Alan Heller, Bogan Goughler, Matthew Carlson, James Speth and Mayor Charles McDaniel. Also, present were Maintenance Foreman Doug Freer, Chief Bob Wenner, Zoning Officer Larry Moyer and Attorney Brian Spaid.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Shirley Renninger, Sugarcreek Village resident, wanted to know if the Borough and the County could get the siren working again in Sugarcreek Village, especially during a weather emergency.
- B. Martha Riddle said she thought it was shameful their area does not have a working siren.
- C. Dan Marvin wanted to remind Council and the public that the Car Cruise will be July 8, 2023, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, at the Reno Fire Department.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 1. Mr. Freer said the Department has finished the dust control. The tree trimming project along McCleery Road is complete. He also said they will begin black top patching.
- B. Police Chief:
 1. Chief Wenner said there has been issues with the burning ordinance and having to cite people. He said there has been several brush fires. Mr. Goughler asked if the Borough has the authority to issue a burning ban. Mr. Spaid said it would have to come from the County – level. Mr. Sporer said he spoke with one of the County Commissioners and said the Borough would recommend a burning ban.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 1. Mr. Sporer informed Council and the public of the upcoming CDBG meeting scheduled for July 5, 2023, at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss where and how to disperse the funds.
 2. Mr. Sporer said he was approached by Mayor McDaniel about purchasing the 2007 Tahoe, that the Borough was approved to sell on Municibid. Mr. Spaid said if the purchase price was \$2,000.00 or less, Council could approve the sale. Mr. Sporer referenced Kelly Blue Book and JD Power NADA price, which appraised the vehicle between \$8,200 - \$7,650, respectively. Mr. Sporer recommended to proceed selling the vehicle on Municibid. Mr. Baughman, Mr. Carlson, Mr. Goughler, and Mr. Heller agreed to continue with the previous meeting's motion to selling the Tahoe on Municibid.
- D. Zoning Officer:
 1. Motion by Alan Heller, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the scheduling of a public hearing for July 5, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in regards to Charles McDaniel's request for a zoning map change. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Solicitor:
 1. Mr. Spaid said he has numerous matters for Executive Session.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Mayor McDaniel said himself and Chief Wenner are on the 911 Advisory Board, through the County and the Sugarcreek Village Siren is being addressed through that Board. Chief Wenner said the R.G.V.F.D. Chief, Ryan Heffernan, has been in contact with Mobilcom to see if the siren can be repaired and/or operational. Chief said he has also spoken with the County to ask if the Sugarcreek Village siren could be tripped with the Rocky Grove siren. Mayor McDaniel said they are exploring different options for it. He also thanked Ms. Renninger and Ms. Riddle for expressing their concerns.
- B. Alan Heller said the new speed signs placed up by the Maintenance Department look good.
- C. Matthew Carlson said parking at the fire hall has been difficult. He said some cars that were using the playground/ballfield were being asked to leave. He asked if Mr. Sporer could send a letter or speak with someone at the fire department about it. Mr. Sporer said it's up to the fire department who they allow to park in the parking lot, since it is private property.
- D. Mayor McDaniel wanted to thank the Maintenance and Police Departments for the good jobs they are doing. And to the behind – the – scenes work that is being done, that the public does not know about.

X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Alan Heller, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by James Speth to approve the payment of bills/issuance of checks as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

XV. BOARD OF APPEALS

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:23 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 8:18 pm.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to hire Nathan Foster in the Maintenance Department, with a start date of June 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 1. Mr. Carlson asked if backgrounds checks are being done on new hires, since he has not heard anything about them lately. Mr. Spaid said they are not being done. Mr. Baughman asked Mayor McDaniel if he could follow – up with Chief Wenner in regards to this.
- B. Motion by Alan Heller, being duly seconded by Bogan Goughler to ratify the appeal of the judicial sale of the lot on Wiley Ave., in Venango County, parcel number: 28,014.-009...-000, sold on May 15, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Alan Heller to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

James Speth, Council President