

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2014

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, Robert Resinger, John McClelland, Larry Baughman and Mayor Charles Minnick. Solicitor Brian Spaid was excused. Also present was Chief Carlson. Dick Phillips, Bill Walker and Barbara Manski were absent.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. No report.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer updated Council on the repairs to Keely Road. Dick Shingledecker had made the repairs to the roadway; guiderails are to be installed within a few days.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to pay Dick Shingledecker \$15,000 for the repair work done to Keely Road. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Sporer said the 2015 GMC truck should be delivered by the end of July. The 2002 Ford Pick – Up Truck will be out of inspection at the end of July. Mr. Sporer recommended Council take action by the next meeting on what to do with the truck.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson presented Council with his written report. Chief also reminded Council that the Soap Box Derby is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, 2014. Chief stated the R.G.V.F.D. Fireman's Fair and new traffic patterns used during fair week went well.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to not approve Timothy Brandon for Fire Police, based on Chief Carlson's recommendation to deny. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a petition from Mike Walters, Rod Smith and other residences to install a 4 – way stop sign at the intersection of Fox Street and Parker Avenue and install another stop sign going down Fox Street at the Pennell Street intersection. Chief Carlson said a traffic study should be conducted, but not necessary to install stop signs on Borough roads. Mr. Baughman expressed concern about drivers not being able to see a stop sign at Pennell Street and Fox Street. Petitions were given to Chief Carlson and he stated he will do a traffic study and make a recommendation to Council.
2. Mr. Sporer introduced David Lord, Chairman of the General Authority for the City of Franklin, to discuss current issues the General Authority and the City of Franklin are facing in regards to the sewer/wastewater system. Mr. Lord stated that the discord between the General Authority and the City of Franklin will directly impact Sugarcreek Borough because the Borough has 25% ownership of

the wastewater treatment plant and the wastewater system. The City of Franklin is

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responsible for setting the rates, the operation and maintenance of the system. The General Authority is responsible to recommend the funding for any projects the City deems necessary for any maintenance and upgrades to the system. The General Authority is then responsible to bid out the projects and oversee the engineering and construction of the projects. Mr. Lord said the City Council has not been conducting maintenance of the system, which has now become the General Authority's responsibility. The General Authority had started the refinancing processing in order to make the repairs to the system, but was not able to complete the refinancing. The General Authority then began to prioritize the issues/needed repairs and laid out an 8 – 10 year plan, including funding recommendations. These repairs, according to Mr. Lord, are now the City of Franklin's responsibility. Franklin City Council raised rates in 2013 approximately \$4.00 to cover some repair costs, but have yet to approve a bond issue and interest rates continue to increase. The General Authority has also received a list of numerous deficiencies from PA DEP.

- D. Zoning Officer:
 - 1. No report.
- E. CDBG Administrator:
 - 1. No report.
- F. Solicitor:
 - 1. No report.

IX. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Robert Resinger questioned what the status was on a property located on Rocky Grove Avenue. Mr. Sporer stated it is currently in foreclosure and Mr. Walker has been unable to locate the owner(s).

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

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 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

- A. Property Maintenance Hearing for 310 Rocky Grove Ave., on Aug. 20, 2014, at 6:00 PM.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council recessed at 7:46 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 9:18 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

- A. Motion Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to authorize the Borough Manager to write a letter to the City of Franklin, requesting the accounting of the sewer bills charged to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President