

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 17, 2013

**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 hateful 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, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman, Howard Barger, John McClelland and Mayor Charles Minnick. Also present were Chief Carlson, Dick Phillips and Solicitor Brian Spaid. Bill Walker and Barbara Manski were not present.

**V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

**VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**

**VII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. 1. John Dumbleton reported the Planning Commission did not meet.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Dick Phillips updated Council on the water tank repair, on Rt. 417. Mr. Phillips stated the Maintenance Department began filling the tank again earlier in the day. Mr. Phillips said ice has been the cause of the leak; not the tank itself. They will begin working with the engineers and the tank company in hopes of coming up with a solution to the ice. There were a total of eight (8) patches needed to repair the brackets that have been damaged by the ice. Mr. Phillips said residences may experience low water pressure until the tank has refilled. There was no need to issue a boil notice.
2. Mr. Phillips said the Maintenance Department has been looking at a new truck to use for snow removal. Mr. Sporer stated the paver and roller, along with the smaller dump truck have been paid off. Hunter Truck Sales and Service quoted a truck for \$169,981.00 and monthly or annual payments may be made. Mr. Phillips stated the Federal Government will begin implementing new emission standards beginning in 2014, which will raise the price of such vehicles substantially. Mr. Sporer stated he will give Council copies of the quote and ask for approval at one of the meetings in August. Mr. Phillips said the truck will have to be ordered and then built; approximately a 60 – 90 day turn around.
2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the purchase of a 2014 Peterbilt Dump truck, with snowplow and aluminum bed, at a cost of \$169,981.00, pending financing at an interest rate no higher than 3.50%. Mr. Barger, Mr. Goughler, Mr. McClelland and Mr. Resinger voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Baughman opposed the motion. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Phillips said the Maintenance Department will begin paving Weaver Street and James Street once the tank repairs are complete.

B. Police Chief:

1. Chief Carlson stated he would like to table the motion to approve two (2) new personnel for Fire Police until after Executive Session.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer stated the proposed new salt shed cannot be built until the electric poles can be moved.
2. Mr. Sporer said there is a property at 19 North Gilfillan Street that is coming up for tax sale on July 25, 2013, which has been a zoning issue and is in blight condition. Mr. Sporer explained he would have the Borough purchase the property and tear the house down with CDBG money. Mr. Sporer stated the

Hankey property in Reno will be coming up for tax sale in September; but the estate was never settled. The neighbors want to purchase this property and want to tear the house down as well. The Borough would have to have ownership of these properties in order for the Borough to tear them down.

3. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase tax sale properties, if necessary, on behalf of the Borough, up to \$4,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve the payment of \$7,298.51 to Penelec for the purpose of relocating the electric poles at 201 Fox Street, in order for construction of the salt shed to begin. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. Phillips said there was a bag of meat thrown outside the recycling bins. Mr. McClelland recommended having volunteers to monitor the recycling bins. Mr. Sporer said it would be difficult to enforce the littering law as well.
- D. Zoning Officer:  
1. No report
- E. CDBG Administrator:  
1. No report
- F. Solicitor:  
1. No report

**IX. COUNCIL REPORT**

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

- A. Mike Garbacz expressed concerns over Shaffer Run Road; he said the road gets very slick when it gets wet. Mr. Phillips said he cannot do anything this year, but it may be on the schedule next year to be seal coated. Mr. Garbacz also wanted to thank Chief Carlson for his assistance in helping Mr. Garbacz and his family during an emergency.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, being duly seconded by John McClelland 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 7:39 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 8:08 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS (Con't)**

- A. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to reject Richard Stewart for the Reno V.F.D. Fire Police and Timothy Brandon for the Rocky Grove V.F.D. Fire Police. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.