

**BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 15, 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, James Speth, Howard Barger, Bogan Goughler and Mayor Charles McDaniel. Council Member Larry Baughman was excused. Also present were Lt. Ryan Ashbaugh and Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid.

**V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA**

**VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA**

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

A. Linda Turner reported motorists are running the two (2) stop signs near the new hospice house near her house. Ms. Turner said there is a grate missing on the drain located at the intersection of Wiley Avenue and Miller Street, on the school side of the street. Mr. Sporer said he will report the drain & grate issue to Dick Phillips. Lt. Ashbaugh said the police would look into the stop sign issue and a traffic study may have to be done once the hospice house is completed and there is more traffic in and out of the area.

**VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission  
1. No report.

**IX. STAFF REPORTS**

A. Maintenance Foreman:

1. Mr. Sporer said the Maintenance Department has begun the prep work on the paving projects. IA Construction was awarded the paving projects on Palmer Avenue and Russell Street/Venango Street. Mr. Sporer reported IA Const. has been in contact with Dick Phillips.

B. Police Chief:

1. Lt. Ashbaugh presented Council with a written report, as given by Chief Carlson. Lt. Ashbaugh also presented Council with a written request from Chief Carlson & the Department about the buy – back of reserve out – of – service Glock 20s Gen. 3 by the officers. Lt. Ashbaugh informed Council he would be training the staff at the high school on school shootings, on Aug. 22, 2018.  
2. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the buy – back request as presented by Lt. Ashbaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Administrator/Special Projects:

1. Mr. Sporer presented Council with a request from the Reno V.F.D. to have the Borough's permit fees related to the new construction project at their 4<sup>th</sup> Street Station. Mr. Sporer recommended waving the Borough's portion of the fees.  
2. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the request from Reno V.F.D. to have the Borough's portions of the permit fees waived. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Zoning Officer:

1. No report.

E. Solicitor:

1. No report.

**X. COUNCIL REPORT**

A. James Speth asked if there is any updated on the water study in Sugarcreek Village. Mr. Sporer said the Borough received the letter from Arcadis Engineering entering into an agreement for them to do the study within the Borough and it is to be paid by UPMC and the County. Mr. Sporer said he is hoping to have more information at the next Council Meeting.

**XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A. Motion by John McClland, 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 7:12 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 7:43 pm.

**XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.**

A. Motion by James Speth, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to appoint Campbell Durrant Beatty Palombo & Miller, P.C. for Special Counsel as Assistant Solicitors in Union negotiations with the Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. Motion by John McClland, being duly seconded by James Speth to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President