

BOROUGH OF SUGARCREEK COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2016

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, John McClelland, Robert Resinger, Larry Baughman and Mayor Jeffrey MacKenzie. Also present were Borough Solicitor Brian Spaid, Zoning Officer Larry Moyer and Chief Matthew Carlson.

V. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA

VI. COUNCIL CHANGES TO AGENDA

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

- A. Diane Shields presented Council with another petition of approximately 90 residents of Sugarcreek Village who are in favor of a street light tax for Sugarcreek Village in order to install and operate street lights throughout the Village. She also requested to have more patrols near the elementary school to deter speeders.
- B. Ed Conn expressed concern over the condition of the house located at 103 2nd St., Reno. Mr. Conn stated he has been in contact with Zoning Officer, Larry Moyer and has been doing a great job. Mr. Conn asked if there are any other options the Borough has to correct this matter. Mr. Goughler said Mr. Moyer will continue to work on this issue.
- C. Stacy Conn stated there is a vacant house in Reno and it has not been taken care since the owner passed away some time ago. Mr. Goughler said the house has gone back to the bank, therefore, the Borough has no recourse but Mr. Moyer is aware of it.
- D. Linda Turner said as of January 1, 2017, PA residents will no longer be issued registration stickers for on their vehicles. Ms. Turner stated she was told by PennDOT that local police departments will have to purchase a special type of equipment in order to check and verify if a vehicle has a current registration. Ms. Turner expressed concern over the number of vehicles within the Borough versus the number of officers to patrol it. She stated she will express her concerns to Sen. Hutchinson and Rep. James. Ms. Turner requested to have a crosswalk line repainted at the bottom of Palmer Avenue on Rocky Grove Avenue. Chief Carlson said they patrol that area, especially before and after the high school lets out. Mr. Goughler said he will notify Dick Phillips as well.
- E. Charlie McDaniel questioned if there has been any discussion to repair/pave Sugarcreek Drive once the bridge repairs are completed. Mr. Sporer said the road was videotaped by the contractor before the work began and they will be responsible to fix the road if necessary. Also, Mr. Sporer stated he will request funds from the County Liquid Fuels as well, in the event PennDOT refuses to make the adequate repairs. It is in the minutes PennDOT will be responsible for the repairs; but Mr. Sporer said he does not believe repairs would be done this year.
- F. Charles Barrickman reported the house at 208 Lambertton Street has garbage around the property and the grass has not been mowed. Mr. Moyer said he will follow up with the complaint.

VIII. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mr. Moyer stated the Planning Commission met August 24, 2016 and approved two subdivisions; one for Don Rice's property on Keely Road and another for the City of Franklin's property where the former hospital was located.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Maintenance Foreman:
 - 1. No report
- B. Police Chief:
 - 1. Chief Carlson presented Council with his written report. Chief Carlson stated he received a request from the resident at 725 Wilson Avenue to install a handicap parking space in front of her home. Mayor MacKenzie questioned Chief if Rich Muholland bought the Police Department dinner. Chief stated the Police Department has been receiving more gifts from the public recently. Chief also presented Council with three (3) bids for a 2017 Ford Interceptor Sport Utility AWD police cruiser; Day Ford Inc.'s price was \$28,260.00 plus \$8,470.00 for additional equipment for a total of \$36,730.00. Milham Ford's price was \$28,540.00 and New Holland Auto Group's price was \$32,250.00. Mr. McClelland questioned if Council was prepared to take a vote on the request for a new police cruiser. Mr. Goughler stated he would like time to look over the prices and had some questions on funding. Mr. McClelland asked if there was a lease option available. Chief stated there was. Mr. Sporer recommended eliminating the Impala for insurance purposes. Chief said he would not recommend that because there are not enough vehicles for them if all of the officers are out at Court and a call comes in. Mr. Sporer questioned how many officers are in Court at a time and could they car pool down. Chief stated there are typically 2 maybe 3 officers in Court at one time and cases may run at different times and would not think Maintenance would appreciate him taking one of their vehicles. Mr. Sporer said Chief should look into either trading in or selling the Impala before it would have any major engine issues. Chief said he is not in favor of getting rid of the Impala. Mr. Sporer asked Chief which officer would be assigned to this vehicle. Chief said he will have to discuss it with the Mayor, but as it stands now with the personnel they have, each officer has their own vehicle. Chief said it will not be used for a K – 9 vehicle. Mr. Baughman expressed concerns over just looking at COSTARS prices and if there are any cheaper options available.
 - 1. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor Utility Model K8A AWD, from Day Ford, Inc. at a price of \$36,730.00, using a \$10,000 grant from the Hughes Family and approximately \$7,900 from a Money Seizure Account and the balance of approximately \$18,800.00 from the Reserve Account. A roll call was taken. Mr. Barger, Mr. McClelland, Mr. Resinger and Mr. Baughman voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Goughler opposed the motion. Motion carried.
 - 2. Following the motion, Mr. Baughman stated he was not happy to receive this packet of prices during the meeting and be expected to make a motion on it. Mr. McClelland said he will take responsibility for that decision. Mr. Resinger expressed his agreeance with Mr. Baughman.
- C. Administrator/Special Projects:
 - 1. Mr. Sporer stated himself, Mr. Goughler and Mr. McClelland attended a meeting on September 1, 2016 with some of the local fire departments to discuss the issues facing them. There will be another meeting October 12, 2016 at the RGVFD fire hall. Mr. Sporer said these meetings will be important for budgetary purposes and the Council needs to be involved. Also, Mr. Sporer stated he, along with Dick Phillips, are going to request \$75,000 from the County Liquid Fuels to repair Sugarcreek Drive, in the event PennDOT will not repair Sugarcreek Drive from the damage incurred by the detours for the bridge repair work.
 - 2. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to approve Trick – or – Treat hours within the Borough for Monday, October 31, 2016, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by Howard Barger to approve the request to close the Administrative Office on Friday, October 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.
 - 4. Motion by Robert Resinger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to be resolved that Sugarcreek Borough, Venango County do hereby make application

to the County for an allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds for the year 2017.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

X. COUNCIL REPORT

- A. Howard Barger wanted to let the Maintenance Department know they did an excellent job paving Causeway Drive.
- B. Bogan Goughler stated the Maintenance Department did a great job paving First Street in Reno.
- C. John McClelland requested Council to take action on the request the Borough received from BP Rhodes in regards to constructing a force main and accepting sewage from BP Rhodes in Reno.
 - 1. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by John McClelland to deny the request by BP Rhodes, due to financial constraints. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Larry Baughman stated he will need to be excused from the September 21, 2016 Council meeting.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion by Howard Barger, being duly seconded by John McClelland to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2016 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 7:37 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 8:55 pm.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS CON'T.

- A. Motion by Larry Baughman, being duly seconded by Robert Resinger to approve payment of \$579.70 to Officer Highfield for carried over sick time. Motion carried unanimously.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Motion by John McClelland, being duly seconded by Larry Baughman to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joseph M. Sporer, Borough Manager

Bogan Goughler, Council President