

Sugarcreek Village Council had a Regular Council Meeting on Monday February 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Clayton Weller presiding.

Visitors: Bev Keller, Chief Kaser, Chief Miller, Freeman Mullet, Danielle Feldner, Bill Theiss, and Doug Frautschy.

Roll Call: Arlen Hostetler, Jeff Schrock, Linda Wilson, Paul Alderfer, Sam Beachy, and Mick Fanning.

Minutes: The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none, so the minutes stood as typed.

Expenditures: Jeff Schrock asked about the Muskingum Water District checks, and the Fiscal/Officer said that they were the assessments for the year. Paul Alderfer asked about the invoice for Julie Lindner, and Mayor Weller said she is the individual we use pertaining to zoning issues. Schrock made a motion to pay list of bills submitted by the Fiscal/Officer, second by Wilson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Clayton Weller informed the Council Members that the Swiss Festival Officers for 2017 are President Scott Gerber, Secretary Diane Ely, and Treasurer Mark Fearon. Mayor Weller also informed the Council that he had been approached by a resident at the corner of Fairview and Yoder, that cars are parking in his yard. This resident wanted the Mayor to ask Council to put a no parking sign up. The Solicitor said that if they are in his yard, then this would be a criminal case.

Bids for Miller Avenue Booster Pump: Mayor Clayton Weller said that there was a sheet in the packets for Council, and that being a list of the bids that were turned in for the Miller Avenue Booster Pump Water Line Project. Diversified Engineers will be looking over the bids, and will be getting back to us sometime this week. Mayor Weller went and got addresses of those residents that will be affected by this project. Jan Dodge will write a letter to them letting them know that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, they are able to come in and ask questions, and look at the prints from 9:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00.

Bed Tax Grants for 2017: Mayor Clayton Weller made a list of recommendations for the 2017 grant monies, they are as follows: Alpine Hills Museum \$3,000.00, Arts on Broadway \$1,300.00, Ohio Star Theater \$4,000.00, Dutch Valley Christmas Cookie Tour \$500.00, Dutch Valley Fall Festival \$1,000.00, and Dutch Valley Spring Gathering \$1,000.00. The total amount is \$10,800.00. Danielle Feldner was at the meeting and did inform the Council what her goals were for 2017, and getting tourist here the top priority. Sam Beachy made a motion to grant these funds as such presented, second by Fanning. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Personnel, Economic Development: Schrock made a motion to go into executive session for questions for a merit raise at 7:20. Schrock also wanted to invite Administrator Bill Theiss and Solicitor Doug Frautschy, second by Wilson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried. Council resumed at 7:35. Beachy made a motion to give Fred German a \$.30 merit raise, second by Fanning. Vote recorded: Yea 5, No 1 Arlen Hostetler. Motion carried. Wilson made a motion to also promote Michael Knowles from Utilities II to Utilities III, in March since he has been here 5 years and has all his requirements for this promotion, second by Schrock. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Administrator: Bill Theiss informed Council that the Mobility tower site in the Village has been changed to a property that the State owns, by The Dutch Valley Complex. Theiss will advise them of the new site, and it is up to them to check with the State.

Widening of State Route 39 Project: Theiss said that he had Solicitor Frautschy draw up an Ordinance, so the Fiscal/Officer can advertise for bids on the paving part of the widening of State Route 39. Theiss also informed the Council that he has scheduled meetings for a year spaced out, for Zoning Board of Appeals on April 6<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, and October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Planning Commission will meet on April 13<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. These scheduled meetings are to help with the cost being so high for those requesting a variance. Instead of paying \$250.00 to call a special meeting, they will only pay \$50.00, and they will put them all together for the meeting. If there is nothing scheduled for any of the meetings, they will be canceled.

Fire: Chief Kevin Miller reported that the tanker truck has been ordered, with the delivery date being sometime in October. Chief Miller said that they are also having problems with one of the ambulances,

and Lahm's think they can fix it. Chief Miller then commended a Police Officer for saving a gentleman's life. The Officer had started CPR prior to the squad arrival.

Police: Chief Kevin Kaser presented the Council with the yearend reports. Chief Kaser then informed Council that the Department had been awarded a Certification for Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Agency Certification, for Provisional Certification. The Sugarcreek Police Department along with only 1 more agency in Tuscarawas County had completed this task. Chief Kaser asked the Administrator Theiss if our traffic lights had the capability to hold a hard drive. Bill Theiss is going to check into this further with Signal Service. The Police Chief is going to be checking more into our officers carrying nark cans, and report back.

Chief Miller reported that we had a meeting with Ohio Billing for the Ambulance, for our collection. He would like for Council to consider voting on a new Ordinance to bill everyone the same, whether you are a resident or not.

Finance, Audit, and Parks Recreation: Paul Alderfer reported from his committee meeting, prior to Council, that they had Freeman Mullet explain the budget for the Museum. Their funds are short \$3,000.00 for the purchase of the new furnace at the Museum, even with the grant from the Bed Tax. Alderfer made a motion to give the Museum another \$3,000.00 to meet their goal, second by Hostetler. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

Lands, Buildings, and Sidewalks: Sam Beachy reported from his committee meeting that they had looked at a new sign for the Police Station, with new lighting. Beachy made a motion to go with the new sign for \$700.00 (included installation), and \$1,500.00 for new lighting, second by Schrock. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Personnel, Economic Development: Schrock had a reminder that there will be two meetings coming up to go over the handbook, on February 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. He would like for Solicitor Frautschy and Administrator Theiss to attend.

Mayor Weller also informed the Council that he had been looking into a 3 bay garage for the Fire Department, on the site of the old village hall. Mayor Weller would like to use Texton, and get prints made. Beachy made a motion to permit to get prints drawn up, second by Hostetler. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

The question came up about Provia using Cherry Ridge Road for their paving project, and Administrator Bill Theiss said that they did scan it, Matt reviewed it, and he had not heard of any damage to the road.

Safety & Insurance: Arlen Hostetler informed Council that his next committee meeting will be March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45.

Ordinance #17-2190 Titled: AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PAVING OF THE ROUTE 39 WIDENING PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time. Schrock made a motion to suspend the rules that requires an Ordinance to be read on three different days, second by Wilson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried. Hostetler made a motion to adopt Ordinance #17-2190 as an emergency, second by Fanning. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Ordinance #17-2189 Titled: REVISING RATES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF FEES FOR EMERGENCY TRANSPORT SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time. Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules that requires an Ordinance to be read on three different days, second by Wilson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried. Schrock made a motion to adopt Ordinance #17-2189 as an emergency, second by Alderfer. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Having no further business Hostetler made a motion to adjourn.

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