Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting on Monday September 14, 2020, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

Visitors: Chief Kevin Kaser, Bev Keller, Doug Frautschy, John Meek, Nate Quicksall. 2 Boy Scouts, Marsha Baab, Dawn Butler, Josh Jarvis, and Matt Specht.

Roll Call: Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher, Matt Miller, Ron Atkinson, and Sam Beachy.

Minutes: Atkinson made a motion to accept the minutes as typed by the Fiscal/Officer, second by Miller. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.

Expenditures: Atkinson made a motion to accept the expenditures, second by Beachy. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.v

Mayor: Mayor Stutzman appointed Josh Jarvis to take the open Council seat. Josh Jarvis introduced himself by saying he is a 1997 graduate of Garaway High, Muskingum College graduate, and received his Master Degree from a University in Texas. Is a Social Studies said that as you have heard by now, Council Member Clayton Weller passed away on August 5, 2020. At the request of his family, I along with other Village employees did not attend the funeral services held in his honor, therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly offer my deepest sympathies to his family. The Family of Bob Gotshall would like to put a bench up at the Lutheran Church in Shanesville in honor of Bob. Atkinson made a motion to permit the family to do so, second by Beachy. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried. Stutzman said that 78% of the residents of Sugarcreek, have filled out the Census information. He would like to see that percentage go up.

Swiss Days: Mayor Stutzman would like to have fireworks for the residents on October 3, 2020. This would have been the weekend of the Swiss Festival, that has been canceled this year. The cost would be around $10,000.00, which will come out of Bed Tax. Beachy made a motion to move forward with the fireworks, second by Miller. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.

Mayor Stutzman announced that the next Council meeting will be September 14, 2020.

Solicitor: Solicitor Frautschy said that he had talked to Bruce Hummel about the Ritzman Pharmacy wall, that was put up in 2015. He has been researching this and finds out that to vacate land it must be surveyed, which is the property owner's obligation. The survey was done but not given to the Solicitor to draw up an ordinance to vacate. Miller made a motion to have the Solicitor draw up the correct Ordinance to vacate, second by Beachy. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.

Village Administrator: Specht reported that the SCADA system for the new pump station will cost $18,000.00 to finish the project. Specht said that the funds could come from Infrastructure if Water is low in funds. Beachy made a motion to update the SCADA system, second by Fanning. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried. Hydrant flushing will be on August 30th and 31st this year.

Finance, Personnel, & Audit: Hamsher said that they had a meeting prior to the council meeting, to talk about payroll for 2021. His next committee meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 6:30.

Lands, Buildings, & Sidewalks: Beachy, reported from his committee meeting he and the Village Administrator have been working on the Sidewalk Program information. They want to make it less complicated for the village, contractors, and residents.

Mayor Stutzman said that he does not want to not let the council make the decision on the replacement for the empty seat on Council, but their time runs out on September 3, 2020. Stutzman has talked to two residents, Josh Jarvis had shown a lot of interest, but he is waiting on the other individual Derrick Zahner to get back to him. Council said that they will see what and who the Mayor recommends.

Sam Beachy had a suggestion that since Clayton Weller was the person who had the idea to put up new playground equipment at Winklepleck Grove and Adel Ladrach Park, Beachy and his wife helped Weller put them in. He would like to see Memorials at both sites, to honor Mr. Weller. Mayor Stutzman said that the village would like to do something also for Weller.