

Regular Council

January 4, 2021

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting via Zoom Monday, January 4, 2021, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

Visitors: Christine Quickel, Doug Frautschy, Matt Specht, and Anthony Kaufman.

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

A motion was made by Jason Hamsher and seconded by Sam Beachy to accept the minutes as typed by the Fiscal/Office. At roll call all members voted approval.

Council had several questions about December expenditures and Village Administrator Specht answered each question. Ron Atkinson made a motion to accept the expenditures for November. The motion was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman announced that the bids received for the property at 551 Dover Rd., Sugarcreek, Ohio did not meet the minimum required. Anthony Kaufman was present at the meeting to explain the process of putting the land up at auction. Stutzman also announced the second meeting in January which was scheduled on January 18th is cancelled. Council will meet next on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Solicitor Doug Frautschy announced the closing on the Park's property should be complete by the end of January.

Village Administrator Matthew Specht thanked the street department for a job well done during the recent snowstorm. All streets and intersections were clear and safe, with some of the crews working 24 hours. One plow truck broke down and the village is awaiting an estimate for repair.

Committee chairmen had nothing to report.

Anthony Kaufman spoke on the process of putting the land at 551 Dover Rd, Sugarcreek, Ohio up at auction. There was discussion about advertising, and he confirmed that they will follow Village Guidelines for such. Market Value of the property, per the county auditor, is \$122,000.00 according to the last appraisal. Cost to the Village is 4% of the sale price plus advertising.

Jason Hamsher made a motion to set the minimum bid at \$115,000.00 and it was seconded by Ron Atkinson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Jason Hamsher made a motion to allow Mayor Stutzman and Village Administrator Matt Specht to meet with Kaufman to work out the details. The motion was seconded by Ron Atkinson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman announced that the committee members will remain the same as 2020 and asked what council's thoughts were for council pro-tem. Mick Fanning made a motion, seconded by Jason Hamsher to keep Ron Atkinson as council pro-tem. At roll call, Atkinson abstained and all other members voted approval.

Jason Hamsher said thanks to the street department for the good job plowing and keeping the roads clear.

Ron Atkinson echoed the sentiments for the storm control.

Mick Fanning commended the street department, especially for the work early Christmas morning.

Sam Beachy questioned the progress on the Sugarcreek sign lighting. Specht told him that we have a quote and we are waiting for the vendor to do the work.

Matt Miller said he has had questions regarding the traffic signal at St Rt 39 and Factory Street. Specht explained that it is on a timer. The first and second company contacted did not do the work, so a third company has been contacted and we are waiting for them to fix the issue.

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Miller also asked what was holding up the booster pump on the water line on St. Rt. 39. Specht told him the hold up is the completion of the building.

Ron Atkinson questioned whether there was anything the village needed to upgrade, considering the recent power outage. Specht assured him that all Village buildings have generators and battery back-up systems.

ORDINANCE 20-2294

Ordinance 20-2299 was corrected as it relates to licensing of Street, Water, and Sewer employees. Sam Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring 3 readings and it was seconded by Jason Hamsher. All roll call, all members voted approval. Ron Atkinson made a motion to pass the ordinance as an emergency, with the correction and it was seconded by Josh Jarvis. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and all members voted yeah.

Fiscal/Officer

Mayor