

Regular Council

June 7, 2021

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall June 7, 2021, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Doug Frautschy, Matt Specht, Christine Pierpoint, Kevin Kaser, Brian Herzog

Roll Call: Matt Miller, Ron Atkinson, Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher. Josh Jarvis was absent.

A motion was made by Sam Beachy and seconded by Matt Miller to accept the minutes as typed by the Fiscal Officer.

Ron Atkinson made a motion to accept the expenditures and the motion was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman wanted to thank all involved in repairing and revitalizing the Cuckoo Clock: Freeman Mullet, Brian Snyder, John Erb, Tom Yoder, Tim Immell Construction, MEB Systems, Inc., Eagle Machine and Supply Inc, and Holmes Lumber of Sugarcreek.

Village administrator Matt Specht updated the information on Well # 2. During the inspection they got down to 80 feet and found the casing had holes. National water service recommends using stainless steel due to the bend at the bottom of the well. They can start on the project immediately. The estimate is \$69,000.00.

The Water/Sewer department needs to do GIS mapping of the Village. The software needed to do the work will cost \$13,000 up front and \$5,000.00/year to keep the software updated. The 5,000 per year is locked in for 3 years. Our employees will do the work, which will save the Village approximately \$30,000.00 over having an engineering firm come in to do it. Ron Atkinson made a motion to purchase the software and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call, all present members voted approval.

Specht announced the Street Department paving for 2021 will be \$350,000.00. Mick Fanning made a motion to accept the expenditure and it was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call, all present members voted approval.

Specht told council the Street Dept. has a bid to pave an area behind the Fire Department at a cost of \$48,300. Sam Beachy made a motion to go ahead with the paving and it was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call, 4 members voted approval and one member voted no.

Police Chief Kaser brought up the issue of trucks parking behind the Fire Department on the asphalt. After discussion, it was determined the truck parking can be moved to the south lot at Village Hall and the area behind the Fire Department will be marked "No Truck Parking".

Brian Herzog from the Tuscarawas County Library System and Christine Pierpoint from the Sugarcreek Library were present and announced they have been approved for 10 community Wifi hot spots to be placed throughout the county and they would like to place one in Sugarcreek. The grant covers the cost of the hot spot, installation, and the first year of service. After the first year the library will cover the annual cost of the service. The location of the hot spot will be determined at a later date. Christine presented the annual report for 2020 and announced that the summer reading program started today through July 31st, 2021. She also announced there will be Library Day at the Farm, Wednesday, June 30th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Tickets are available at the library and no registration required. Everyone on council thanked Brian and Christine for attending the meeting.

Finance, Personnel, & Audit chairman Jason Hamsher announced there was a special meeting prior to council to discuss a tax abatement request for an expanding Sugarcreek business. The expansion is expected to create 20-30 full-time jobs. Hamsher made a motion to have an ordinance written to grant the abatement of 75% for ten years to Pleasant Valley Holding Co, LLC

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and Pleasant Valley Teardrop Trailers, LLC. The motion was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call, all present members voted approval.

Street, Water, Sewer Chairman Mick Fanning relayed a message from a resident regarding a speed limit sign out by Union Hill Church. The issue was discussed at length, and it was decided no signs will be posted due to the road going in and out of the Village at various points.

Lands Buildings Sidewalks and Insurance Chairman Sam Beachy extended thanks to all who worked on the Cuckoo clock.

Economic Development, Parks, & Recreation Chairman Matt Miller echoed the thanks to all who worked on the clock. He also inquired about the land at 215 Factory Street NE. The land is owned by AEP and has not been mowed. Chief Kaser questioned whether the zoning inspector should be involved in the inspection. As a result of the discussion, it was decided the zoning inspector will make the first contact and the police will follow up.

ORDINANCE 21-2309

ORDINANCE 21-2309 Titled: ORDINANCE GRANTING THE COUNCIL PERMISSION TO SPEND \$69,000 FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF SUGARCREEK, TO REPAIR WATER WELL # 2 AND TO PASS AS AN EMERGENCY. Sam Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring 3 readings and it was seconded by Mick Fanning. Ron Atkinson made a motion to pass the ordinance as an emergency and it was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call, all present members voted approval.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Fiscal/Officer

Mayor