

Regular Council

October 4, 2021

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall October 4, 2021, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Doug Frautschy, Matt Specht, Nate Festi, Seth Miller, John Kwolek, Police chief Kaser, Assistant Fire chief Meek, and several employees of Miller Septic.

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

A motion was made by Matt Miller, seconded by Mick Fanning to accept the minutes as typed by the Fiscal Officer. At roll call all members voted approval.

Josh Jarvis made a motion to accept the expenditures and the motion was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman requested that council decide on a day/time for the Village Trick or Treat for 2021. Ron Atkinson made a motion to hold Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Mick Fanning and at roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman introduced Seth Miller of Miller Septic Cleaning to provide additional details of the proposed dewatering plant. Mr. Miller presented blueprints of the proposed building for members of council to examine. Mr. Miller will be responsible for the cost of the building. He also explained that the cost of hauling the sludge to the landfill will be handled by his company. The potential savings to the Village are in the range of \$20,000 -\$70,000/year. John Kwolik presented detailed graphs and charts regarding testing of the wastewater and the impact that the dewatering facility would have on the Village. Conclusions of his analysis:

- Based on the analytical data provided, the discharge of treated wastewater from the Miller Septic dewatering system should have little influence on the influent concentrations of regulated parameters, with exception of ammonia-N.
- The discharge of wastewater from Miller Septic may result in an increase in the influent concentration for ammonia-N at the Sugarcreek POTW
- The Sugarcreek POTW performs well for ammonia reduction and should continue to perform well as long as sufficient alkalinity is available for ammonia removal.
- 7.14 mg of alkalinity as CoCO_3 is necessary for the treatment of 1 mg of ammonia. Therefore, 214.2 mg/L of alkalinity is required to treat 30 mg/L of ammonia.
- 686 mg/L of alkalinity is required to treat the projected 96 mg/ of ammonia in treated water from Miller Septic. Two samples of septage collected by Miller Septic on Feb 20, 2020 and Sept 4, 2020 contained an average of 875 mg/L of alkalinity.

Sugarcreek Wastewater superintendent Nate Festi agreed with the results of the testing by Miller Septic. He also stressed that testing will be an important component going forward. Sampling and testing will be done at the Miller Septic dewatering plant as well as at the Sugarcreek wastewater plant. Nate Festi was recognized as doing a great job at the wastewater plant which puts Sugarcreek in the position to work with Miller. After a brief Q & A and discussion Jason Hamsher made a motion that the Mayor, Village Administrator, Wastewater Superintendent and Village Solicitor move forward in contracting with Miller Septic to build and operate a dewatering system in conjunction with the Village wastewater system. The motion was seconded by Josh Jarvis. At roll call 4 present members voted approval, Councilman Atkinson voted “present”. The motion passed.

Solicitor Doug Frautschy informed council that he will be on vacation and not present at the November 1 meeting.

Village administrator Matt Specht informed council that he is still searching for a boom mower. The Sewer I & I will start in Spring of 2022. He turned the floor to Hamsher to discuss the proposed Pay Ordinance. Hamsher said the pay ordinance is ready for the first reading tonight.

Assistant Fire Chief John Meeks, Jr. announced that the new ladder truck was delivered, and the crews are completing required training prior to putting the unit in service. Training is scheduled

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for completion by the first week of November. He also reminded council that the annual golf outing to benefit the Sugarcreek Fire Department will be Sunday October 10th.

Hamsher inquired about the catch basins on ParkHill Drive and Specht told him they would be looking into that as soon as possible. He said the Swiss Festival was a success and thanked everyone involved.

Ron Atkinson asked Administrator Specht what he found out about the lights at the Welcome sign. Mayor Stutzman said they will be repaired by the end of the month. Specht told him Otto Electric had repaired the eye but it isn't working and they will be back out to look at it. Atkinson was concerned about the electric bill as a result of the lights being on all day. Specht said the bill for that sign in August was \$45.10 and in September it was \$45.67, so having them on resulted in an additional \$.57. Atkinson asked about the other signs and was told that was the only sign for which the Village pays the electric bill. The new lights at the sign are LED and very efficient.

Jarvis echoed thanks to the Swiss Festival committee.

Fanning said the crosswalk sign at St Rt 39 and Factory Street is still not working correctly. Specht assured him it will be looked at again.

Matt Miller asked about the rates that will be charged to Miller Septic and was told that will all be decided in the contract and rates have not yet been discussed.

Ordinance 21-2311 was given the second reading

Titled: APPROVAL AND GRANTING CONSENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO, APPLY, MAINTAIN AND REPAIR STANDARD LONGITUDINAL PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND ERECT REGULATORY AND WARNING SIGNS ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND

GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATION.

Ordinance 21-2320 was read for the first time.

Titled: SETTING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 27, 2021 TO DECEMBER 25, 2022.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer

Mayor