

Regular Council

April 18, 2022

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall April 18, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Police Chief Kevin Kaser, Assistant Fire Chief John Meek, Jr., and Barb Limbacher.

Roll Call: Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher, Josh Jarvis, Jim Parson, Matt Miller.

A motion was made by Jason Hamsher and seconded by Sam Beachy, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as typed by the Fiscal Officer. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman:

The Police Department has an old vehicle to offer for sale to Village residents and/or employees. Sealed bids will be accepted at Village Hall until Noon on Monday, May 2nd. The vehicle is a 2011 Dodge Charger with 115,000 miles. Chief Kaser said the vehicle needs work on the engine and suspension.

Village Administrator Specht:

The Belden company is concerned about the safety of the pavilion and the pirate ship at the Belden Park and has asked them to be removed. The land belongs to Belden. Council asked Specht to speak to Belden to see if they will grant that land to the village or offer it to the village under lease. In either case, the Village would then remove the structures.

With the beginning of Spring, questions from residents are again coming up about the grass mowing ordinance. Chief Kaser suggested that he speak with the county prosecutor to determine the language that needs to be included in the ordinance. Jim Parson, chairman of the lands and buildings committee will meet with Kaser prior to the next council meeting.

Chief Kevin Kaser:

There are concerns from residents regarding the planned control of the coyote population. He stated he has one person lined up for the process and ensures it will be done in a safe and controlled manner.

Assistant Chief Meek:

There is a new candidate for the fire department. Scott Kelly is FF-2/EMT-B and wants to join the department. Mayor Stutzman appointed Kelly to the department. Beachy made a motion to confirm the appointment, seconded by Jim Parson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

5 people recently completed the FF-1 training with 4 passing and one planning to retake the exam. Bryce Hostetler would like to continue and take FF-2 training at Stone Creek. Meek reminded council that he can recoup approximately 90% of fire training expense. Beachy made a motion to send Hostetler to FF-2 training and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The Fire House needs new AC and Meek was instructed to meet with Specht.

There will be a need to replace unit 1010, the ambulance in the next few years and Meek was told to meet with Mayor Stutzman and Specht regarding the timing of that purchase.

The run reports for the first quarter of 2022 were presented and briefly discussed. The total runs were 138 with 97 of those being EMS and the remaining 41 fire calls. 23 of the total calls were mutual aid to surrounding communities.

Village Administrator Specht:

There was an incident at the sewer plant. Two holes were cut in the fence and the catalytic converter was cut from one of the Village trucks. The village would like to invest in a camera system for both the water and sewer plants. He will get options and pricing to bring to the next council meeting.

Sam Beachy:

There was a committee meeting prior to council to discuss the possibility of the Village providing police protection for the village of Baltic. There will be another Safety committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2022, for further discussion.

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Jim Parson:

There will be a Land and Buildings committee meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Sam Beachy:

A resident from Cherry Ridge came to him to see if there is anything that can be done about the speeding cars and trucks on Cherry Ridge. He said there are approximately 18 children under the age of 10 years who live on that stretch of road, and he is concerned for their safety. Chief Kaser informed council the police department does spend time in that area, but as soon as they leave, the problem starts back up. They cannot spend all their patrol time in one area. Council asked Kaser to get pricing on solar powered speed control signs for that area and bring the information to the next council meeting.

ORDINANCE 22-2329

TITLED: ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF FACTORY STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO. This was the first reading.

The next meeting of council will be May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer