

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Regular Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS, PUBLISHERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Form 6101

Held June 20, 2022

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall June 20, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Police Chief Kevin Kaser, Jeff Levengood, Ben Watson, Brian Dalton, Mike Hammond, Barb Limbacher, Brian Graham, Austin Weaver, Bryce Hostetler, Christine Quickel, Emanuel Eicher, Justin Thomas, Justin Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Mark Johnson.

Roll Call: Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher, Josh Jarvis (joined the meeting at 8:00 pm), Jim Parson, Matt Miller.

Jason Hamsher made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as typed. The motion was seconded by Sam Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman:

The meeting scheduled for July 4th is canceled for the holiday. The next regular meeting of council will be July 18, 2022.

The Ohio Swiss Cheese association has disbanded, and they have money they would like to donate to the Village for a sculpture that depicts the Swiss culture and Swiss cheese. The total cost is estimated at \$90,000.00. They have donated \$50,000.00 and they believe they can raise the additional money. The SBA of Sugarcreek is handling the funds for the sculpture and there is a contract to sign by both the SBA and the Village. The artist is Alan Cottrill from Zanesville Ohio. Jim Parson made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the village and it was seconded by Mick Fanning. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Village Administrator Specht:

The medical insurance for the employees has increased 20.5% over last year. He gave the floor to Fiscal Officer Connie Bowen to read the notice that was given to employees at open enrollment meetings. The administration looked at all options and the best option was to eliminate spouses from the village group plan if they had other insurance available to them. This would allow the village to recoup 73% of the increase and would not require employee contributions. After those meetings there was a complaint by an employee about the changes and because of that complaint the decision is being left up to council. After a lengthy discussion and hearing from several employees about how it would affect their family, Sam Beachy made a motion to continue the insurance coverage the way it was for the past year. The village will pay the premiums for employees, spouses, and families. This is for the period starting July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. At the next renewal it will again be evaluated as to whether the village can absorb an increase without changes to employee plans, contributions, or coverage. The motion was seconded by Matt Miller and at roll call, all members voted approval.

At 8:00 p.m. Hamsher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the potential discipline of a public employee.

Council reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Village Administrator Specht:

The East end annexation water and sewer project was put out for bids. The low bid was from Tucson Inc. of New Philadelphia. The bid was \$995,772.75 which was 2.26% below the engineer's estimate of probable cost. Fanning made a motion to award the contract to Tucson and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The unopen alley between 3rd St. and 4th St. has trees that are old and need to be removed. Emanuel Eicher had one fall on part of his house in the last storm. He estimates the damage is under \$1,000.00. Tri-State tree came and gave 2 separate quotes. The first was to remove 8-9 of the trees in the worst condition at a cost of \$9,500.00. The second quote was to remove all 44 trees at a cost of \$25,000.00. Several of the trees are cracked and in danger of falling. Hamsher made a motion to move forward with removing all the trees and it was seconded by Parson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

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Hamsher made a motion to reimburse Emanuel Eicher up to \$1,000.00 for repair to the eaves on his house. It was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

Police Chief Kaser:

The first week of Police Protection at Baltic went well. He presented a report of the calls for the first week which accounted for 15 hours.

The digital speed control sign will be ready to go soon. They just received the information on how to set up the icloud account.

Sam Beachy:

The safety committee met prior to council to discuss changes at the fire department. They plan to hire 3-4 full-time employees, preferably from within the current employees. Living quarters will have to be upgraded before the employees can go to full-time. Beachy made a motion to allow the village administrator to meet with engineers to have plans drawn up for living quarters within the existing building. The motion was seconded by Hamsher and at roll call all members voted approval.

The traffic light at St. Rt. 39 & St. Rt. 93 is holding up traffic on St. Rt. 93. Council learned that the light was programmed according to traffic flow. The replacement eye is on order.

ORDINANCE 22-2333 3rd reading

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MILLER SEPTIC, LLC & SUGARCREEK DEWATERING, LLC FOR WASTEWATER DISCHARGE, SLUDGE HAULING, TREATMENT, & DISPOSAL.

Beachy made a motion to pass the ordinance and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next meeting of council will be July 18, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: Fiscal Officer