

Sugarcreek Village Council had a Meeting on Monday February 3, 2020, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

Visitors: Chief Kevin Kaser, John Meek, Chief Kevin Miller, Matt Specht, Michael Hammond, and Bev Keller.

Roll Call: Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher, Clayton Weller, Paul Alderfer, and Ron Atkinson.

Minutes: The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting. Weller made a motion to accept the minutes as typed by the Fiscal/Officer, second by Beachy. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Expenditures: Atkinson made a motion to pay the list of bills submitted by the Fiscal/Officer, second by Alderfer. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Stutzman wants to inform everyone that if you receive a form from the Census Bureau, he is encouraging you to fill it out. The more that fill this out, the chances are better to receive more funds to Government Businesses.

Handbook: Mayor Stutzman reported that he has signed a contract with JMT & Associates out of Wooster Ohio, to condense our handbook for the village. It probably has been at least 10 years since this has been looked at. It could take up to 60 days to get anything back from them.

Meetings: The next two council meetings have been changed to February 19th at 7:00, and March 4th at 7:00, due to different situations.

Executive Session: Jason Hamsher made a motion to go into executive session, and invite Mayor Stutzman and Administrator Specht at 7:05, to discuss personal, second by Atkinson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried. Council resumed at 7:20, with no action.

Village Administrator: Specht reported that the street department has been working on the restrooms up at Cherry Ridge Park. They are also looking into a couple projects, one being paving the parking lot at the park. They are looking into prices and received one for \$41,765.00 for the paving, and \$10,000.00 for our guys to prep it. This will be put into Finance Committee.

Kimble Extension: Mayor Stutzman presented to council the Extension of Contract for Refuse and Recycling Services. The Mayor pointed out that the increase would be 2.3% and is effective on March 1, 2020. Beachy made a motion to go with the new contract with Kimble, second by Weller. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Solicitor: Solicitor Frautschy said that he will look over the tower lease amendment and get back to council on it.

Village Administrator: Matt Specht was not present, due to attending the Tuscarawas Chamber of Commerce Banquet, representing the Village of Sugarcreek, so Mayor Stutzman reported for him. The Water Department needs to get rid of the anthracite, iron sludge removed, and transported to Kimble Land Fill. The village would like to hire PSI Industrial Solutions at a cost of \$6,425.00 to remove and haul this, and Kimble's disposal fee will be \$7,280.00. Beachy made a motion to move forward with

this request, second by Hamsher. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Mayor Stutzman reported also that the 2 of the heat exchangers up at the Street Garage are in very bad condition and need replaced. Sugarcreek Heating & Air Conditioning was contacted for a quote, to replace both, and the total amount would be \$11,200.00. Weller made a motion to replace the heat exchangers, second by Fanning. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Police: Chief Kaser wanted to know if it was an issue for the Police Department to take lunches when they can. He said that sometimes they do not even take lunches, or are not even able to finish their lunches. Council was all in agreement that this is fine.

Fire: Councilmember Ron Atkinson was asked to fill in for the Fire Department with reports. The Fire Department will have 6 officers taking online courses, and 1 will be attending classes at Stark State College for a class. The Fire Department has also hired Vera Gatchell to do some grant writing for them at a cost of \$650.00. She has said that if she is not able to get any grants this year, she will reapply next year at no cost to the Village.

Finance, Personnel, & Audit: Hamsher reported from his meeting prior to Council that his committee recommends removing the section in the pay ordinance about the Marketing Administrator having a cap on 30 hours per week. This new position will have a probation period also attached to it.

CCW: The Solicitor along with Jason Hamsher, and Chief Kaser will be getting together on an ordinance for employees carrying a concealed weapon. This then will be brought back to Council at a further date.

Safety: Ron Atkinson would like to meet with the council at the Fire/Police Station at a further date, to look at what the Fire/Police Departments need this year.

Ordinance #20-2268 Titled: ENACTING SECTION 523, SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO was read for the second time.

Ordinance #20-2271 Titled: 2020 PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS was read for the first time. Atkinson made a motion to suspend the rules that requires an ordinance to be read on three different days, second by Fanning. Vote recorded 6, Motion carried. Beachy made a motion to pass Ordinance #20-2271 as an emergency, second by Weller. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Chief Kaser said that he and Mayor Stutzman have been working on tearing down houses in the village that are not being lived in, or not meeting the Health Department requirements for a home to live in.

Having no further business Weller made a motion to adjourn.