

Sugarcreek Village Council had a meeting on Monday July 6th, 2020 with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

Visitors: Chief Kevin Kaser, Doug Frautschy, Bev Keller, John Meek, Matt Specht, Chief Kevin Miller, and Nick Nicewander.

Call: Matt Miler, Clayton Weller (absent), Ron Atkinson, Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, and Jason Hamsher.

Minutes: it was noted that two words were spelled wrong. Matt Miller made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections, second by Atkinson. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.

Expenditures: The Fiscal/Officer informed the council that the answer for the increase in the General Fund of \$51,000.00, was from a Worker's refund. Hamsher made a motion to accept the expenditures, second by Miller. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried.

Mayor: Mayor Stutzman said that he wanted council members to know, and also thank Eagle Machinery for the work and supplies they donated for the cuckoo clock.

Village Administrator: Matt Specht wanted to report that residents are putting trash in our compose piles. The village may have to look into putting cameras up, if this continues.

New Water: It was reported that the new Water-Line is done, and the inspection is scheduled for Friday. All we are waiting for is the pump station.

Watering Flowers: Becky Detweiler is watering the plants in the downtown area, Village Hall, and the square in Shanesville. At the present time she is pulling a wagon with her supplies, and water tank on it. She had met with Matt Specht, and wanted to know if we could make it easier for her. The discussion went from a golf cart along with a new Ordinance giving her permission, and not letting just anyone being able to use golf carts, to letting her use the Polaris that the Fire Department would like to sell and buy something else for them to use. Council has left this up to the Village Administrator to talk to her to see what she would be comfortable with.

Fire: Chief Miller reported that they had interviewed some EMTs, due to some changes in the department with some employees working less hours, or leaving the department. Mayor Stutzman would like to appoint Trevor Heaton, Anja Ridsen, Jerrel Neuenschwander, Jordan Finlayson, Dana Miller, Miriam Schlabach, and Rebecca Amistadi to the Fire/EMS Department. Atkinson made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment, second by Beachy. Vote recorded: Yea 5, Motion carried. Chief Kevin Miler informed everyone at the meeting that Michael Yoder did an excellent job at the latest fire on Steinbrey Rd., by going around the back of the house and locating the source right away. Other departments have seen this on the Fire Web Site, and are using this for their training.

Stutzman said the it is getting to be to much for the Village Administrator to handle. For this to happen the pay ordinance will have to be amended. Hamsher made a motion to hire Tom Mueller as Zoning Inspector on July 6th when the pay ordinance is amended and passed as an emergency, second by Beachy. It also was discussed that Tom knows the people, is willing to meet with them in the evenings if he needs to, and the Mayor will talk to him about using his own vehicle, which he would be covered by the Village's insurance, and a phone for him to use. Second by Hamsher. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.

Village Administrator: Administrator Specht reported that the bid for paving came in at \$216,000.00, way under for 2020. Because of this the Street Department would like to also do Broadway to Maple and continue Broadway to Bahler, at a cost of \$80,000.00. This would still be under budget. Beachy made a motion to approve this, second by Miller. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried. They would like to put a base coat down on Troyer Drive and Maple Dr. The Administrator did not know the cost of that project.

Parking Lot Across from Cuckoo Clock: The Mayor and Administrator would like to see the parking lot across from the clock get an overlay put down, at a cost of \$9,800.00. Swiss Festival does not want to lose that space for their tents, and the Mayor feels we need that space for parking. Beachy made a motion to pave the parking lot, second by Hamsher. Fanning voiced his concern that he still would like to see some seating put there. After further discussion both Beachy and Hamsher withdrew their motion. Mayor has put this issue into Lands, Buildings, and Sidewalks, along with Street, Water, and Sewer Committees to discuss.

Fire: Assistant Fire Chief John Meek reported to Council that both him and Jennifer Yoder have finished their Advanced EMT class. Meek said that the Fire Department had to replace two modems and did so thru Verizon. This is going to help with training and meetings that they cannot attend in person.

Light on Rt 39: Sam Beachy asked the Administrator about the light at 39 and Factory. Specht said that the camera is out and is being replaced, and for now is running on a timing system.

Jason Hamsher said that he has had some moms ask to have Cherry Ridge park opened. Mayor Stutzman said that he had just talked to the Superintendent at Garaway Schools and for now it will not open, since the schools are not going to open any fields. The Mayor said one big issue is the restroom being closed, and we do not have the manpower to clean them at this time to meet the Health Departments rules. Mayor Stutzman said that he will continue to get updates on any openings the Health Department change. Hamsher also said that he has had residents ask about the noise coming from the Sportsman Club. Chief Kaser said that we do not have a sound ordinance at this point. Chief also said that they have opened it up with a kid's program, and they are shooting on Wednesday nights now. Chief Kaser said that he will see if through the week they can stop shooting at 9:00, but on Fridays stay open until 11:00, as they have been doing since at least the 80's.

Weller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Atkinson. Vote recorded: Yea 6, Motion carried.