

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall Aug 1, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Police Chief Kevin Kaser, Jeff Levengood, Bev Keller, Doug Frautschy, Fire Chief Dr. Kevin Miller, Assistant Fire Chief John Meek, Jr., Brian Graham.

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

Josh Jarvis made a motion to accept the minutes as typed. The motion was seconded by Sam Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman:

The cheesemaker statue that is coming to town comes with stipulations. They want the statue placed in a green space in front of the sculpted wall on the square. The issue was sent to Economic Development, Parks & Recreation.

The recently purchased parking lot across from Lahm's will be renovated and parking spots marked. Cracks will be sealed and a topcoat applied. 2 rows of parking spaces will be painted. Handicapped spaces will be available. The first spot will be reserved for the LoveTusc statue and signage.

Village Administrator Specht:

Specht and councilman Jim Parson had a meeting with Assured Partners Insurance in preparation for the upcoming renewal of the Village policy. They requested that Assured Partners come back with some price comparisons before the decision to renew is made. Those comparisons are expected back this week.

There is a ditch on the north side of St Rt 39 by Dutch Valley that needs cleared. Water is backing up on the roadway. While the equipment is out to do that work, there is also a section by the bridge on the south side of the road that needs cleared. Mick Fanning made a motion to have the administrator get quotes for that work. It was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

Fire Department:

Assistant Chief Meek said there are 3 people he is recommending for Fire 1 class: Miriam Schlabach, Karen Schlabach, and Caleb Meek. One person is recommended for EMT training: Bryce Hostetler. Parson made a motion to send them to training. It was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

Chief Miller requested a safety committee meeting for September 19, 2022 before the regular council meeting. Safety committee chairman Beachy set a meeting for the 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Mick Fanning:

Streets, Water & Sewer had a meeting prior to council and it was decided to do repairs to Zurich Street using the previously approved \$26,500.00. The street will then be placed on the paving schedule for future years.

There is a need for two new catch basins and pipe on Cherry Ridge. Fanning made a motion for the village to move forward with the installation of those basins and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

Jim Parson:

Lands, Buildings, Sidewalks, & Insurance held a meeting prior to council to discuss necessary improvements to the pavilion located behind the fire station. Parson will contact a painter and Specht will contact a construction contractor and they will provide more information at the next meeting.

Matt Miller:

Economic Development, Parks and Recreation held a meeting prior to council to discuss sharing the cost of a new basketball court by the sports fields. Miller made a motion to pay half of the cost of the concrete up to \$7,500.00. The motion was seconded by Jarvis and at roll call all members voted approval.

Economic Development, Parks and Recreation will have a committee meeting on August 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting of council will be August 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer