

Regular Council

February 7, 2022

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall February 7, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Doug Frautschy, Police Chief Kevin Kaser, Assistant Fire Chief John Meek, Jr.

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

A motion was made by Josh Jarvis 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 Jim Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman expressed appreciation to the Street Department for the great job keeping the streets and sidewalks clear with the recent snowstorm.

Village Solicitor Doug Frautschy inquired whether he should gather signatures on easements for the East End Water Sewer Project. Jim Parson made a motion to move forward with the signatures and the motion was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

Village Administrator Specht also thanked the street department and informed council that the members of the water department also worked to help the street department. He reported one incident where a village truck slid on ice and ended up on its side. The driver was not injured and returned to work immediately following the required post-accident testing. The truck will be checked for damage on February 8, 2022.

With a new tractor and boom mower on order, Specht asked Frautschy to prepare an ordinance to take bids for sale of the old equipment. The ordinance will be presented at the next council meeting.

Assistant Fire Chief Meek presented a candidate for the fire department and Mayor Stutzman appointed Alexandra Yoder as a volunteer. Sam Beachy made a motion to confirm Yoder and it was seconded by Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

Meek went on to request that council approve Yoder for EMS training. Sam Beachy made a motion to send Yoder to EMS training and it was seconded by Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

Meek reported all participants in the Fire level one training are doing well.

Meek requested the fund to purchase an air compressor for the fire department. The compressor they are currently using doesn't have enough psi to inflate the tires on the vehicles to the proper pressure. The estimated cost is \$2,000.00. Beachy made a motion to allow the fire department to purchase an air compressor and the motion was seconded by Mick Fanning.

Police Chief Kaser presented information on in-car cameras and body-worn cameras. The system currently used by the Village has been purchased by a different company and the customer service is not good. The village has been replacing units when a new cruiser is purchased. He has received a quote from Midwest Public Safety to replace the entire system so that every unit is up to date and has the latest upgrades. After his presentation and questions were answered, Sam Beachy made a motion to purchase the new system from Midwest Public Security at a cost of \$34,547.00. The motion was seconded by Josh Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval.

Kaser informed council that the new cruiser to replace unit #5 will be built in the next 2-3 weeks.

All council members voiced their appreciation for the street and water departments for the excellent work on the streets following the latest storm.

Miller asked Administrator Specht if any further information is available regarding a dog park in the Village. Specht said he and the mayor have discussed it several times and they would rather do a park revitalization to benefit all residents, rather than do only a dog park. Grant money will be researched for park improvement.

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Ordinance 22-2324 3rd reading

Titled: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Jim Parson made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. All roll call all members voted approval.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer