

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall July 18, 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, Mike Hammond, Barb Limbacher, Bev Keller, Doug Frautschy, Cody Shetler, Christine Pierpoint, Brian Herzog, Terry Rowe, Esther Yoder.

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

Jason Hamsher made a motion to accept the minutes with the following correction: Hamsher made a motion to reimburse Emanuel Eicher up to \$1,000.00 for repair to the eaves on his house because the tree had already been marked for removal. The motion was seconded by Matt Miller and at roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman:

Freeman Mullet does a lot of work around the community, especially with the cuckoo clock. Stutzman asked council to approve a gift certificate in the amount of \$100.00 for Freeman as a token of appreciation. Hamsher made a motion to allow the Village to give Freeman a gift card in the amount \$100.00 and it was seconded by Jim Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

Ohio has legalized fireworks and he asked council if they want to adopt an ordinance prohibiting fireworks within the Village limits. Chief Kaser said the village does not have a big problem with fireworks. Council decided to wait until it becomes an issue. The item was tabled.

Solicitor Frautschy:

There is progress on the East End Annexation, and he will keep council updated

Village Administrator Specht:

There is an advertising sign for Sugarcreek located in Berlin Ohio. The sign is owned by the Sugarcreek SBA. The Village paid to put up the solar panel. There is a solar panel that needs replaced at an approximate cost of \$939.00 which would be split 3 ways between the Village, the SBA and the Swiss Festival. Miller made a motion to move forward with the repairs and split the cost three ways. It was seconded by Parson and at roll call all members voted approval. Specht had contact with the Belden company in regards to the land at the Cherry Ridge Park. Belden is willing to lease the land to the Village. The item was tabled.

The pavilion at the fire station needs repairs. The item was put into the Land, Buildings, Sidewalks, and Insurance committee.

Quotes were received for the Zurich Street project and it was sent to Street, Water, Sewer committee.

The Village has, for the past two years allowed employees to sell back vacation at year-end if

they wanted to work their vacation time. Council was asked if they wanted to continue that process. Fanning made a motion to continue to buy back vacation if employees choose to work in lieu of time off. It was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

Fire Department:

Cody Shetler represented the fire department and brought up two candidates for the fire department. Caleb Meek for a probationary position and Andy Slemmer as a FF120/EMT. Mayor Stutzman appointed them to the roster and Hamsher made a motion to confirm. It was seconded by Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

Police Chief Kaser:

The first month of Police Protection at Baltic went very well. There were 20 calls for the month. He gave a detailed break-down of the calls. Mayor Stutzman said he has spoken with Mayor Ely of Baltic and he is very pleased with the protection provided by the officers from Sugarcreek. Fanning said he has also had good reports from residents of Baltic. Approximately 75% of the calls occurred while our officers were already located in Baltic.

The digital speed control sign has been installed on Cherry Ridge and Chief Kaser presented all the available data. The reports cover the period of noon on Friday, July 15 through noon July 18. During that time period, 3,200 cars traveled West-bound on Cherry Ridge. 75% of that traffic reacted to the sign by slowing their rate of speed. All of the reports will be available going forward.

James Meek, Buildings & grounds coordinator for Garaway Schools reported that the recent storms destroyed the pavilion which was located by the football field. The school leases that land and they cleaned up the damage. The school is interested in putting in a concrete pad for a basketball court. He asked if the village would be interested in splitting the cost of the concrete which is estimated at \$13-15,000.00. They are also planning on a new pavilion and fence which may be completed as Eagle Scout projects. The item was put into the Economic development, parks, and recreation committee.

Christine Pierpont branch supervisor of the Sugarcreek branch of the Tuscarawas county library thanked the village for allowing the library to remain in the building at 120 South Broadway. She presented the 2021 annual report and added that she sincerely appreciates the quick response on the part of the village recently when the Air Conditioning and Furnace needed to be replaced. Brian Herzog, assistant director of the Tuscarawas County library system was also present and was included in the thank you for the Air condition and Furnace.

Esther Yoder, of Esther's Bakery located at 115 E. Main St reported that she has heard complaints from tourists regarding the person at the cuckoo clock handing out coupons for a local business. Chief Kaser said he has talked with the owner of the store, and he also had talked with other business owners. He said no law is being broken and it is not something that the police will be involved with. He also said he had no complaints or concerns from business owners or tourists. It was suggested that Esther have a conversation with the store owner.

Streets, Water & Sewer will hold a committee meeting Monday, August 1, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Lands, Buildings, Sidewalks, & Insurance will hold a committee meeting Monday, August 1, 2022 6:15 p.m.

Economic Development, Parks and Recreation will hold a committee meeting Monday, August 1, 2022 6:30 p.m.

Sam Beachy:

The traffic light at St. Rt. 39 & St. Rt. 93 is still holding up traffic on St. Rt. 93. He was told it is still being worked on and the replacement eye is on order.

Josh Jarvis thanked the fire department for allowing him to join their training exercise and he appreciates all they do.

Ordinance 22-2334

APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ARPA FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

The next meeting of council will be August 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer