

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall October 17, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Kevin Kaser, Bev Keller, Barb Limbacher, Jeff Levengood, Jeremiah Johnson

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 and it was seconded by Jim Parson. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

At 7:02 p.m. Jason Hamsher made a motion to go into executive session to discuss hiring of personnel and it was seconded by Beachy. Hamsher invited Mayor Stutzman and Solicitor Frautschy to join the session.

At 7:08 p.m. council returned to regular session with no action being taken.

Mayor Stutzman:

Ordinance 18-2246 is being sent to the Finance, Personnel, and audit committee to review updates and revisions of the ordinance.

Mike Schario, the owner of the Cuckoo's Nest sent an email to the village to let them know he is closing his store. He cited the increase in the cost of doing business and the inability to hire part-time labor as the reasons. He thanked the Village for their support over the years.

Village Solicitor Doug Frautschy:

Doug reported he will be out of the office from October 24 to November 1.

Village Administrator Specht:

Leaf pick-up in the Village will begin October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and continue each Monday. Leaves should be in 30-gallon bags and placed at the curb by 7:30 a.m. on Mondays.

A letter is prepared and will be mailed this week to request exemption status for the railroad on St. Rt. 39 between Belden plants 4-1 and 4-2. Specht spoke with the railroad concerning repairs to the tracks at Edelweiss and St. Rt. 39.

A resident at the corner of Yoder and Fairview wants the corners of the curbs painted yellow. Council unanimously agreed that the Village is not going to paint the curbs for one resident, because they don't do it for every resident.

Police Chief Kaser:

The 2022 Dodge Durango which was approved at the last council meeting is secured and they have offered to deliver the vehicle at an approximate cost of \$500-\$600. Council agreed that

delivery is the better option and approved up to \$1,000.00 for that cost.

A resident was present to ask for clarification of the plan to repair Zurich Street. Council members reminded him the plan is to start at Bern Street and replace sections until they reach the end of the street. The resident expressed concern to the mayor that it was a personal issue to which the mayor responded, "absolutely not". The resident said, "there is a member of this council that should probably abstain because I had a fight with him." Mayor Stutzman said that was not on his watch and the discussion was ended.

Jason Hamsher called a committee meeting for Finance, Personnel and Audit to review Ordinance 18-2246 on November 7, at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting.

**RESOLUTION 22-2337 3<sup>rd</sup> reading**

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 2023.

Beachy made a motion to adopt the motion and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call, all members voted approval.

**ORDINANCE 22-2341 2<sup>ND</sup> Reading**

SETTING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 26, 2022, TO DECEMBER 24, 2023.

Councilman Jim Parson made a motion to remove the position of Assistant Village Administrator at a salary of \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Fanning. At roll call, Parson, Miller, and Fanning voted yeah. Beachy, Hamsher, and Jarvis voted No. The mayor cast the tie-breaking vote and voted No. The motion did not pass.

**ORDINANCE 22-2342 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-2002, PASSED APRIL 4, 2011, "AMENDING THE TAX CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK TO ENACT A LODGING TAX FOR HOTELS, MOTELS AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS FOR TRANSIENT GUESTS

**RESOLUTION 22-2343 1<sup>st</sup> READING**

STARK-TUSCARAWAS-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S 2023 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

**ORDINANCE 22-2344 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TUSCARAWAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR HOUSING PRISONERS

**ORDINANCE 22-2345 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT WITH W.E. QUICKSALL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO.”

**ORDINANCE 22-2346 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION AND AMBULANCE SERVICES FOR CLARK TOWNSHIP, SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP, AUBURN TOWNSHIP, AND WALNUT CREEK TOWNSHIP (EAST HOLMES FIRE DISTRICT) FOR THE YEAR 2023.

**ORDINANCE 22-2348 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

APPOINTING A SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE YEARS 2023 AND 2024, AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer