

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall October 3, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Kevin Kaser, Carly Troyer

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

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

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

Mayor Stutzman:

The mayor announced two retirements. Matthew Specht, Village Administrator will be retiring the end of February 2023 and Street Department employee Fred German is retiring the end of October 2022. He also thanked the street department for the fast cleanup following the Ohio Swiss Festival.

Village Solicitor Doug Frautschy:

Doug reported he has received the plat map and description for the Annexation at the east end of the village and the annexation will be in process very soon.

Village Administrator Specht:

Water department: Well #1 needs a replacement pump at the cost of \$19,592. Miller made a motion to replace the pump and it was seconded by Mick Fanning. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Street Dept: Crack sealing is in progress at St Rt 39 & St Rt 93. The Village received a quote from BJAAM for monitoring the abandonment of three (3) monitoring wells on Mill St. in the amount \$2,497.90. There has been a request to add a sign at Boston Street for no outlet. Fanning made a motion to place the sign and it was seconded by Parson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

At 7:05 p.m. Jason Hamsher made a motion to move to executive session to discuss hiring of personnel. Sam Beachy seconded the motion and at roll call all members voted approval. Mayor Stutzman and Solicitor Frautschy were invited to the executive session.

At 7:25 p.m. council returned to regular session with no action announced.

Police Chief Kaser:

The new cruiser that the village had on order will not be delivered. Ford has stopped production of all 2022 models and the next available model will be 2024. Kaser contacted several dealers and found a 2022 Dodge Durango which is available for approximately \$42,860. Jim Parson

made a motion to order the 2022 Durango and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call, all members voted approval.

A resident, Carly Troyer spoke to council asking them to consider leaving the parking lot at the corner of Broadway and Main Street as a parking lot instead of making it a green space. She is a business owner in the village and concerned about parking for her customers.

Street Water and Sewer committee had a meeting prior to council to discuss Zurich Street. It was decided the best plan is to start at the intersection of Bern Street and complete sections until Zurich Street is replaced. It is the most cost-effective plan for the village.

Councilman Jason Hamsher extended his gratitude to Matthew Specht and Fred German for their years of service to the village and wished them both well. This sentiment was echoed by all other councilmen.

Sam Beachy requested the no-through sign at the entrance to Firman Ridge be removed. Parson made a motion to remove the sign and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call, Sam Beachy and Matt Miller abstained, and the remaining members voted approval.

Mick Fanning reminded council that the railroad tracks on St. Rt. 39 need repaired.

RESOLUTION 22-2337 2nd reading

Authorizing a contract with the Tuscarawas County public defender commission for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION 22-2338 – Pass as emergency

Tuscarawas County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Municipal Adoption Resolution

Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring readings on three separate days. It was seconded by Parson and at roll call all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to adopt the resolution as an emergency and it was seconded by Parson. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 22-2342 1ST 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 WITHIN THE
VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO.”

ORDINANCE 22-2341 1ST 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.

The next meeting of council will be October 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer