

Regular Council

Aug 7, 2023

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall August 7, 2023, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Sam Beachy, Jason Hamsher, Matt Miller, Mick Fanning, Nathan Wagler, Josh Jarvis

Josh Jarvis made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2023, meeting and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

Jarvis made a motion to accept the expenditures and the motion was seconded by Nathan Wagler. At roll call all members voted approval.

Mayor Stutzman: The wall committee met and has a wish list for the proposed green space at the square. The plans would cost \$300,000 and \$500,000 so the committee will have to do some fundraising if they want to move forward. The cheesemakers' statue should arrive in October or November.

Solicitor Frautschy : The resolution for the Fire/EMS levy will have to be passed as an emergency at tonight's meeting.

Village Administrator, Kaser:

The Boston Street storm sewer project bid opening was held July 27, 2023 with bids from six (6) companies. The low bidder was Bachtel Excavating from Massillon, Ohio. Quicksall and Associates did an extension background search on the company, including incidents of change orders and found no areas for concern. They recommend awarding the bid to Bachtel Excavating. Jason Hamsher made a motion to award the bid to Bachtel excavating and it was seconded by Matt Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

The 50/50 Sidewalk program revision is complete and Hamsher moved to accept the revisions. The motion was seconded by Wagler and at roll call all members voted approval.

The LED lights have been installed in the traffic signal at Dutch Valley Rd and St Rt 39.

The estimate for a lighted sign on St. Rt. 93 came in at \$2,287.80. Council members agreed the cost was too high and a regular sign announcing the dangerous intersection should be put up. Kaser gave the floor to Fiscal Officer Bowen who explained there is a vote needed in order to re-allocate the ARPA funds to the Water Expansion project. Jarvis moved to allow the funds to be reallocated and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

Assistant Fire Chief Terry Burkhart for Fire Chief Meek. Miriam Schlabach is ready for paramedic training and is requesting the Village pay for one half of the training. Beachy moved to pay for one half of the paramedic training for Miriam Schlabach and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

Police Chief Kaser reported there has been an increase in the number of side-by-side vehicles in the village and reminded everyone they are not legal. The only way they would be legal is if the village passes an ordinance to allow them on the streets. There are no plans at this time to adopt such an ordinance.

Councilman Hamsher: The Finance, Personnel and Audit met at 6:30 prior to council to discuss the 2024 pay and updates to employment policies. This was the initial meeting for the year and the next meeting will be August 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. prior to council.

Councilman Jarvis reported that a resident who drives trucks requested the light at Factory St & St Rt 39 be changed to NO Turn on Red. The lanes there are narrow and it is a difficult turn onto Factory St. when drivers are sitting at the intersection waiting to turn right instead of stopping at the sign on Factory Street where it is indicated. Jarvis moved to add a No Turn on Red sign to that intersection on a trial basis, and add a sign that says stop here on red, and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

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Councilman Miller asked about the progress on cleaning up the Tim Brown property. He was informed Mr. Brown signed for the notification letter on August 2, 2023 and has 5 days from that time to do the clean up before the village can act.

RESOLUTION 23-2365 Pass as an emergency

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring reading on three separate days and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call, all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next regular meeting of Village council will be Aug 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer