

Regular Council

May 1, 2023

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall May 1, 2023, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Josh Jarvis made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman: The mayor has selected a resident to fill the vacant council seat. He appointed Nathan Wagler. Jason Hamsher made a motion to confirm Wagler and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval. Wagler will be present at the next council meeting.

The site selection survey for the proposed fire station is complete and each council member was given a copy. It will be discussed at a committee meeting May 15th prior to the regular council meeting.

Village Administrator, Kaser:

Zurich Street repairs. The job will have to be put out for bid. Time to complete the project is running out for 2023, and the funds were not appropriated for 2023. Jarvis moved to carry the funds available for 2023 (\$145,000.00) forward and appropriate the balance in 2024 for completion of the project. Fanning seconded the motion and at roll call all members voted approval.

Green space: Diversified finished a plan for the green space and placement of the Cheese Maker Statue. Since the statue could arrive as early as August, Miller suggested tearing out only what is needed to place the statue for now and set up the rest of the project for after Swiss Festival. Miller made a motion to have the Street Department employees tear out what is necessary for placement of the statue, then have the footer dug and poured for the statue. The motion was seconded by Jarvis and at roll call all members voted approval.

Miller made a motion to approve the general layout of the design presented by Diversified and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

A public hearing was held April 18, 2023 for exemption of two railroad crossings in the village. There were no objections and the hearing closed. No plan of action has been returned to the village yet.

The Henry P Thompson Company gave a quote to replace the screen at the WasteWater Treatment plant in the amount \$35,053.56. Beachy made a motion to approve the expense and it was seconded by Fanning. At roll call all members voted approval.

Fire Chief Meek: Meek thanked everyone for the support at the recent auction.

Training reimbursement of \$10,400.00 was received to offset the cost of fire training in 2022.

Curtis Miller and Caleb Meek passed their level 2 class.

The mechanical problems with the engine are ongoing. The engine will be taken to Canton for diagnostic testing next week.

The fire department will be conducting pre-planning and testing in May or June in conjunction with the water department. The date(s) will be announced in advance. The project will be done on Sundays when the least amount of traffic is in town.

Police Chief Kaser:

The roof at the police station will need replaced before winter. Fanning made a motion to accept the quote from Triad for a steel roof in the amount \$21,500.00 and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

Kaser has a quote for a 2023 Explorer police edition in the amount of \$43,996.99. The unit is available immediately. It will replace unit #1. Beachy made a motion to purchase the vehicle to replace unit #1 and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call all members voted approval.

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Recent Stolen Truck: Kaser urges everyone to lock their vehicles when parked outside. He also stressed that any resident who witnesses something out of the ordinary, please call the police to report it.

Reuben Burkholder was present to inform council of the progress and plans for the development called Pirate’s Cove. He presented the proposed map for 19 residential homes and 22 condos. He is ready to get started on Phase I and asked council if the village would be willing to split the cost of the water, sewer, storm drain portion of the project. The item was put into the Streets, Water, Sewer Committee.

Jason Hamsher: Bed tax committee met April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm and approved \$10,038.00 in grants. Hamsher made a motion to approve the grants, it was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all members voted approval.

Tusc Arts Partnership	Love Tusc Sculpture	\$2,500.00
Heartland Gifts	Art Classes after 5:00 pm	\$1,600.00
Age of Steam	Transport Steam to Victory	\$1,600.00
Dutch Host Inn	Overnight Promo packages (print cost)	\$1,600.00
Community Arts Council	Purchase Brochures-Brick Wall	\$1,600.00
Alpine Hills Museum	Newsletters/National Swiss Day	\$1,138.00

Safety committee chairman Sam Beachy announced a committee meeting May 15th, 6:30 p.m. prior to the next council meeting to discuss the Site Survey for the proposed Fire Station.

Streets, Water, Sewer committee chairman Fanning announced a committee meeting May 15th, 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development, Parks, & Recreation committee chairman Matt Miller reported the committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss issues at the Grove. No decisions were reached.

Beachy thanked the Police department for the quick work in identifying the suspect in the recent break-ins and stolen truck.

Miller expressed thanks for the extra surveillance by officers on patrol.

ORDINANCE 23-2358 1st Reading
ENACTING SECTION 351.14, “EMERGENCY PARKING BAN DURING HEAVY SNOWSTORMS”
TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO.

ORDINANCE 23-2359 1st Reading
PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING OF UNZONED PARCELS OF LAND ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, BY ORDINANCE #2023-2355

ORDINANCE 23-2360
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO SELL A 2008 CHEVROLET PICKUP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring readings on three separate days and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next regular meeting of council will be May 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer