

Regular Council

November 6, 2023

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall November 6, 2023, with mayor Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jason Hamsher made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2023, meeting and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman: Stutzman expressed thanks to Jason Hamsher for presiding over the October 16 meeting. He reminded everyone of the importance of getting out to vote tomorrow.

Village Solicitor Frautschy: RITA has requested that the Village update the income tax code for new laws coming into effect. That ordinance is ready for the first reading tonight.

Village Administrator, Kaser: The water tower by the football field has been patched. The patch should last 2-3 years. That tower is due for inspection within the next two years and at that time will probably require relining. The Boston Storm Sewer project is progressing.

At 7:04 Hamsher moved to go into executive session and invited the mayor, the solicitor, and the village administrator. Beachy seconded the motion and at roll call all members voted approval.

Council returned to regular session at 7:23 with no action taken.

Police Chief Kaser: The police department needs to order a cruiser to keep up the rotation of replacing the oldest unit. Kevin has a quote at state purchasing pricing for a 2023 Dodge Durango at a cost of \$41,000.00. Beachy moved to have Kevin order the vehicle and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call all members voted approval.

The Village of Baltic had Doug Frautschy make some updates to the Police Protection Contract. The new contract will be at an hourly rate of \$53.20 and will automatically renew annually unless canceled. The Village of Sugarcreek will have 45 days prior to the date of renewal to inform Baltic of the updated rate annually. Either party can withdraw from the contract with a 30-day notice.

Economic Development, Parks, & Recreation committee chairman Matt Miller informed council there was a meeting prior to council to discuss issues at the Grove. Since the park is closed for the season, the issues were tabled until March, 2024.

Miscellaneous:

Councilman Miller urged everyone to get out and vote.

ORDINANCE 23-2368 3rd Reading

SETTING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 25, 2023 TO DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

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ORDINANCE 23-2369 3rd Reading

CLARIFYING, UPDATING, AND ADOPTING EMPLOYMENT POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO

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

ORDINANCE 23-2370 3rd Reading

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

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

ORDINANCE 23-2371 3rd Reading

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

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

ORDINANCE 23-2372 2nd 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 2024.

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

ORDINANCE 23-2373 2nd Reading

2024 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the books of the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio will not be balanced until after January 1, 2024; and WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village until such time as an appropriation ordinance for the year 2024 can be prepared.

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

ORDINANCE 23-2374 2nd Reading

**2024 FUND LEVEL APPROPRIATIONS
TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO FOR THE YEAR 2024.**

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

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ORDINANCE 23-2375 1ST Reading

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2154, PASSED NOVEMBER 21, 2015, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO."

ORDINANCE 23-2376 Pass as an emergency

AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN UPDATED AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BALTIC, OHIO FOR LIMITED POLICE PROTECTION IN THE VILLAGE OF BALTIC, OHIO.

Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring reading on three separate days and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to pass the ordinance as an emergency and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next regular meeting of Village council will be November 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.