

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular Council

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held

April 22, 2024

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Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall April 22, 2024, with mayor Walt Wilson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Sam Beachy made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2024, meeting and it was seconded by Josh Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

At 7:06 p.m. Jason Hamsher moved to go to executive session to discuss discipline of a public employee and invited the mayor and administrator to join. It was seconded by Miller and at roll call all members voted approval.

At 7:36 p.m. The council returned to regular session.

Mayor Wilson: John Meek, Sr. a resident on Lugano Street is requesting that the village add limestone to the unmaintained alley by his house. There was discussion regarding vacating that alley and the council asked administrator Kaser to talk to solicitor Frautschy about the matter. Tuscarawas county Library representatives met with mayor Wilson and proposed an agreement for the library to contribute up to \$100.00 for repairs, they will buy lightbulbs for the building, and will also pay the Village \$3,000.00 per year to help with utilities. The Village owns the building. Jarvis moved to sign the contract if the clause for auto renewal after 5 years is removed, and it was seconded by Wagler. At roll call all members voted approval.

The Arbor Day ceremony will be held at Winklepleck Grove, Friday, April 26, 2024, and a tree will be planted in memory of Steve Middaugh. Smith Funeral Home will provide refreshments, and all are welcome.

Several residents of the community have asked if the village would add a pickleball court. Wilson assigned the project to the economic development, parks, and recreation committee to explore the possibility and the cost.

Village Administrator/Police Chief Kaser: AEP is schedule to disconnect power to the building at 100 N. Broadway St on May 2, 2024. Rain date is 5.3.24. Yoder excavating plans to start the demolition by the end of May. Hamsher asked that the demolition be complete and cleaned up by the first weekend in June for the Fabulous Fifties Fling and car show.

Several complaints have been filed about residents of the downtown apartment buildings parking on the street which takes parking away from the downtown businesses. Kaser will speak to solicitor Frautschy about writing an ordinance to control the problem.

There is an opportunity for a grant for sewer relining and the village share would be \$156,070.00. The project would include Bahler and Buckeye Streets, Broadway behind the Bulk Food Store, and over to Maple Street. Miller moved to have Quicksall and Associates apply for the grant on behalf of the village, and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval.

The street department wants to add a grapple, new bucket and cutting edge to the new John Deere tractor. Estimated cost is \$6,400.00.

The overhead doors at the street garage need repaired. Kaser has a quote to replace one door, put new seals and bottom panels on 2 other doors for a total of \$9,657.00.

The battery back-up for the traffic light at St Rt 39 and St Rt 93 has been installed.

The pedestrian crossing at Factory Street and Dover Road is not functioning properly. There is a problem with the pedestrian crossing portion of the software. To install the upgrade for the push buttons on the corners for pedestrian crossing will cost an estimated \$2,988.00.

Some of the tables at the bandstand at Winklepleck grove need to be replaced. The Garaway industrial arts club has agreed to build more tables for the grove if the village supplies the lumber.

Fire Chief John Meek, Jr.: Thanks to everyone who attended the auction and BBQ.

Unit 1010, the ambulance, is back in service after repairs to the fuel system, high pressure fuel pump, fuel lines, etc. The invoice is \$12,766.65.

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Units 1003, 1009, and 1004 are scheduled for annual pump tests and servicing. Estimated cost is \$21,000.00. Beachy moved to go ahead with the maintenance and it was seconded by Wagler. At roll call all members voted approval.

Police Chief Kaser: K-9 Billie is ready for retirement. Per ORC 9.62 the K-9 handler can purchase the retiring K-9 for \$1.00. Beachy moved to sell Billie to Officer Tyler McKelvey for \$1.00. It was seconded by Miller and at roll call all members voted approval. The new K-9, Kai, is scheduled to be certified on April 30, 2024.

Councilman Miller: The Street, Water, and Sewer committee met prior to council and talked about repairs to the parking lot at the street garage. Miller made a motion that repairs be completed, and concrete poured at an estimated cost of \$14,970.25 plus an additional \$7,000.00 for grinding and removal of asphalt. Beachy seconded the motion and at roll call all members voted approval.

Councilman Wagler: The Lands, Buildings, Sidewalks, and Insurance committee met prior to council to discuss improvements to the Fire Station and the possible addition of a community events building. There is a grant available which requires a village match. Wagler made a motion to apply for the grant with a 20% village match and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

Councilman Fanning: Economic development, parks and recreation will have a committee meeting May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Beachy: There is a house on Dover Road NW that has trash outside. Mayor Wilson informed the council that Tom Mueller, Zoning inspector is working to have that trash cleaned up.

Several members of the community arts council were present and voiced their opinions on the proposed green space at the square.

Legislative: **ORDINANCE 24-2381 SECOND READING** *Pass as an emergency*
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 11 REAL ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFYING THAT THE VILLAGE HAS EFFECTIVE AND ADEQUATE CONTROL OVER THE AREA NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS FOR THE MAPLE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

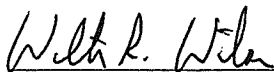
ORDINANCE 24-2382 – PASS AS AN EMERGENCY

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO TO SELL A 2017 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY


Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings and it was seconded by Wagler. At roll call all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to adopt the ordinance as an emergency and it was seconded by Wagler. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next regular meeting of village council is May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor

Attest: 

Fiscal Officer