Sugarcreek Village Council held a regular council meeting at Village Hall on October 19, 2026, with mayor Walt Wilson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Anthony Martire, Jason Hamsher, Matt Miller, Tom Brown and Sam Beachy. Josh Jarvis was absent.

Minutes: Jason Hamsher moved to accept the minutes of the meeting on October 5, 2026, as typed and Sam Beachy seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Expenditures: Anthony Martire asked about the bills from Atlantic Emergency Solutions for repairs to 1009 and 1003. Mayor Wilson asked Fire Captain Austin Weaver to explain. 1009 is the ladder truck and it was taken in for the annual maintenance. 1003 is the engine and was taken in to finish repairs from the crash in February. 1003 will have to go back for the yearly maintenance before the end of the year. Hamsher moved to accept the expenditures, and Matt Miller seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Wilson: The village has a tax renewal levy on the November 3, 2026, ballot. It is for current expenditures and will not increase taxes.
The State of Ohio passed a 90-day gasoline tax holiday. The tax revenue to local government will be made up by the State and the village will not experience lost revenue.

Village Administrator Kaser: Maple Street curbs and approaches will be done the first part of next week. Paving equipment will be moved in at the end of next week for paving the week of November 2nd. Tuesday, October 20th the intersection of Maple Street and Broadway Street will closed from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for placement of an additional storm sewer catch basin.

Fire Captain Austin Weaver: 1003 will go to Atlantic Emergency next week for yearly maintenance.
Domenic Beasley applied to the fire department as a part-time medic/Level II Firefighter. Domenic has experience with Cleveland Clinic, and he works full-time at Massillon. Austin recommended Beasley be added to the roster. Mayor Wilson appointed Domenic Beasley to the fire department as a medic/FF-II. Beachy moved to confirm the appointment and Hamsher seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.
October is fire prevention month, and the fire department held their open house and pancake breakfast October 10, 2026. The event was well attended. In the next couple of weeks fire department personnel will be talking to approximately 700 students about fire safety and bike safety in the two Garaway elementary schools and 12 Amish schools.

Councilman Miller: Street, Water, and Sewer committee met at 6:20 before council to discuss a request to open the unopened alley behind 302, 306, and 316 N. Broadway. The committee recommended to council that the alley be opened and named Menges Drive NW. Miller moved to open the alley and name it Menges Drove NW, and the motion was seconded by Beachy. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Councilman Martire: A resident on Gotthard Street asked if there could be a no-outlet sign put on their street. Martire drove to the area and noted there are already two no-outlet signs on the street so there is nothing else that could be done.

Councilman Miller: Mick Fanning has requested that he could have the water tap for his new home at no expense due to the fact he paid taxes on the part of the street that was never recorded with the county as village property. The cost of a water tap is $1,800.00. There is no way to calculate how much Fanning paid in taxes over the years for that portion. The problem occurred approximately 50 years ago. The village has always maintained the street and has paid $2,700 for the surveying of the street. Miller moved to waive the tap fee for the new home because of Fanning's cooperation in dedicating that street to the village. Beachy seconded the motion and at the roll call all present members voted approval.

Fannings were told by Charlie Kline that he gave a right-of-way for the sanitary sewer line at the back of the property and there are three sewer taps on that line. There are no maps of that line and Fanning has asked the village to camera that line at no expense to him. The village has not paid for camera fees for residents in the past. Sewer superintendent Nate Festi said it would be less expensive for the contractor to dig over to the line and put in a new tap. The village sewer inspection fee is $50.00.

Uniforms for street, water, and sewer was assigned to the Safety committee.

Councilman Hamsher: A few meetings back Kevin Kaser brought up the problems with parking around the village and in the municipal lots but it was not assigned to a committee at that time. Hamsher suggested putting it in the lands, buildings, sidewalks, and insurance committee. Chairman of that committee Tony Martire scheduled a committee meeting December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Beachy scheduled a safety committee meeting for November 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Brown: Residents have complained to Brown about the east-bound traffic through the square at Shanesville. He asked if a turn lane could be added at that intersection. Police Chief Kaser explained that the road is not wide enough and the laws regarding the required width, lane markings, etc. Hamsher asked the cost of widening that area and Kaser said the last estimate was 5-6 years ago at $1,000,000.00. The last census/traffic count estimated 18,000 vehicles go through that intersection every day and 40% of that is truck traffic.

ORDINANCE 26-2437 6th Reading

Changing the zoning of the Jalen Mast property in the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio from R-1 to R-3. Beachy moved to pass the ordinance and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Ordinance 26-2438 6th Reading

Changing the zoning of 947, 951, 957 and 965 W Main Street in the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio from R-1 to B-1. Beachy moved to pass the ordinance and it was seconded by Tom Brown. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2442 3rd Reading

Authorizing a contract with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender Commission for the year 2027. Miller moved to pass the ordinance, and it was seconded by Beachy. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2443 3rd 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 2027. Beachy moved to pass the ordinance and it was seconded by Hamsher. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2444 3rd Reading

Authorizing a contract with Spicer Group, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio. Martire moved to pass the ordinance, and it was seconded by Beachy. At the roll call Beachy, Brown, Hamsher, and Martire voted yes, Matt Miller voted no. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 26-2445 3rd Reading

Appointing a solicitor for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio, for the years 2027 and 2028, and fixing the compensation to be paid. Martire moved to pass the ordinance, and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2446 2nd Reading

Setting the salaries for elected officials and employees of the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio, for the period of December 21, 2026, to December 19, 2027.

ORDINANCE 26-2447 2nd Reading

Authorizing the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners for housing prisoners

ORDINANCE 26-2448 2nd Reading

Revising the water and sewer rates for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio

ORDINANCE 26-2449 Pass as an emergency

Authorizing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer of the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio to sell a 2013 GMC Sierra 1500 truck and declaring an emergency.
Beachy moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings and it was seconded by Martire. At the roll call all present members voted approval. Martire moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

RESOLUTION 26-2450 Pass as an emergency

A resolution authorizing the mayor of the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. Hamsher moved to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval. Hamsher moved to pass the ordinance as an emergency, and it was seconded by Beachy. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

The next council meeting is November 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Wilt R. Wilson
Mayor

Attest: Connie Goddard
Fiscal Officer