Sugarcreek Village Council held a regular council meeting at Village Hall on October 5, 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 Josh Jarvis. Sam Beachy was absent.

Minutes: Matt Miller moved to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2026, meeting as typed and Jason Hamsher seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Expenditures: Hamsher moved to accept the expenditures, and Jarvis seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Wilson: Wilson introduced Jodi Salvo, Ohio State Representative for the 51st District. Jodi is the vice chair of Children and Human Servies and serves on the committees for Energy, Natural Resources, and Community Development.
She requested that the council, village officials, and residents reach out to her anytime they have questions or concerns.
The Ohio EPA and Legacy School have reached out to see if the village can supply water to the school. The water tests at the school have come back with unacceptable levels of lead and copper. According to the village ordinance, the school will have to be annexed into the village to get water service. There is a property between the village limits and the school that would also have to annex a portion into the village. Council members advised that the first step is to see if that property owner is willing to annex.

Village Administrator Kaser: Church Street Storm Sewer and Maple Street extension project should be complete within the next three weeks. Village Hall new windows are installed except for one that arrived broken, and the new siding has been installed.
The electric service behind the fire station has been upgraded and the old panels are no longer being used.
The fence around the water tower at the football field has been replaced. Kaser said he would like to see a spotlight installed to light up the tower when events are at the stadium. He will get quotes for that project.
The sewer department's new truck is in service, and the 2013 GMC will be sold by sealed bid. Miller moved to have Solicitor Frautschy prepare an ordinance to sell the GMC for the next meeting. Hamsher seconded the motion and at the roll call all present members voted approval.
The new Durango for the police department will be built-out tomorrow.

Fire Chief John Meek, Jr.: The Fire Department will have their open house/breakfast Saturday, October 10, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Councilman Miller: At 7:23 p.m. Miller moved to go into executive council to discuss pending litigation. He invited the mayor, village administrator, and solicitor. Hamsher seconded the motion and at the roll call all present members voted approval.

At 7:40 p.m. council returned to regular session.

Councilman Miller: The Streets, Water, Sewer committee met prior to council at 6:00 p.m. to discuss sanitary sewer and easements.

Councilman Martire: The Lands, Buildings, Sidewalks, and Insurance committee met prior to council at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the sidewalk ordinance. The committee and solicitor Frautschy agree that the ordinance does not need to be amended. He suggested that the village identify the areas around the village that are damaged due to tree roots and have those areas repaired. If the trees in those areas cannot be saved, they will be removed.

All present council members thanked the Police Department, Street Department, Fire Department, Swiss Festival committee, and volunteers for a successful Swiss Festival.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns: Resident Justin Miller presented a request for review of the alley behind 302 N. Broadway St. and 306 N. Broadway St. He would like the alley to be vacated and closed. He stated that he does not know who maintains that alley. Mayor Wilson assigned the request to the Streets, Water, and Sewer committee and chairman Matt Miller scheduled a meeting on October 19th at 6:20 p.m.
Rick Menges was present to represent his mother who lives at 306 N. Broadway St. He explained that she had gravel put on the alley and she maintains it. She does not want the alley closed, as it serves as access to her property. He said the residents of 302 have been parking in the alley and blocking access. Rick has asked them to stop blocking the alley, but they will not cooperate.

ORDINANCE 26-2437 5th Reading
Changing the zoning of the Jalen Mast property in the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio from R-1 to R-3.

Ordinance 26-2438 5th 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.

ORDINANCE 26-2442 2nd Reading
Authorizing a contract with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender Commission for the year 2027.

ORDINANCE 26-2443 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 2027.

ORDINANCE 26-2444 2nd Reading
Authorizing a contract with Spicer Group, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio.

ORDINANCE 26-2445 2nd Reading
Appointing a solicitor for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio, for the years 2027 and 2028, and fixing the compensation to be paid.

ORDINANCE 26-2446 1st 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 1st Reading
Authorizing the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Tuscarawas County Commissioners for housing prisoners

ORDINANCE 26-2448 1st Reading
Revising the water and sewer rates for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio

The next council meeting is October 19, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Attest: Connie Goddard Fiscal Officer

Mayor