Sugarcreek Village Council held a regular council meeting at Village Hall on September 21, 2026, with mayor Walt Wilson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes: Jason Hamsher moved to accept the minutes of the August 31, 2026, meeting as typed and Sam Beachy seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Expenditures: Hamsher asked about refunds that are on the expenditures and was informed they are the result of errors in the utility billing from the last clerk. Anthony Martire asked for an explanation of the Enterprise Zone Agreement payment to Garaway local schools. Hamsher explained the process. Goddard said the village currently has three agreements. Martire moved to accept the expenditures, and Hamsher seconded the motion. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Wilson: The contract with the village of Baltic for police protection has not had a rate increase since 2024. Fiscal Officer Connie Goddard explained that the current rate is $55.60 per hour, and the actual cost is $62.00 per hour. Matt Miller moved to increase the hourly rate for police protection to $62.00 per hour for 2027. The motion was seconded by Beachy and at the roll call all present members voted approval.
Water Sewer Rates: Goddard explained that since the Treasury Department stopped the production of pennies it has become difficult to make change. The village has enough pennies to get through the remainder of the year but suggested that the rates be adjusted for 2027 and going forward by rounding them to the nearest nickel. Miller moved to amend the water/sewer rates ordinance for 2027 through 2029 when the ordinance expires. The motion was seconded by Hamsher and at the roll call all present members voted approval. Solicitor Frautschy will prepare the amendment.
Public Funds Deposit Proposal from First Federal Community Bank: Goddard explained that the village currently has a money market account at First Federal and another one at Commercial and Savings Bank. Both accounts have the same amount of funds, but the interest rate at First Federal has been .55% and at CSB has been 2.6%. First Federal has proposed an increase in the interest rate to 3% on the funds in the money market if the village agrees to move the funds from CSB to First Federal. Council discussed the pros and cons of having funds in more than one bank and whether it is a good idea to sever the relationship with CSB. After discussion Beachy moved to accept the proposal and move the funds to First Federal. Martire seconded the motion and at the roll call all present members voted approval. *Matt Miller abstained from the vote since his wife is an employee of First Federal.

Village Administrator Kaser: Street Department: Kinsey Excavating: the water line passed the pressure check and the bacteria test. They are scheduled to cross Broadway and tie into Maple Street on Wednesday.
Maple Street: There are two more tear outs scheduled to correct the standing water. They will also add a catch basin.
Sidewalks: Kaser gave council members a copy of the existing ordinance that covers keeping sidewalks in repair and clean. Kaser and Frautschy agree that the ordinance is vague and should be clarified.
Quotes for sewer line on Miller Avenue: Kaser obtained quotes from two engineering firms. He will break them down by line item and bring a report to the next meeting.

Fire Chief John Meek, Jr.: The fire department has an open house scheduled for October 10, 2026, 7:00 a.m. to noon. He requested that Fairview Avenue be closed to traffic during the event. Miller moved to close Fairview Avenue from Broadway Street to Yoder Avenue October 10, 2026, for the fire department event 7:00 a.m. to noon. The motion was seconded by Beachy and at the roll call all present members voted approval.

Councilman Hamsher: The finance, personnel and audit committee had a meeting at 6:15 to continue discussion of the 2027 pay ordinance and asked Solicitor Frautschy to prepare the ordinance for the next meeting.

Councilman Miller: Street, Water, and Sewer committee met at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a 30-foot easement for a sanitary sewer line on the property at 870 W. Main Street

Councilman Martire: The Land, Buildings, Sidewalks, and Insurance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on November 2, 2026, to discuss the ordinance for sidewalks.

Councilman Beachy will be absent for the meeting on October 5th.

Councilman Miller: Street, Water, and Sewer committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on October 5, 2026

ORDINANCE 26-2437 4th Reading

Changing the zoning of the Jalen Mast property in the village of Sugarcreek, Ohio from R-1 to R-3.

Ordinance 26-2438 4th 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.

RESOLUTION 26-2439 3rd Reading

A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
Hamsher moved to approve the resolution, and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2440 3rd Reading

2027 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Hamsher moved to pass the ordinance, and it was seconded by Beachy. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2441 3rd Reading

2027 FUND LEVEL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Hamsher moved to pass the ordinance, and it was seconded by Miller. At the roll call all present members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 26-2442 1ST Reading

Authorizing a contract with the Tuscarawas County Public Defender Commission for the year 2027.

ORDINANCE 26-2443 1ST 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 1st Reading

Authorizing a contract with Spicer Group, Inc., for professional engineering services for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio.

ORDINANCE 26-2445 1st Reading

Appointing a solicitor for the Village of Sugarcreek, Ohio, for the years 2027 and 2028, and fixing the compensation to be paid.

The next council meeting is October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Attest: Carri Goddard Fiscal Officer

Wilbur R. Wilson Mayor