

Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall September 19, 2022, with Mayor Jeff Stutzman presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Matt Specht, Freeman Mullet, Dawn Butler

Roll Call: Sam Beachy, Mick Fanning, Jason Hamsher, Josh Jarvis, Jim Parson, Matt Miller.

Jason Hamsher made a motion to accept the minutes as typed and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.

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

Mayor Stutzman:

The mayor introduced Freeman Mullet and Dawn Butler. Freeman discussed the future of the building that houses the Alpine Hills Museum and the need for repair to the elevator. He presented an estimate for the repairs and council requested that he get a second quote and come back to council.

Village Administrator Specht:

Specht informed council that the replacement for the sensor on the traffic light at the intersection of State Route 39 and State Route 93 will cost \$19,255.00. Hamsher made a motion to go ahead with the repair and it was seconded by Josh Jarvis. At roll call, all members voted approval.

Specht received a request from a resident on Hickory Drive. The area needs better drainage and the resident offered to pay for the pipe and do the installation if the Village will pay for the catch basins (2). The installation will be done according to village standards. Matt Miller made a motion for the Village to purchase the basins and allow the resident to make the repair according to Village standards. The motion was seconded by Parson and at roll call, all members voted approval.

Matt Specht turned the floor to Fiscal Officer Bowen, and she explained there is a need to request an amended certificate of available resources from the county auditor due to extra revenue received by the village for the Fire Fund and the General Fund. Beachy made a motion to request an amended certificate of available resources and it was seconded by Hamsher. At roll call all members voted approval.

The solar panels on the Sugarcreek sign at Berlin have been replaced. The batteries are being charged and the sign will be operational this week.

At 7:21 p.m. Councilman Hamsher requested an executive session to discuss possible legal action. The motion was seconded by Beachy, and all members voted approval. Hamsher invited Mayor Stutzman, Matt Specht and Doug Frautschy to join the session.

At 7:45 p.m. council returned to regular session.

Assistant Fire Chief John Meek, Jr. recommended Nelson Troyer, Jr. for the fire department. Mayor Stutzman appointed Troyer and a motion was made by Hamsher to confirm the appointment. The motion was seconded by Jarvis and at roll call all members voted approval. Meek asked the village to pay for paramedic training through Cleveland Clinic for Zechary Haynes and Michael Edwards. Hamsher made a motion to pay for 50% of the schooling for each candidate. If they pass the class and fulfil their 3-year commitment to the village, the remaining 50% will be reimbursed. The motion was seconded by Fanning and at roll call all members voted approval.

Sam Beachy made a motion to allow the fire department to move forward with staffing the fire department full-time and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The bed tax committee has requested to have a minimum of two meetings per year instead of four. Hamsher made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 11-2002 Section 10.03. 2b. Beachy seconded the motion and at roll call all members voted approval

A resident brought concerns to council regarding the village zoning code and regulations, and recent paving. Specht pointed out that some of the information the resident had regarding the paving was not complete or correct.

The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and Hamsher reported the committee agreed to a 5% rate increase for Village Employees for the year 2023. The Pay Ordinance will be ready for the first reading on October 3, 2022.

Matt Miller reminded everyone of the upcoming Swiss Festival.

Mayor Stutzman announced Trick or Treat in the village will be Saturday, October 29, 2022 2-4 p.m.

RESOLUTION 22-2337 1st reading

Authorizing a contract with the Tuscarawas County public defender commission for the year 2023.

RESOLUTION 22-2338 – 1st reading

Tuscarawas County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Municipal Adoption Resolution

ORDINANCE 22-2339-

2023 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Hamsher made a motion to suspend the rules that require 3 readings and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call, all members voted approval. Fanning made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call, all members voted approval.

ORDINANCE 22-2340

FUND LEVEL TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

Fanning made a motion to suspend the rules that require 3 readings and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call, all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to adopt the ordinance and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call, all members voted approval.

The next meeting of council will be October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Fiscal Officer