

Sugarcreek Village Council met in regular session on Monday December 7, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers with Mayor Jeremiah Johnson presiding.

Visitors: Dick Rausch, Bev Keller, Ron Atkinson, Ken Mobley, Paula Miller, Clayton Weller, Jim Harrison, Mick Fanning, Kevin Kaser, Chris Chrifield, Doug Frautschy, Lavon Daugherty, Amber Kuemberle, Jason Kuemberle, Matt Miller, Arnie Klaiber, Dave Ely, Jan Dodge, Jeff Dodge, Freeman Mullet, Walt Wilson, and Keith Rathbun.

Roll Call: Jacki Agler, Tim Brown, Arlen Hostetler, Craig Morris, Jeff Schrock, and Linda Wilson.

Agenda: The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. There were none so the agenda stood as typed.

Minutes: The Mayor asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none so the minutes stood as typed.

Expenditures: Agler asked if we were having problems with toilets, due to the number of invoices to Pleasant Valley Plumbing. Matt Miller said that the invoices went back to the early spring, and we finally got the bills. Wilson and Hostetler questioned the mileage given to Mayor Johnson and Rausch. The Mayor's was lunch when they took back the surplus items, and mileage one way to Columbus. Rausch said that his were the miles he puts on going to the different plants and garages, or sites where employees are working. The Clerk said that in the handbook it states, mileage should be paid for conferences or meetings. The Clerk told Hostetler who had asked at the last meeting the Clemans-Nelson's bills will continue because when she checked with them after the last meeting, they said that it was because the Mayor said that he wanted to keep them on for job descriptions. Hostetler said the he would like to keep them on until March, and by then all job descriptions will be done. Schrock made a motion to pay list of bills, submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer, second by Morris. Vote recorded: Yea 6. Motion carried.

Reports: Wilson made a motion to accept the reports, second by Morris. Vote recorded: Yea 6. Motion carried.

The Mayor would like to thank the Businessmen for a nice Christmas in the Village event, and honoring Welton Stein.

Village Administrator: Rausch reported that the last day to pick-up leaves would be December 21<sup>st</sup>. Rausch said that it has been several months since the Village has heard from the Red Cross about the fibulators, and when he talked to them we would be placed in line for the next distribution. Rausch is also working on several grants and will present them to the Finance Committee next year. Are contract is coming up for renewal with W.E. Quicksall & Associates, and Rausch highly recommends them to stay on as our engineering firm.

Harrison reported that the Fire Dependency Board met before the Council meeting tonight and will add a new member. Also they will have some new training, and have had 11 runs since the last meeting. Harrison said that he would give the Village Administrator his list of inventory by next week.

Acting Chief of Police: Kaser present council a list of items to purchase or at least take them to the Safety Committee to get approval. Kaser was given permission to purchase items that were under \$500.00. Those items were 3-Kodak cameras for \$294.00, 4 tires and mount balancing for \$308.00, uniforms for \$400.00, badges for \$150.00, pepper spray for \$179.88. The other items will be talk about at the next safety meeting held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00.

Finance, Personnel, & Audit: Morris reported that the Finance Committee met on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> to talk about the pay ordinance for 2010. Morris made a motion to make amendments to the pay ordinance as follows. 1. Change all rates back to 2009 rate, with the exception of Village Administrator set that rate at \$42,000.00 a year and the Police Chief's rate at \$43,500.00. 2. Remove Income Tax Administrator, Deputy Clerk Treasurer, and Zoning Inspector. 3. Add new position of Administrative Assistant, pay rate is \$11.15 an hour. a. There will be two Administrative Assistants, hired and both will have different job descriptions, one will have the duties of the Tax Administrator, and the other will have the duties of water billing, each will act as assistants to the Village Administrator and the Mayor, both jobs will be part-time one will work in the morning and the other will work in the afternoon giving the office full time coverage. These new positions will give the people of Sugarcreek equal accessibility to the water-billing department and also to the Tax departments, the cost savings of having 2 part-time employees will also be substantial. 4. Change the date on the ordinance to end July 31, 2010, second by Agler. Vote recorded: Yea 2, Morris and Agler, No 4. Motion not passed.

Lands, Buildings & Insurance: Wilson made a motion to recommend that the tennis court would be asphalt and one court at this time, second by Hostetler. Vote recorded: Yea 6. Motion carried.

Schrock reported that he had a resident contact him about the intersection of Main and St. Rt. 39, with sign abstracting the view. Council would like to have the Administrator look into the situation, since this is a safety issue.

Streets, Water, & Sewer: Agler reported that there was a committee meeting held before council about the speed bumps in the Kuhn alley. There will be a meeting to finalize the issue on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. Agler also asked acting Chief of Police Kaser if they have been watching for speed and seeing that people are obeying the stop sign on Pleasant Valley Street. Kaser said that they have been, but if she would like them to be there more, they could do that, and she agreed.

New Police Chief: Agler made a motion to advertise for the Chief of Police to meet the qualifications that are spelled out in the pay ordinance, and have that person in place by the first of the year, second by Morris. Vote recorded: Yea 6. Motion carried.

Ordinance #09-1944 Titled: SETTING THE SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2010 AND DELCARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the second time.

Ordinance #09-1945 Titled: APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING VARIOUS FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the second time.

Ordinance #09-1946 Titled: TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPOPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2010 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time.

Ordinance #09-1947 Titled: PROVIDING FOR THE INTRAFUND TRANSFER OF FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time.

Ordinance #09-1948 Titled: AUTHORIZING AND EXTENTION OF CONTRACT WITH W.E. QUICKSALL & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time.

Ordinance #09-1949 Titled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERFUND TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was read for the first time.

Bev Keller from the Budget asked if the snowplow that was purchased was needed. She also made note that the plow fell short of \$5,000.00 by \$2.00. The question was asked when the brick, that were broken out at the Gateway would be replaced, and the Mayor only said that not at this time. The Clerk commended Nat Festi on passing his Waste Water 1 License.

Having no further business Morris made a motion to adjourn, second by Schrock. Vote recorded: Yea 6. Motion carried.

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Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor