

SUGAR NOTCH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

The Sugar Notch Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 892 Main St., Sugar Notch, PA. by President of Council Joe Rutkoski was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

David Balakier

Jim Mullin

Randy Gyle

Dominick Panetta

Erin Frank

Henry Mleczynski

Joseph Rutkoski

ALSO PRESENT

Treasurer, Charles Cybuch

Attorney Logsdon

Secretary, Gloria Kijek

Mayor Davis

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Henry Elmy, 648 Main – expressed his concerns about the police department and not always having police officers on duty in town and feels why spend money on a police department if you can't get officers to work when we need them. Council explained that the officers are part time and can only be scheduled when they are available. Reported on an officer that sits in a SN police car by his house almost everyday but the one day when there was a medical emergency on a school bus there was no SN officers to be found.

CORRESPONDENCES

No correspondences at this time.

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion 1 – approve December 21, 2022 minutes.

Motion Dominick Panetta.

Second Henry Mleczynski.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 2 – approve February 1, 2023 minutes.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.

Second Dominick Panetta.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 3 – approve February 15, 2023 minutes.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.

Second Erin Frank.

All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Motion 4 – approve Treasurer Report.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.
Second Randy Gyle.
All in favor. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Attorney Logsdon reported on the following: will reschedule the meeting with April Hannon from Penn Dot to discuss the Multimodule funding, Luzerne County Council has tabled the awards for the American Rescue Funds projects, had Charles explain the PLGIT Investments interest rates as an option for sewer funds, explained the Zoning Hearing Board decision for the Auto Repair Shop just needs Joe's signature, Planning Commission met tonight at 5:00 to discuss the Earth Conservancy subdivision and is ready for Council's approval as well as approval on waivers of sewer lines on map, scale of map and DEP planning module, Henry suggested making the Planning Commission a 5 person committee so that 2 Council members can serve on it, and last year's LSA grant applications have not been awarded yet and Council should think about projects for this year's application, Joe suggested applying for a packer to collect garbage since the garbage bids came in so high last year.

Motion 5 – approve the Earth Conservancy's request for a waiver on their subdivision plans that depict the underground sewer and water lines.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.
Second Dominick Panetta.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 6 – approve the Earth Conservancy's request for a waiver on the map of their subdivision plans of Section 503-A, which depicts the scale 1 inch to 150 feet.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.
Second Dominick Panetta.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 7 – approve the Earth Conservancy's request for a waiver on their subdivision plans of Section 4077-50561, which is the DEP planning module.

Motion Henry Mleczynski.
Second Dominick Panetta.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 8 – approve Earth Conservancy's Subdivision Plans.

Motion Randy Gyle.
Second Jim Mullin.
All in favor. Motion carried.

ENGINEER REPORT

Casey Cawley reported on the following: Chapter 94 is complete and needs signature tonight, Lower Oak sewer dye test can be done end of March early April so we can determine who is and isn't on sewer line, Randy said the DPW will be available to help, Dominick suggested having the DPW knock on doors of the Lower Oak residents that are not responding to letter that went out. MS4 annual videos went out for everyone to watch, he has price estimate of Woodland and Oak they camera the whole road, Dominick asked when we can start work on Brook, Casey said Council doesn't need him to start it has to be bid out, Sean said it was bid and only received one bid so needs to be rebid, Dominick said Backhoe Johnny is going to do the digging for sewer work, Henry said he will order the materials. Casey said to work under the parts of road that will be paved and then the ones that have problems.

Motion 9 – permission to allow the Borough Treasurer to transfer Sewer Funds to a Prime PLGIT account for better interest rates.

Motion Henry Mleczyński.

Second Jim Mullin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Larry Frace reported on the following: there is 2 denied zoning permits that will go to the Zoning Hearing Board, taking the person to magistrate that tried to put in a business with no permits, discussed with Council the Rental Property Inspection letters and said many residents have complied with inspections thru these letters, it does not state in the SN Ordinance that there are any exceptions to the Rental Inspections and if Council wants to waive for family members just let him know and Council will need to amend this Ordinance. Also reported on the garage on Main that was put up illegally. He said he spoke with contractor and told him all the violations that have been committed with putting up this garage including the setbacks and no HOP permit from Penn Dot. He told contractor the first step is to apply for the HOP permit and if Penn Dot does not approve it he will have to put the curb back and remove garage.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief Doucette addressed Mr. Elmy on his concerns that a SN police officer was seen right before the emergency on the school bus then no SN officer ever showed up.

COUNCIL REPORT

Dominick reported he is working with UGI on getting a light for the parking lot.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Jim Mullin at 8:05 p.m. Second Dominick Panetta.

Respectfully Submitted, Gloria Kijek, Secretary

