

SUGAR NOTCH BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

The Sugar Notch Borough Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 892 Main St., Sugar Notch, PA. by President of Council Joe Rutkoski, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jim Mullin

Dominick Panetta

Randy Gyle

Erin Frank

Henry Mleczynski

Joe Rutkoski

ABSENT

David Balakier

ALSO PRESENT

Secretary, Gloria Kijek

Attorney Logsdon

Treasurer, Charles Cybuch

Mayor, Bill Davis

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Ed Bodzio – asked why the firework law that states no fireworks 150 feet from any structures is not being enforced? Dominick Panetta said that we don't always have police on duty to enforce this.

Kendall Hancock – said that he has put in a complaint in the past about Dreff's setting off fireworks with 50/60 people attending and it's too close to structures and they left a mess. He said the Borough never did anything about it and this year if Dreff's does it again he is going to approach him.

Council discussed asking the Police Chief to schedule an officer to work on the 4th of July to enforce the fireworks law, which is none within 150 feet from a structure and also notifying Dreff's that they will be fined if they put off fireworks.

Jim Mullin commented that Brett the past Police Chief did hand out letters about the fireworks. Council said current Chief can also do this.

Ed Bodzio suggested hiring a retired police officer to come to Sugar Notch to work.

CORRESPONDENCES

No correspondence at this time.

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion 1 – approve May 3, 2023 minutes.

Motion Dominick Panetta.

Second Erin Frank.

All in favor. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT – No report at this time.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Attorney Logsdon reported on the following: 1) explained the Opioid Settlement funds that Sugar Notch received and what it can be spent on. Which for a Borough our size there isn't a lot and hopefully these guidelines will loosen up over time. Council discussed adding a room onto Borough building with these funds and using the room to hold people picked up by police that may be on opioids and adding a garage to safety bring them into the building. 2) County ARPA grant paperwork is going in tonight and there is now a 5% match. 3) He is working on getting the easement from Fritz. 4) updated Council on the SB754 and HB787 and will keep an eye on both. 5) LSA grants are due Sept. 30 so Council needs to decide what to apply for. 6) sewer project update - discussion regarding the repair/replacement of lines and Dominick will get info. to backhoe Johnny so he can look at project. Henry said we have to replace manholes also. Because we are purchasing the materials ourselves all we need is 3 quotes for the work from contractors. 7) multimodal update - April Hannon from PennDot rescheduled meeting to discuss project to July 5. She will be downloading this on the EMCS system. 8) this is the public hearing for the SALDO Amendment regarding Residential Impact Fee for Recreation, asked for any public comment, Council discussed fee amount. 9) he will look into a tax that the Borough may be able to charge folks that work in Sugar Notch. 10) he received a letter from the attorney of the owners of Rear 591 Main St. regarding how this property is zoned. Council told Sean to let him know that he has to fill out a zoning application and go to Zoning Hearing to ask for a variance for a Special Exception. 11) backhoe update purchase from LSA grant funds, vendor will give us the new backhoe to use on consignment until we get the grant money to pay it off, he checked into and this is legal. He will check with Medico on who will be putting the insurance on the backhoe during this time and 12) discussed putting the Caprice police vehicle on MunciBid to sell. If another municipality would like to purchase it complete the equipment inside will stay otherwise the equipment will be removed at that time not before.

Motion 2 – to amend the SALDO to include a Recreation Impact Fee for new construction as follows \$500 for each residential unit nonresidential \$2,000 for construction of 20,000 sq. ft. or less and over 20,000 sq. ft. an additional .10 per square foot for construction in excess of the 20,000 sq. ft.

Motion Randy Gyle.

Second Erin Frank.

All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL REPORT

Dominick Panetta reported on the following 1) 19 residents did not buy garbage stickers yet, 2) asked if we got guns back from the female officer we hired and now has left Borough and 3) his niece has a sewer problem so he sent info. to Henry to see who is responsible Borough or property owner. He did not want to get involved because it is family.

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Jim Mullin would like to get top soil to put down at old borough building lot.

Randy Gyle suggested committees should have meetings during each month and he would like to purchase a backpack leaf blower for the DPW. Council told him to go ahead and buy one.

Erin Frank had nothing to report at this time.

Henry Mleczynski had nothing to report at this time.

Joe Rutkoski said he will let Chief know to schedule officers July 3 and 4.

Motion by Joe Rutkoski to go into an Executive Session to discuss personnel at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Joe Rutkoski to return to meeting from Executive at 8:57 p.m.

Motion 3 – to terminate Frace Inspections as the Boroughs Code/Zoning Officer and Building Inspector effective immediately.

Motion Dominick Panetta.

Second Jim Mullin.

Roll Call.

Jim Mullin	yes
Dominick Panetta	yes
Randy Gyle	yes
Erin Frank	yes
Henry Mleczynski	abstain
Joe Rutkoski	yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 4 – to accept the resignation of Councilman Henry Mleczynski.

Motion Randy Gyle.

Second Erin Frank.

Roll Call.

Jim Mullin	yes
Dominick Panetta	yes
Randy Gyle	yes
Erin Frank	yes
Henry Mleczynski	abstain
Joe Rutkoski	yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion 5 – to appoint Regional Municipal Services, LLC to be the Sugar Notch Borough’s Code Officer, Zoning Officer, and Building Inspector, effective immediately, at the cost of \$400 a month and 20% of fees collected back to Borough.

Motion Dominick Panetta.

Second Erin Frank.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion 6 – to continue this Council Meeting to the beginning of the Work Session on July 21, 2023.

Motion Randy Gyle.

Second Jim Mullin.

All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jim Mullin.

Second Randy Gyle.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gloria Kijek, Secretary