Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall June 3, 2024, with mayor Walt Wilson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Jason Hamsher, Mick Fanning, Sam Beachy, Matt Miller, and Josh Jarvis. Nathan Wagler was absent.

Jason Hamsher made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2024 as typed and it was seconded by Sam Beachy. At roll call all present members voted approval.

Mick Fanning made a motion to accept the expenditures and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all present members voted approval.

Mayor Wilson: The building on North Broadway St. was torn down today and the clean up will be completed tomorrow. The next step is for the artist of the Cheesemaker Statue to come and help with placement of the statue.
The mayor and the village administrator have been researching demolition of dilapidated buildings in the village and there is money available though the county. Mayor Wilson will be finding out if the village is eligible for funding.

Village Administrator/Police Chief Kaser: The employee health insurance is up for renewal July 1 and Medical Mutual quoted the renewal at a 3% increase. The Federal guidelines for an HSA compatible plan have also increased to $1,600.00 for individuals and $3,200.00 for all others. Matt Miller moved to accept the 3% increase at the expense of the village and pass the deductible increase to the employees. The motion was seconded by Hamsher and at roll call all present members voted approval.
The water department received a grant of $10,000.00 to purchase equipment. Jarvis moved to accept the grant and allow the water department to purchase needed equipment. The motion was seconded by Beachy and at roll call all present members voted approval. The funds will be used to purchase a valve exerciser.
The Village received notice today that there was additional grant money awarded toward the water department expansion project. The first grant funds awarded in June, 2023 were in the amount of $608,220.00. At that time the project was estimated to cost $951,800 with the village share being $343,580.00. ARPA funds were allocated to the project in the amount $234,998.00. The additional funding is to cover inflation costs.
Tandem Truck: The quotes came in and the total cost would be approximately $199,000.00. Kaser recommends shopping for a used truck. In addition, the mayor, the administrator, and councilman Matt Miller plan to do an assessment of the equipment in the street department to determine what is most needed before anything is purchased. The boom truck, in particular has been having mechanical issues for some time and may need replaced.
As mentioned before, the threshold for Bids for goods and services was increased to $75,000.00. That amount will increase 3% each year.
50/50 sidewalk program: There was a discussion about wording in the agreement regarding businesses/residents. No decision was made and council agrees that the issue should be put in committee.

Councilman Fanning: Economic Development, Parks, & Recreation committee met at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of pickleball courts in the village. Mayor Wilson requested that Fanning get another quote to see if the village can save money on the installation. The committee will meet again on June 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Miller: Miller thanked the people responsible for the Hometown Heroes banners that are displayed around the downtown area. Miller will be absent on June 17th.

Residents Dan and Amy Hostetler were present to voice their concerns over the parking on Maple Street. The issue has been addressed with the residents and the solicitor said they are not running a business from their home but the parking of extra vehicles will be addressed again.

ORDINANCE 24-2383 PASS AS AN EMERGENCY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 513 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SUGARCREEK TO ADD A NEW SECTION 513.15 TITLED "ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hamsher made a motion to suspend the rules requiring 3 readings and it was seconded by Miller. At roll call all present members voted approval. Jarvis moved to adopt the ordinance as an emergency, and it was seconded by Fanning. At roll call all present members voted approval.

The next regular meeting of village council is June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Walter R. Wilson

Mayor

Attest: Connie Bowen

Fiscal Officer