Sugarcreek Village Council had a regular council meeting at Village Hall on January 27, 2025, with mayor Walt Wilson presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Mick Fanning, Sam Beachy, Nathan Wagler, Matt Miller, Josh Jarvis, Jason Hamsher.

Sam Beachy made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting on January 6, 2025. The motion was seconded by Nathan Wagler and at the roll call all members voted approval.

Jason Hamsher moved to accept the expenditures, and it was seconded by Matt Miller. At the roll call all members voted approval.

Mayor Wilson: The village experienced a major water break on the main line at the water plant January 9. He commended the employees of the water and sewer departments for diligently working in the freezing weather from 9:00 a.m. until after 1:00 a.m. to repair the line which was installed in the 1960's. Yoder excavating also came and helped for several hours. The mayor and Kaser have been in contact with Quicksall and Associates to replace the existing line which runs under the water treatment plant building. They are also looking at adding two new valves so that in the event of a leak, that line can be shut off and water forced through the other line. The expansion at the water treatment plant is scheduled to begin in March. Replacing the main line may be added to that project or it may be a separate project depending on the report from the engineering firm.
Wison said the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office sent a reverse 911 call to the village at his request, but he later learned that only about 300 residents received that call. Reverse 911 is a service that notifies the public of an emergency. The service requires registration which can be done on the website for the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office.
https://www.co.tuscarawas.oh.us/government/sheriff. The break was also posted on Facebook by both the village and the Sugarcreek Business Association.
Wilson contacted the State to inquire about the waiver for Winklepleck Grove. They said they had misplaced it but then found it and they had talked to Tuscarawas county, who supported the waiver. Wilson will let council know when the waiver is either approved or denied.
Winklepleck Grove: The bandstand needs repaired or replaced. Wilson assigned it to the Economic Development, Parks, and Recreation committee.
Railroad crossing Edleweiss and St Rt 39 – Wilson and Kaser met with Javan Johnson from Troy Balderson's office, and they will continue to work toward a solution for the repair of the tracks.

Fiscal Officer Goddard: The signature cards at First Federal Community Bank need updated to remove the former mayor and utility clerk Jan Dodge and add mayor Wilson. Hamsher made a motion to update the signature cards, and it was seconded by Beachy. At roll call all members voted approval.
Village Administrator Kaser: There is a resolution on the agenda tonight for the Maple Street project. Kaser presented updated plans for the renovation at the fire station. Council members agreed to have Wagler and Kaser talk to ECOBA to determine what is needed to move forward.
The new CASE backhoe is in service and Kaser invited everyone to go to the garage to see it.

Fire Chief Meek: 2024 Year-end reports are complete.

SUGARCREEK FIRE/EMS TOTALS 2024

MONTH	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
January	16	34	50
February	12	36	48
March	16	32	48
April	10	41	51
May	13	27	40
June	13	38	51
July	6	40	46
August	14	45	59
September	16	48	64
October	11	48	59
November	19	40	59
December	12	51	63
Totals	158	480	638

Total calls for the year were 638, up from 533 in 2023 and 525 in 2022.

Meek and Wilson met with Sugarcreek Township regarding the Fire/EMS contract and the township agreed to an increase. The Township will pay the village $120,000.00 annually for Fire/EMS coverage.

The Fire Department will host their All-you-can-eat Spaghetti dinner on February 22, 2025 at the fire station from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The dinner is available by donation.

Councilman Beachy reported there was a safety committee meeting prior to council to discuss the medical director position for the village. No decision was made.

Councilman Jarvis thanked the street department for keeping the streets clear during the winter weather.

Councilman Fanning asked if the village's salt supply is sufficient. Kaser said we have a good supply.

RESOLUTION 25-2403 – PASS AS AN EMERGENCY

Authorizing Kevin Kaser to enter into and execute contracts with the Director of Transportation which are necessary to develop plans for the construction of ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps along with drive aprons, curb and gutter, drainage, and pavement repairs along Maple Street and Church Street in the Village of Sugarcreek as detailed in the LPA-ODOT-Let Agreement
Beachy made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval. Beachy made a motion to approve the resolution as an emergency and it was seconded by Jarvis. At roll call all members voted approval.

The next meeting of council will be held on February 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.
A date for the second meeting in February will be determined at the February 10 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attest: Connie Hoddorf
Fiscal Officer

Wilbur R. Wilson
Mayor