

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of Sharpsburg Borough Council was held April 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

President Reno called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Manager Rossey announced the presence of the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs here to film the Council Meeting. As outgoing President in June, Rossey will have a video presented at the conference in Hershey and this council meeting will be part of the video for Sharpsburg as an expression of Rossey's gratitude allowing him to serve as President and this Council permitting him to serve the state and Sharpsburg Borough.

Roll Call found the following Members present: Matt Brudnok, Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Larry Trozzo, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki, Chief Stelitano. Joe Simbari arrived at the meeting at 6:34 pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

None

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- a. Geoff Temple, District Governor of the Lions clubs of Allegheny County, presented the opportunity to Council to create a Lions Club for Sharpsburg-Aspinwall area. Roots of Faith meeting room is being considered for use for the Lion's meetings. The Lion's mission is to serve the community.
- b. Susan Oliver Stough, Executive Director of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul discussed the direction of St. Vincent De Paul and wished to dispel the rumors that the store in Sharpsburg is closing. The board has approved updates and modifications to the store to include flooring, lighting paint, and repair to the outside wall which will include a mural. Repairs will be completed by their grand re-opening during "Open Streets", June 2, 2018.
- c. Robert Habegger, member of the Environmental Advisory Council reported the success of the Earth Day held on April 22, 2018 with 89 volunteers who gathered 3000 lbs. of debris to include trash, scrap, and tires.
- d. Brian Wolovich of New Sun Rising discussed the installation of solar panels awarded by a grant application approval from the Hillman Foundation submitted by the Sharspsburg Neighborhood Organization with Council approval. The location selected for the panel installation is the Library. Reno acknowledged that the Library will be chosen if the Library Board approves this location as well.
- e. Kathleen Lipinski from Roots of Faith discussed "The Neighborhood Table" and asked Council's permission to close 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Clay to place tables and chairs in the street during warm months to add an additional free dinner offered to the public from the current three free dinners a month held presently. The goal of the Neighborhood Table is to have people connect within the community.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### Trozzo (Zoning/Planning)

Nothing

### Domian (Personnel)

Domian discussed the progress of the planning of the "Open Streets" on June 2, 2018 and the overwhelming commitment from the vendors, as well as addressing parking and traffic concerns so the event will run smoothly. Domian mentioned volunteers are needed to assist in the preparation of the event prior to June 2, 2018 as well as volunteers for Fire/Police.

### Pastor (Public Safety)

Pastor commented that the Fire Department had 17 fire calls in March with no major incidents. She acknowledged that the Fire Department's fundraiser donation requests have been mailed and mentioned that all donations are used for equipment and maintenance of the building. The Department will hold a spaghetti dinner which will be held on June 24 at Camp GUYASUTA from 11 am until 4:00 pm. Pastor mentioned that the Fire Department volunteers will not be available for the Memorial Day Parade as they are in the parade and during Open Streets the volunteers will be at training. Pastor mentioned that the Volunteer State Guard may be able to assist with these events. Pastor mentioned that the Fire Department will be conducting a CPR class and all employees and Council are welcome to attend. The date for this will be announced in the near future. She also mentioned to Council to please try and complete the NIMS training as this does help for qualification assistance with grants.

### Simbari (Public Works)

Simbari commented that the district's municipalities will be participating in the police regionalization study. He mentioned that he is not supportive of any effort for Sharpsburg to be part of the police regionalization as he thinks the police force is strong and growing. He emphasized that attention and support should be given to the ambulance EMS companies in the District to include Foxwall, Seneca, and Parkview and bring those organizations to the table to discuss any concerns.

### Jaso(Health/Property)

Jaso commented on the progress with the efforts made to fight the opioid crisis in the Borough of Sharpsburg and helping addicts get into treatment.

Jaso asked for a status update on his list of repairs and improvements in the borough's parks and property and Rossey commented that weather permitting public works is working on the list of repairs. Jaso commented that the Waste Management Refuse and Recycling bill reflected an overage charge from the recycling dumpsters and asked Manager Rossey to inquire if it is possible to have a second location or if Waste Management might be able to empty the dumpsters three times a week instead of two.

### Brudnok (Finance)

Brudnok commented on the number of volunteers committing to Earth day clean up.

Helgert (Junior Council Member)  
Excused

Mayor Rudzki

Rudzki commented on the excellent turn out and results from the hardworking volunteers for Earth day and commended the Environmental Advisory Council on all their efforts.

Rudzki commented that O'hara and Blawnox have signed the letter of intent for the police regionalization study and he is hoping that on May 2<sup>nd</sup> Aspinwall will sign the letter of intent as well.

Rudzki met with Socialize Right and Hoebel to address the goals of teaching children, youth, and students to use social media responsibly.

Rudzki mentioned that Animal Friends will be hosting another spay/neuter event in the Borough parking lot sometime in June once they locate some of the colonies within the borough.

Brother Ken is seeking a quote from the Borough to install lighting, a flag pole, and a flag in Curly Park as he would like to make this is next donation.

Reno (President)

Reno commented that Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization will be teaming with Millvale Community Library to conduct a clean air fellowship and is seeking Sharpsburg area applicants open to high school students graduating from 2019 thru 2022.

Reno inquired of Manager Rossey if there is any movement on creating a spring newsletter. Rossey mentioned he is discussing this with the web page tech and that the tech can possibly create the letter.

Reno mentioned that the Library is offering grant funded programs such as STEAM- Science Technology Engineering and Math story time and Maker Mondays and invited all to stop in the Library to identify with all the good projects.

Rossey (Manager)

Rossey mentioned the Herald posted an article about the various contributors funding the Library and mentioned that Sharpsburg Borough is very generous contributing \$22000 a year plus payment for their utilities and insurances with respect to the fact that surrounding communities are lacking in their contributions.

Rossey mentioned that the Girl Scouts have volunteered to paint the catch basins in town through materials donated by Alcosan to promote that the public should not dump chemicals, grass clippings, etc. in the sewer catch basins.

Rossey mentioned that Nicole Moga of Boat Pittsburgh is asking Council's permission to expand the area of docking to include the rental of kayaks at James Sharp Landing.

Rossey discussed the importance of donations to the Fire Department as all Fire Departments in the State of Pennsylvania as well as country wide are suffering from the lack of volunteers and membership as well as the lack of funding from public donations as this state of affairs is almost to the point of a crisis level. The EMS service also needs public support and funding. Rossey is researching the possibility of attaching a claim to insurance companies for reimbursement when the Fire Department responds to a fire call or vehicle accident and provides services.

Stelitano (Police Chief)

Stelitano mentioned his recommendation of applicant Shane Bruner for part time police officer, Officer Brett Carb's completion of a drug intervention course and that the new police radios have arrived and are in service.

Stelitano mentioned that Officer Hussar and Officer Jango were in the police chief's office and will be completing the training and will be on active duty starting on Monday. Chief attended a safety meeting at FCAHS and will attend a monthly meeting with the school superintendent and all the chiefs in the school district. Chief mentioned that the schools are now welcoming police officers to walk the halls and interact with students both day and evenings.

Witherel (Solicitor)

Nothing

President Reno made a motion to approve the following general business by consent agenda:

- a. Payment of bills due through May 24, 2018
- b. Minutes from the March 22, 2018 Meeting
- c. Motion to pass Parking Ordinance 18-03 regarding suggested revisions and/or changes made to Parking Ordinance 17-05
- d. Motion to pass Ordinance 18-04 authorizing public safety officials to enter a vehicle to protect the health and safety of an animal contained within.
- e. Motion to pass Ordinance 18-05 prohibiting the keeping of dogs outdoors in extreme temperatures.
- f. Motion to pass Ordinance 18-06 prohibiting the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores or other commercial establishments and requiring any person advertising the sale of an animal to include and applicable license number in the text of the advertisement.
- g. Motion to pass Ordinance 18-07 prohibiting the performance of wild and exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement and establishing guidelines for the possession of wild animals.
- h. Motion to accept Rich Aluise's letter of resignation from the Borough of Sharpsburg effective Friday, June 22, 2018.
- i. Motion to advertise for the position of Public Works Director.
- j. Motion to accept bid proposal from 2Krew Security and Surveillance in the amount of \$49,620.00 for the installation of the new security camera system for the Borough.
- k. Motion to accept the bid from State Pipe Services, Inc. in the amount of \$149,770.00 for the sewer pipe cleaning of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Ali Street. This is being paid for with the \$150,000 CITF Small Water and Sewer Grant.
- l. Motion to pass Resolution 18-04 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 169-J-21 (123 23<sup>rd</sup> Street) in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.
- m. Motion to pass Resolution 18-05 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 167-m-07 (Spring Way) in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.
- n. Motion to grant Janice Kerr permission to install a park bench in Kennedy Park in memory of her sister Diane D'Amico.
- o. Motion to approve the installation of solar panels on the library using the Hillman Foundation Grant funding contingent on approval of the library's Board.

Motion made by Pastor and second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote.

PERMITS:

Handicapped Permits:

None

Usage Permits:

None

Refunds:

None

Reno asked for motion made by Brudnok and second by Pastor to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rossey, Manager

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