

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on August 23, 2018 at 6:30 Pm.

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

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 (excused).

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Citizen Comments (Registered)

John Adkins and Jake Silver representing the film production of Mindhunters were seeking Council's permission to slow the traffic volume on South Main Street on the day of filming, September 6, 2018 as well as close the ramp on to Route 8 during filming.

Rosa Settino discussed her concerns regarding parking on Noble Street.

Stephanie Tripier inquired if the Council members that had not completed the FEMA certification course had done so since last meeting. She inquired as a voter of the elected officials if she could be given the name of those that have not. Tripier was told that Mr. Simbari had not done so yet and was informed of the course since March.

Tripier inquired of the intended use of the Main Street grant monies, discussed her concerns of potential flooding, and expressed the importance of the need for more green space as well as the attention needed to catch basins

Robert Habegger of the Sharpsburg Environmental Advisory Council discussed his concerns regarding the recycling cost increases, the changes to types of products that will be accepted, and expressed possible solutions to Council for options that may help to continue recycling in Sharpsburg.

Committee Reports:

L Trozzo, Chairperson
Zoning/Planning/Code
Nothing

G. Domian, Chairperson
Personnel

Domian reminded the public of the event Music in the Park Friday, August 24, 2018. He thanked the Guyasuta Committee for the use of their stage for the event as well as also thanking the Guyasuta Committee for a successful Guyasuta Days week of events.

K. Pastor, Chairperson

Public Safety

Pastor mentioned that the Fire Department assisted in 45 calls during the month of July and acknowledged that the flooding here in Sharpsburg and neighboring communities contributed to this increase in calls. She also mentioned the receipt of a \$46,000 Federal grant for Air Capture systems to purchase equipment that will capture the diesel fumes emitted from the fire trucks when leaving the fire station

Pastor also mentioned the Fire Department Open House on October 6th, 2018 from 10-2 regarding fire prevention. On Halloween the Fire Department will be handing out 400 treat bags from 6 – 8 pm. She thanked the Guyasuta Committee for a successful fair as well as permitting the Fire Department to participate with the gambling activities. She acknowledged that Nancy Wynn was the recipient of the \$500.00 Fireman's Raffle based on the daily lottery.

J. Simbari, Chairperson

Public Works

Rossey mentioned that Public Works are painting the crosswalks through town.

J. Jaso, Chairperson

Health/Property

Jaso announced the Tri Boro Area Meeting to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2018. He announced that Wednesday, August 29th, County Executive Fitzgerald will be touring Sharpsburg. October 13th, 2018 will be the Sharpsmeade event at Kennedy Park, beginning at 11:00 am and November 6, 2018 is Election Day. He thanked the Guyasuta Committee for a successful Guyasuta Days event and the great fireworks display.

Jaso mentioned to Council the consideration of a cigarette recycling program similar to Aspinwall's program. Containers will be stainless steel at a cost of \$573.00 for six at the Borough's expense. Jaso is seeking volunteers to create a committee to review parks and public areas of Sharpsburg. He mentioned that the bridge opening is delayed until September 24, 2018.

M. Brudnok, Chairperson

Finance

Brudnok thanked the Guyasuta Committee for a fantastic fair and fireworks display.

He mentioned meeting with the Veteran's Banner group and mentioned the group is looking for Sharpsburg to create a committee to approve each banner as well as hopefully direct participation from the VFW.

M. Rudzki, Mayor

Mayor recognized the resignation of Police Officer, Ron Cerniglia with a proclamation and applause.

He reminded all that schools are open so be safe, use caution, and obey all traffic laws.

He acknowledged the rash of vehicle break-ins and advised all to lock cars and don't leave valuable in the vehicle.

Mayor met with Chas Smith who suggested Council consider the Borough lot as a designated exchange zone such as meeting to sell something from Craigslist, internet exchange, etc. This will be an area which will be safe and monitored by cameras.

Mayor discussed the meeting of the Police Committee and presently the interviews being conducted to hire a part-time police officer and additionally the purchase of a 22 gauge rifle.

B. Reno, President

Reno acknowledged the Guyasuta Committee for a great event. She also discussed the use of solar panels at the library.

W. Rossey, Manager

Rossey mentioned the submission of the 2019 CDBG grant application to be earmarked for catch basin replacement and storm sewers rehab.

He discussed with Council the available demolition monies and acknowledged the intention of applying for additional funds He asked Council to provide a list of proposed properties to be considered for demolition and begin the due process for those structures.

Rossey acknowledged the Safety Committee Meeting to be held August 24, 2018 and one item of discussion is the AED and the replacement of the current outdated ones. He mentioned the receipt of the Fugh monies of which some of the money can be used for this purchase.

Rossey discussed the need to replace the current network server at the cost of approximately \$2700.00.

Jaso discussed the consideration of bullet –proof glass on the police and administrative areas of the Borough building and Reno asked Bill to obtain a quote.

T. Stelitano, Chief of Police

Chief read the police report for the month of July. He acknowledged that there were no police incidents during Guyasuta Days and thanked the committee for feeding the officers during the week.

M. Witherel, Solicitor

Consent Agenda

Nothing

Reno made a motion to approve the following general business by roll call:

- a. Payment of bills due through September 27, 2018
- b. Minutes from the July 26, 2018 Meeting.
- c. Motion to accept the bid from Minnifield Demolition, Inc. in the amount \$15,998.00 for the demolition of property known as 124 13th Street, Sharpsburg, PA 15215.
- d. Motion to adopt the Sharpsburg Borough Police Department Policy and Procedures Manual as presented.
- e. Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-11 approving, adopting, and enacting an ordinance codification for the Borough of Sharpsburg, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save from repeal certain other legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for tampering with the code.
- f. Motion to pass Resolution 18-08 approving the donation of solar panels and the installation on the Sharpsburg Community Library.
- g. Motion to approve the memorandum of Understand (MOU) between Cooper-Siegel Community Library and the Borough of Sharpsburg regarding the solar panels and installation at the Sharpsburg Community Library.
- h. Motion to accept the resignation of Police Officer Ronald Cerniglia effective Thursday, August 23, 2018.

- i. Motion to approve as recommended by the police committee, the pay rate for a part time police officer with a minimum 20 years of service (full or part-time) shall be \$20.00 per hour. Further, any part-time police officer who works an average of 32 hours per week over a six month period shall accrue five (5) days of paid time off (PTO), not to exceed five (5) PTO days in any calendar year, and cannot be carried over. Additionally, any part-time officer who works an average of 32 hours per week over a six month period shall accrue a uniform allowance of \$300.00, not to exceed \$300.00 in any calendar year and cannot be carried over.

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

Permits:

- a. Handicap Parking
- b. Use Permits: None
- c. Zoning/Building: None

Refunds:

None

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and the next Council meeting will be Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rossey, Borough Manager
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