

**SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 27, 2020**

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held August 27, 2020 at 6:30pm.

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

Roll Call found the following members present: Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Brad Truman, Adrienne Laing, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):

Citizen Comments (Registered)

Dominic Magnelli - Resident

Explained the accident he was in while riding his bike down the sidewalk on Main at the Dollar General at 18<sup>th</sup> Street. He feels that there should be signs posted for the pedestrians so they are aware of the cars that pull out of the alley next to the Dollar General. The owner of that building did posted signs for customers who ride around the back of the building and exit over that sidewalk.

Ken Aquiline – Sara Innamorato’s Office

Ken explained that their office is a resource to the communities they serve. There will be a Telephone Townhall on September 3, 2020 at 7pm. It is an open forum. If you are interested, you can find the information on their website or social media page. The Mayor and President of Council asked us to help the residents fill out their census and explain that it helps the borough receive more money. Ken also mentioned that their office has been helping people with their unemployment compensation benefits. Those are about 90% of their cases.

Sara Smith – Sara’s Pets and Plants

Sara would like to close N. Canal Street for a Street Fair on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and possibly the 19<sup>th</sup>. She feels it would be a great opportunity to support the local businesses.

Emily Taylor – Dancing Gnome

The Dancing Gnome, in conjunction with Outdoor Adventures, would like to have a kayaking experience with food and drink afterwards at James Sharp Landing on October 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. There would be 2 groups of 15 people. Tickets will be bought in advance. You can buy a ticket that covers kayaking only or buy a ticket to cover kayaking, food and drink.

Reno made a motion to allow Dancing Gnome to have their event provided that the borough is added as an additional insured and that they follow the LCB rules and the CDC guidelines.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

J. Simbari – Yes

G. Domian – Yes

J. Jaso – Yes

K. Pastor – Yes

A. Laing – Yes

B. Truman – Yes  
B. Reno – Yes  
Motion carried.

Andrea Marsh – Resident

Andrea spoke about the oriental cockroaches at 10<sup>th</sup> Street. She says that they come up out of the sewers and take over her backyard and porch during the spring and summer. When fall comes, they try and get into her home. She has an exterminator that comes but it is only a temporary fix. Neighbors are also having issues with the cockroaches. She is asking for regular chemical treatments of the sewer system.

Rossey responded and said he did some research himself and he will be in contact with Alcosan to see what kind of chemicals can be used to treat the issue.

Sara Mariacher – Library

Sara gave her monthly report on the statics of the library currently. You can find a copy of her report on the Sharpsburg Borough website.

### **Committee Reports**

W. Rossey – Manager

Rossey reviewed the consent agenda.

Rossey thanked Roxane and Carleen for their help getting the information submitted as we already received our \$80,000 grant check from the County for Covid-19.

Rossey also mentioned that the borough is going to save \$64,000 by switching to a different insurance company for the borough's workers compensation insurance.

Rossey said that work will begin on Clay Street between 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Streets on or around September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Ravine Street work should start on or around October 19, 2020 and go through November 2021.

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/Code

Nothing currently.

G. Domian – Personnel

Nothing currently.

One item for executive session.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

31 Calls for July, 219 year-to-date

Pastor thanked everyone, especially the police, for their efforts in cleaning up James Sharp Landing. Many residents have commented on the difference it has made.

Pastor mentioned that RAD Auto is supposed to be closed and gone by September 1, 2020.

Stelitano addressed the issue and said that there has been no problem down there.

J. Simbari – Public Works

Simbari mentioned about the feces that are being left on N. Canal Street on the sidewalks.

Simbari talked about naming the new DPW building. After giving council members some background information, Simbari made a motion to name the new maintenance building after an influential person of the borough, Carl Ferraro, who was a great leader in Sharpsburg.

2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Domian

All in Favor – Yes

#### A. Laing - Health/Property

Thanked the first responders during the pandemic.

Laing talked about the Environmental Council. They now have a new President, Erin Lane, and a new member Sara Smith.

Laing talked about the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance that she would like to see passed here in the borough. Discussion to continue.

#### J. Jaso – Finance

Jaso noted the difference between the two proposals from Axon for the body cameras.

Jaso made a motion to purchase the 11-body cameras at the cost of \$20,524.08.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari

All in Favor – Yes

Jaso asked noted that the parking ticket collection is very high. Stelitano said the increase is from street sweeping.

Jaso asked about the 6 juvenile arrests for the month and Officer Carb responded and said it was one incident that involved 6 juveniles.

#### A. Mack – Junior Council

Absent

#### J. D'Ambrosio – Public Works

Absent

#### M. Rudzki – Mayor

Rudzki talked about the Main Street grant money and its status.

Rudzki talked about PWSA status with line replacement. There will be disruptions and we should notify residents to anticipate months of construction.

Rudzki talked about the demolition grant money. Wants to make sure the monies get used for demolition of properties so that we do not lose the grant money.

Rudzki thanked Shaler for sending their vactor truck again. Rudzki asked if we could pay Shaler to do the catch basins at least twice year.

Rudzki asked if Kennedy Park can be made into a dog friendly park. Make leashes required, take down signs and put up bag stations.

Rudzki talked about a pilot program that Hampton Police Department currently has with social workers helping the police. Rudzki mentioned that perhaps the COG could hire and share the social workers between the boroughs and townships.

Rudzki – Encouraged the community to complete the census form.

#### B. Reno – President

Reno talked about the Resource Fair that is going to be held on September 17, 2020 between 3pm-7pm.

Reno asked council about writing a letter to the Fox Chapel School Board asking them to meet with the borough on our Transit Related Improvement District project study.

Reno also mentioned the Census.

T. Stelitano – Chief  
239 Calls  
6 Adult Arrests  
6 Juvenile Arrests

Thank you to the Ladies Axillary of the Fire Department for donating \$200.00 to the PD.

M. Witherel – Solicitor  
Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Payment of bills due through September 24, 2020.
- b. Minutes from the July 23, 2020 Meeting.
- c. Motion to hire Andrew Haburjak as a part-time police officer effective August 28, 2020.
- d. Motion to pass Resolution 20-11 electing to amend its non-uniform pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS) pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.
- e. Motion to pass Resolution 20-12 authorizing an application to the Pennsylvania Municipal Assistance Program for a TRID Planning Study to examine public infrastructure needs and private development potential in a ½ mile area around and including the Riverfront with financial participation in the amount of \$25,000 from Riverfront 47, LP and \$25,000 from Action Housing as a match for the project.
- f. Motion to enter into a preliminary engineering agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad and Riverfront 47 to review the project construction documents for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street renovations. These engineering costs will be paid for totally by Riverfront 47.
- g. Motion to give Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization and Roots of Faith in conjunction with the Allegheny County Health Department permission to hold a Resource Fair on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 at 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Clay Street.
- h. Motion to donate \$300.00 to the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department for their annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event.
- i. Motion to give Sugar Spell Scoops permission to block off two (2) parking spaces on North Canal Street on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in participation of Pittsburgh Vegfest.
- j. Motion to approve Sara Smith from Sara Pet's and plants street closure to hold a small business event on September 18 or 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- k. Motion to write a letter asking the Fox Chapel School Board to meet with the borough council representation to talk about the TRID.

Motion by Jaso  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari  
All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:  
Pastor – Yes  
Simbari – Yes  
Truman – Yes  
Laing – Yes  
Domian – Yes  
Jaso – Yes  
Reno - Yes

Permits:

- a. Handicap Parking
  1. Ginger Michalski – 1341 Main Street
  2. Tory Popinski – 219 Clifton Ave. #2

Motion by Domian  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari

Use Permits: None

Zoning/Building: None

Refunds: None

Executive Session: Yes

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn  
Motion by Pastor  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey  
Sharpsburg Borough Manager

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