

## SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 16, 2021

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held December 16, 2021, 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: Jonathan Jaso, Kayla Portis (absent), Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari arrived at 6:40pm, Brad Truman, Adrienne Laing, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki and Chief Stelitano

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):

Citizen Comments (Registered):

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library Update

Mariacher gave a written report to be posted on the borough website. Mariacher was unable to attend.

Committee Reports:

W. Rossey – Manager

Rossey reviewed the consent agenda.

Rossey said the streetscape project is on hold right now because of the weather turning cold.

However, the contractor was able to get some line painting done due to some warm weather.

Rossey said the playground at 16<sup>th</sup> Street is complete except for the landscaping and sidewalks that need to be poured. The contractor has started on the playground at Kennedy Park.

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/Code

Nothing currently.

K. Portis – Personnel

Absent

K. Pastor – Public Safety

21 Calls in November

249 YTD

Pastor spoke about the 2<sup>nd</sup> accident that happened along Main Street once again in front of All of us Care.

Pastor said there was a fire on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. There was a business in the garage. No one knew about it. Lou Deluca is following up with the property owner.

Pastor read Dave Komora's yearly report. He is our code enforcement officer for high grass, weeds, snow, ice, and abandoned vehicles. Pastor said he is out there doing his job.

J. Simbari – Public Works

Nothing currently.

Simbari said it has been a good 4 years and he is proud of what he accomplished in such a short period of time.

A. Laing – Health/Property

Nothing currently.

Laing is happy with the progress in the parks with the playgrounds.

Laing thanked the outgoing council for their service.

Laing wished everyone Happy Holidays.

J. Jaso – Finance

Nothing currently.

Reno addressed Jaso about the ordinance to decriminalize the possession of a small amount of marijuana. Reno asked Officer Carb if he was able to pull stats on past arrests in previous years. Carb said no due to the fact that we changed reporting systems, so he is not able to get those stats.

Jaso made a motion to table advertisement of ordinance 22-02.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari

All in Favor – Yes

J. D'Ambrosio – Director of Public Works

Nothing currently.

M. Rudzki – Mayor

Rudzki said it is his last night as Mayor and he will be sworn in tomorrow as MDJ. Rudzki is resigning as Mayor tonight and has a prepared a letter to the people of Sharpsburg. Rudzki read his letter (a copy will be posted with the minutes in January).

B. Reno – President

Reno mentioned the Christmas Celebration at the Linden gym. Greg and his committee have been collecting presents around the community for the event. The celebration is tomorrow night at 6pm.

Reno said there will be a virtual meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6pm via zoom. Reno will have the zoom link posted on the borough website.

Reno thanked everyone as this is the last council meeting she will be preside over. Reno said it has been a great pleasure working with all of you.

T. Stelitano – Chief

Stelitano thanked Rudzki and said it was a pleasure working with him and said he felt they worked well together.

Stelitano welcomed Reno and is looking forward to working with her.

Stelitano thanked the outgoing council for their support over the years.

Stelitano welcomed the new council and said if you have any questions, concerns, complaints, that you are more than welcome to stop by the station, call, or email him.

252 – Calls

25 – Traffic Stops

17 – Citations

10 – Warnings

12 – Domestic  
7 – Adult Arrests  
0 – Juvenile

Stelitano addressed the 2 accidents on Main Street that happened in the same spot. Stelitano said one of the major reasons for accidents is distracted driving not necessarily speeding. Officer Carb is waiting on blood results from the first accident which involved one car, and Allegheny County came out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> accident and reconstructed the accident and we are waiting on the report.

Stelitano said that in the past month, we have written 100 traffic citations for various reasons from speeding, stop signs, and one way. The officers have been sitting in various locations. If you have any concerns about certain areas, please reach out to us.

Jaso asked Stelitano about the blinking speed limit signs. Stelitano said they are expensive but will see if he can borrow one from O'Hara. Jaso said can you get reports from the sign. Pastor said yes, it can tell you how many cars drove past the sign and their speed. You can then figure out the percentage of speeders.

A discussion ensued.

M. Witherel – Solicitor  
Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Payment of bills due through January 3, 2022
- b. Motion to pass 2022 Proposed Budget
- c. Motion to advertise the following meeting dates for 2022:
  1. Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 3, 2022 @ 6:00pm
  2. Regular Council Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @ 6:30pm except for November meeting will be Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 6:30pm
  3. Planning Commission – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 6:00pm (as needed)
  4. Zoning Hearing Board – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:00pm (as needed)
- d. Motion to pass Resolution 21-18 adopting the Alcosan Act 537 Special Study
- e. Motion to grant Soccer Shots Pittsburgh permission to use Kennedy Park on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:30 starting March 23<sup>rd</sup> Thru May 18<sup>th</sup>

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

Roll Call:

Portis – Absent

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Simbari – Yes

Truman – Yes

Laing – yes

Reno – Yes

Reno made a motion to accept Rudzki's resignation.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Truman

Permits:

- a. Accessible Parking (None)
- b. Use Permits (None)
- c. Zoning/Building (None)

Executive Session - No

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Laing

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey  
Sharpsburg Borough Manager

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