

SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING December 22, 2022

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held December 22, 2022, at 6:30pm.

President Laing 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(excused), Karen Pastor, Carrie Tongarm, Sarah Ishman, Adrienne Laing, Peter Adams, Mayor Reno, Chief Stelitano

Pastor asked for a motion to accept the police contract covering January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025.

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing – Yes

Citizens Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Citizens Comments (Registered):

Environmental Planning & Design: Riverfront Zoning Overlay Amendment
An overview was given on the changes to the zoning.

Luke Borowy – Kayak Pittsburgh – 2023 Session

Borowy asked for approval for the of the kayak ramp at James Sharp Landing for the 2023 session.

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher gave her monthly report on the library.

Greg Domian – Parks & Recreation Commission

Tongarm gave an update on the commission plans.

Erin Angeli – Human Rights Commission

Angeli gave an update on the commission and their meeting dates. The commission will be meeting every other month on the 2nd Tuesday to begin in February.

Committee Reports:

A. Laing – President

Laing said there was one (1) executive session last month regarding personnel.

Laing also said there was an appeal to one of the ADA applicants. A discussion ensued. Tongarm made a motion to approve the appeal to relocate the parking space.

2nd by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

P. Adams – Health/Property

Adams gave an overview of the parking permit survey on parking permits.

Adams reviewed the survey for garbage/recycling and the renewal contract with Waste Management. A discussion ensued.

Adams made a motion to award the contract to Waste Management starting January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, with limited service and without yard waste, with recycling and with a default 64-gallon cart with the option to the resident to select a larger or smaller cart for garbage pickup.

2nd by Tongarm

All in Favor – No

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Excused

Jaso – No

Pastor – Yes

Laing – Yes

DeRunk talked about Charge Point and how the charges for the charging stations operate and how the hourly fees will be set.

C. Tongarm – Zoning/Planning/Code

Tongarm made a motion to adopt the Sharpsburg riverfront overlay amendment as proposed and advertised in October 2022, inclusive of editorial clarifications received as part of public review process.

2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Tongarm made a motion to approve resolution authorizing the Borough to submit the Local Access Road grant application, sign the MOU, and other necessary documents (matching funds, SF-424, SF-424D) related to the grant.

2nd by Ishman

All in Favor – Tech issues

Roll Call:

Adams – Yes

Portis – Excused

Jaso – Technical issues
Pastor – absent
Tongarm – Yes
Ishman – Yes
Laing – Yes

Tongarm made a motion to adopt changes to the following ordinances:

- Definition of rental to clarify what is meant by a regulated rental unit.
- Occupancy Use and Permits to clarify that an inspection is needed prior to title transfer and said process.
- Solid Waste to update the ordinance to reflect current garbage contract.
- Sewer Fees to update to reflect that the Borough is not in the water business and to align fees with how ALCOSAN charges the Borough.
- Business Privilege Tax and rental units to clarify that the tax applies to property owners with two or more units.

2nd by Adams
All in Favor – Yes

K. Pastor – Public Safety
6 Fire Calls for November

Pastor said that they have raised \$12,210 from the letters sent out for the fund drive.

Pastor said the Hampton Township Resource officer, Carl Good asked her to thank Officer Kimmel for him volunteering two hours of his time to demonstrate to the robotics class at the high school the various robots and technology used by the SRT Team. The students got a chance to use the robots.

Mary Bauer – Social Worker – Gave an update on the work here in the borough. Anyone wanting statistics can contact her.
Bauer said that received the grant that they applied for in the amount of \$180,564. It will be available 1/1/23 – 12/31/24 which is the award period. Monies can be used for a full-time social worker, 2 new computers for the cars.

Chief Stelitano gave his monthly report.

S. Ishman – Public Works

Carmody gave his DPW monthly report.

Ishman reviewed the engineer's report.

Ishman said the K9 vehicle was sold for \$23,600.00. The Ford 650 sold for \$96,000.00 to Moon Township.

J. Jaso – Finance

Jaso said we will monitor the budget reports closer.

Jaso made a motion to adopt resolution 22-16 setting the 2023 fee schedule.

2nd by Adams
All in Favor – Yes
Tongarm – abstained from 8A due to public utilities.

Jaso made a motion to pass resolution 22-17 award the TAN to Huntington Bank as described.

2nd by Pastor
All in Favor – Yes
Roll Call:
Pastor – Yes
Tongarm – Yes
Ishman – Yes
Adams – Yes
Portis – Excused
Jaso – Yes
Laing – Yes

B. Reno – Mayor

Reno said some local businesses and residents want to donate a playhouse for the 16th Street Park. Looking to start work on it in the spring.

Reno thanked Second Harvest for the grant for the police department. The police department will be doing some community engagement work with the funds provided.

Reno asked for her mic to get fixed at the council table.

M. Witherel – Solicitor
Nothing currently.

C. DeRunk – Borough Manager
Reviewed manager's report.

Adams made a motion to advertise the workshop and meeting dates.

2nd by Jaso
All in Favor - Yes

R. Mason – Junior Council

Tongarm gave Mason's report due to a school sporting event.
Tongarm said that the high school had a telethon fundraiser for Fox Family Care's and raised \$88,000 and counting.

Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of bills through December 31, 2022
2. Minutes from November 17, 2022, meeting
3. Posting of parking on Front Street being one side only
4. Painting of yellow line at stop sign at 19th and Chapman Street
5. Selection of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood for 2022, 2023, and 2024 annual audit.
6. Approve sale of K9 vehicle to highest bidder for \$23,600
7. Ratify selling of Ford F650 for \$96,000.00
8. Ratify advertisement of updates to ordinances (definition of rental; occupancy and use permits; sold waster; sewer fees; business privilege and rental units)

9. Approve sauna days at JSL on Saturdays from February 4th to March 25th from 9am – 2pm

10. Soccer Shots spring dates in Kennedy Park.

Motion by Pastor

2nd by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Adams – Yes

Portis – Excused

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Laing – Yes

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Motion by Tongarm

2nd by Adams

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager

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