

**SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 23, 2020**

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held January 23, 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, Chief Stelitano, Aiden Mack (Junior Council Member)

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only): None

Citizen Comments (Registered)

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher is the branch manager of the library. She will be giving monthly reports to council which will include statistics, what's going on in the library, and upcoming program highlights.

Misty Chybrzynski – Arise

Chybrzynski talked about the newly created website for the borough. She created a website that is more ADA compliant and user friendly.

Committee Reports

W. Rossey – Manager

Rossey explained each consent agenda item.

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/Code

No report currently. However, Lou DeLuca and I are working on a reporting repour.

G. Domian – Personnel

No, not currently. Domain did mention that he has 6 food trucks reserved for the upcoming Open Streets in June.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

Decembers fire calls – 28

For the year 2019 – 315 calls, 800 hours responding to calls, and 1000 hours of training.

Pastor mentioned that they have started training with Aspinwall which has included CPR and hazmat.

Pastor said Lou Costanzo was elected unanimously for 2020-2021. He has served as Chief since 1989 and an officer of the department since the early 1980's.

#### J. Simbari – Public Works

Simbari talked about the purchase of the property for the new DPW maintenance building. We are now in the design and build phase. Simbari said he's going to reserve comments about the project.

Simbari addressed again the motion made several months ago about retaining Parkview EMS as the borough's provider. Simbari is still questioning what council agreed to, he feels he doesn't get an answer because council didn't agree to anything. Simbari insists there is no agreement. The Solicitor said he will follow up. Not sure when the agreement expired. Reno stated the motion was made on the proposal submitted. Simbari stepped in and said there was no previous meetings to discuss the proposal, he feels that there had to be meetings privately outside this forum for there to be some type of agreement because it was not discussed publicly other than we tore apart Seneca. We never discussed Parkview, Foxwall or Hampton Shaler. How did we agree to something that was never talked about? Solicitor replied I haven't seen the proposal but typically what is in the proposal is what the agreed to provide as services typically. The solicitor explained that council must vote on the service whether it's EMS, engineering company or even the solicitor. Once the vote has been achieved said company has to fulfill the services in the proposal. Simbari said the proposal was never discussed collectively. Reno asked Simbari if he read the proposals? Reno said that the council members read the proposals and the majority wanted Parkview. Simbari said no other proposals were discussed. The solicitor responded and said that the services submitted and voted on are the services that they need to provide. Simbari asked why there is not an official signing of an agreement? The solicitor said their submission of the proposal is them saying if you vote for us, we're going to do the things stated in the proposal. Laing addressed the solicitor clarifying that what is in the proposal is what we agreed to? The solicitor said yes. Laing then asked again to clarify that we do not have to follow up with a signed contract. The solicitor said no, and the vote is the contract. Laing then asked the solicitor that since there is a concern about not being clear on what we agreed to is there a way to make the proposal public, maybe put it on the website? The solicitor said yes there are parts of the proposal that can be made public like the services under the Right to Know.

#### A. Laing – Health/Property

Nothing currently.

Laing addressed the Chief about the crossing guards and who decides the placement of the guards. The Chief responded that the school district makes those decisions. Laing has concerns about the Linden Avenue stop being dangerous.

#### J. Jaso – Finance

Nothing currently.

#### A. Mack – Junior Council

Nothing currently.

Reno said let's get together to figure out a spring project to work on.

#### J. D'Ambrosio – Public Works

Nothing currently.

#### M. Rudzki – Mayor

Rudzki congratulated two woman-owned businesses on their grand openings on Main Street - Sara's Pets and Plants and 4Four6 Distillery.

Rudzki talked about the Leya family and Guyasuta Printing. Carl Leya retired after 74 years as a printer and closing Guyasuta Printing. He purchased the printing company in 1974, a print shop which traces its origins to 1878 with the publication of the Sharpsburg Herald.

Rudzki thanked an anonymous member of The Pittsburgh Foundation for a \$1,500.00 grant to the Sharpsburg Community Library to expand the Spanish/English children's collection.

#### B. Reno – President

Reno announced the grand opening of Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization.

Reno talked about the Tri-Boro Eco District project has received some funding from the state to do some intersection improvements. This is to improve key pedestrian points that are high traffic, dangerous intersections. These are plans from the committee's vision plan from last year. I'm asking to use some of the Tri-Boro money we have, not borough money, to be able to engage Senate Engineering to get them to render out some legitimate engineered drawings as to what is possible at this intersection.

Jaso asked what intersection and Reno responded the Gateway Park area. We need to do something to make the intersection safer for pedestrians.

Reno – Sharpsburg Community Library – She is excited about the new bilingual studies.

Reno addressed Rossey about the consolidation letter to the fire departments. Rossey replied no I didn't, I have not had a chance to talk to anybody. Rossey feels the Chief's of the fire departments should be writing the letter. Reno spoke about the agreement to raise the fire tax on the basis that Sharpsburg would take the lead on the consolidation letter. Reno addressed Pastor. Pastor acknowledged that sending out letters has been discussed and that we would like to consider sitting down and talking about it. Pastor said Indiana and Fox Chapel will not be part of that and she's not sure about Julie from O'Hara. Lou and Mike did meet with Etna and Millvale but need to meet again. Pastor reiterated that it is a long drawn out process. People really must make a commitment to sit down and do it. The Aspinwall Chief would be on board but I'm not sure about their council. Reno said we're going to be the ones to put the message out there because we're the ones that agreed to do it. Pastor said let her talk to the Chief and see if they want to do it or if they would rather Rossey do it.

Reno brought up the 2020 Census. There are great jobs available. We can get valuable information from the census about the borough. She explained if you don't do the paper census that you will be added to the walking census and people will be knocking on your door to complete the census. The borough receives funding from the state based on the census data that is gathered.

#### T. Stelitano – Chief of Police

206 Police Calls

0 – Juvenile Arrests

2 – Adult Arrests

4 – Traffic Stops

Stelitano said he and the Mayor got a request from Officer Hussar to attend Peyton's K9's Handler Instructor Training. He was hand picked to attend. It's in Scottsdale, AZ. The borough doesn't have to pay for anything other than his room and board. Everything else is paid through Peyton's K9's. It will just be Jeff, Jango stays behind. It's for 3 days.

Stelitano also said to stop by the station and check it out. That there are all brand-new computers and monitors to be able to see the camera's better and CAD system.

#### M. Witherel, Solicitor

Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Payment of bills through February 27, 2020/
- B. Minutes from the January 6, 2020 Meeting.
- C. Motion to affirm the appointment of Louis Costanzo as Fire Chief of the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department for years 2020-2021.
- D. Motion to appoint Louis Costanzo to the Planning Commission (this is a 4year term)
- E. Motion to approve Animal Friends request to hold a mobile clinic on Friday, February 21, 2020 in the borough parking lot.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Simbari – Yes

Truman – Yes

Laing – Yes

Domian – Yes

Reno – Yes

Permits:

A. Handicap parking - None

B. Usage Permits - None

C. Zoning/Building - None

Refunds – None

Executive Session – None

Reno asked for a Motion to Adjourn at 7:50pm

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> By Simbari

All in Favor – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey

Sharpsburg Borough Manager