

# SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## July 28, 2022

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held July 28, 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, Karen Pastor, Carrie Tongarm, Sarah Ishman, Adrienne Laing, Peter Adams, Mayor Reno, Chief Stelitano

Citizens Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Citizens Comments (Registered):

Erin Angeli – HRC Update

Angeli talked about the reimbursement that it did not make this month's agenda.

Angeli also asked to be added to the agenda for each monthly meeting for updates from the HRC.

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher gave her monthly updates on statistics and programs available.

Alisa Whysong – 13<sup>th</sup> Street and N. Canal Fence Mural

Whysong talked about The Positive Painting Project that was inspired by her daughter Katie.

Whysong asked if she could place a mural at 13<sup>th</sup> and N. Canal Street.

Jaso made a motion to amend the consent agenda to add approval of the 13<sup>th</sup> & N. Canal fence mural. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Tongarm made a motion to approve the mural.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Debbie Bobeck – Flea Market

Bobeck announced that there will be yard sale at 13<sup>th</sup> and Middle Street. Bobeck would like to see the whole community involved. The Yard Sale will be September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm.

Committee Reports:

C. Tongarm – Zoning/Planning/Code

Tongarm gave her update on the Overlay zoning.

Tongarm announced that each person who applied were interviewed, and the following are recommended for appointment. Roman Mason, Paul Brayer, Donna Bishop, Mallory Helbling, Greg Domian, Megan Mooney, Anne Lopez, and Kaitlyn Ballard.

Tongarm made a motion to appoint the recommendation for appointment of all eight candidates to the Parks Commission with their effective term dates.

The mayor swore the appointees in.

Tongarm talked about the accessible parking ordinance and the language that is going to be updated.

Tongarm made a motion to advertise the proposed accessible parking ordinance for consideration of adoption at the August council meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing – Yes

K. Portis – Personnel

Portis read a Recognition about the former public works director Jordan D'Ambrosio. Portis presented a gift card to D'Ambrosio.

Portis announced that Jack Dellert will assume the role of Foreman of the department until his retirement and recommended that Dellert be compensated \$25 per hour retroactive to July 18 when he began this role.

Portis made a motion to compensate Jack Dellert as Foreman to a rate of \$25 per hour for so long as he is assuming the role of Foreman.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tongarm

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Laing – Yes

K. Pastor – Public Safety

Chief Stelitano went over the monthly police report.

There were 52 fire calls for June.

Pastor said they were presented with a request to review the current air mile residency restriction in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Union. A council committee has met to review the request and recommends adjusting the requirement from 10 to 15 miles through Memorandum of Understanding that will expire as part of the contract at the end of the year.

Pastor made a motion to adopt the memorandum of Understanding that adjusts the residency requirement from 10 – 15 miles and expires with the current labor contract.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Laing – Yes

Pastor mentioned the repairs to the new concrete sidewalks, Pastor feels that solution is unacceptable for new concrete. Jaso is in agreement. A discussion ensued.

Pastor mentioned that the state has added new restrictions to the state's fireworks law. The restrictions will make it harder for residents to be able to shoot fireworks off in the borough.

S. Ishman – Public Works

Dellert read the monthly DPW report.

Ishman reviewed the items in the engineer's report.

P. Adams – Health/Property

Adams gave an update on the ARLE Grant.

Adams Said the borough does not currently have a mechanism to manage the installation of wireless facilities within the Rights of Way. The North Hills COG contracted with the Cohen Law Group to provide a model ordinance, design standards and fee resolution for all North Hills member communities to consider. This ordinance, design standard and fee resolution has been reviewed and is recommended for advertisement.

Adams made a motion to advertise the Wireless Facilities Ordinance with new design standards and for a motion to adopt to considered at the August 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – yes

Ishman – yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing – Yes

Adams said the borough's Street Opening Permit language and design standard were both in need of an update to insure the borough's streets are maintained after being open cut or bored by utilities or any other excavation. The proposed ordinance brings this standard current and is being recommended for advertisement.

A discussion ensued and the ordinance has be tabled until next month.

J. Jaso – Finance

Jaso said the 2021 Audit has been completed by Turnley and Associates and is available for public inspection.

Jaso mentioned that council has been provided with a list of 41 properties that are now delinquent in their property tax payments. These properties are now recommended to be liened. All but one of these properties are privately owned. Jaso said he is recommending council lien all delinquent properties provided but the one owned by a public entity that owe over \$50 in taxes.

Jaso made a motion to authorize Keystone Collections file liens for 40 properties delinquent on their 2019 taxes and owe over \$50.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tongarm

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes  
Adams – Yes  
Portis – Yes  
Jaso – Yes  
Pastor – Yes  
Laing – Yes

Jaso gave an update on the LGA Financial Assessment update.

B. Reno – Mayor

Reno gave updates on FEMA for what needs to be done to be in compliance for the National Flood Insurance Program. When we come up to compliance, we will be able to apply for the Community Rating System.

Reno brought to attention of council the issue with the bushes at Kennedy Park. They impeded the vision of drivers. A discussion ensued.

Reno said she has gotten complaints about cars parking on the new sidewalks. A discussion ensued concerning this issue.

Reno said the borough has received its first check from Duquesne Light for the solar panels on the library. The check is for \$672 for 3 years and the payment will be split between the borough and the library.

Reno said there is refrigerator at Second Harvest for people to take food and donate food. Please donate.

Reno has a personnel issue for executive session.

M. Witherel – Solicitor

Nothing currently.

R. Mason – Junior Council

Mason brought before council a proposal for a skate park under the 62<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge. A discussion ensued.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Payment of bills due through August 24, 2022.
- b. Minutes from June 23, 2022, Regular meeting.
- c. Approval of the mural at 13<sup>th</sup> and N. Canal Street.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing – Yes

Permits:

- a. Use Permits (None)
- b. Zoning/Building – See Monthly BIU Report

Laing said that there will be an executive session requested by Reno for a personnel matter.

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:55pm.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Dailey  
Interim Manager

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