

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpburg Council was held June 27, 2019 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:

Matt Brudnok, Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Larry Trozza, Britany Reno, Mayor Ruzdki, Police Officer Dan Scullli. Chief Stelitano absent, Aiden Mack Junior

Council absent.

#### **Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):**

#### **Citizen Comments (Registered)**

Elaine Tierney – Owner of Mossy Lane

Tierney wants to do something special on behalf of her one year anniversary of her store here in the borough. She would like to have a runway show. She stated it would be great publicity for the town. She was selected to be in Pittsburgh Fashion Week, so there is some publicity behind the designers in that event. Her store will have a large event that day and the runway show will kick off the event. She's asking to use North Canal Street for approximately an hour. She has her own PA system and chairs. Her publicity person is already working on project which is Saturday, August 3, 2019 around 2pm. She will be using women from the community to participate in the runway show.

Reno stated that N. Canal is a PennDOT street. Can it be shut done? Rossey said yes. Motion to shut down N. Canal. Motion by Brudnok 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso. All in favor – yes.

Louis Costanzo – Fire Chief

Costanzo addressed the issue of the portable dumpsters in the borough and the blocking of streets and the shutdown of certain streets for the dumpsters. Ruzdki addressed Costanzo that the Chief and Lou Deluca are staying on top of the dumpsters and the placement of cones opposite of the dumpsters to keep the roads open for cars and emergency vehicles. However, residents are moving the cones to park making the roads narrow and the police are attempting to stop the issue. Costanzo has an issue with the length of time it is taking for some of the houses/businesses that are in renovation. Is there not a time limit? (Particularly 9<sup>th</sup> & Clay) Costanzo also addressed 2 handicap signs that should not be there. Ruzdki addressed the issue and said the Chief is reviewing with Sandy and that he will follow up with the Chief. Costanzo awareness of the danger at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main especially for emergency vehicles. Costanzo went into a scenario that happened when he was driving the ariel truck. Ruzdki addressed Costanzo and said that bollards were ordered to go at the yellow line at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main. Ruzdki also added that a concave mirror has been ordered for that intersection. Costanzo has issue with the churches. St. Mary's has too many cars down there can't get into the street.

Pastor addressed that there are cars on sidewalks and there were cars ticketed a few weeks ago and the tickets were taken back at least one.  
Costanzo suggested making a fire lane and understands that fire lanes need to be made by an ordinance. Same issue with St. John's, you cannot go up 6<sup>th</sup> Street Sunday morning. Jaso asked how what is the length of a fire lane. Costanzo did not know. Reno addressed that tickets should not be canceled.  
Doman asked if he could get a No Parking on the sidewalk sign.  
Jaso addressed Costanzo to make a list of the areas that he would like a fire lane to make one ordinance.

\*Let the record show that Joe Simbari arrived at 6:51pm

### Committee Reports:

W. Rossey

Manager

Rossey addressed certain items from the Consent Agenda  
A & B are self-explanatory.

C. Easement agreement with Riverront 47. The access easement to go through property, the borough is giving a 30' easement to be able to go through the area. All in conjunction with the access at 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the riverfront development, the borough solicitor and Mosites attorney worked together to come up with the solution to benefit both parties.

D. Paving project. We put out for bid to pave Short Canal between 2<sup>nd</sup>-th, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, S. Canal between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Five to six companies bid. Folino came in at the lowest bid. Some of this project will be paid for through liquid fuels that we get through the state and from the budget, approximately \$30,000 per year through public works.

E. Acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property. It has been applied for through the Vacant Property Program of Allegheny County and has been approved to allow the property to be sold.

F. Temporary traffic regulation at 10<sup>th</sup> Street which states "No Left Turn on Main Street". The Mayor has the power to do that as a temporary resolution and will see how it works. If it works he has 90 days for us to evaluate. After the 90 days the borough feels that it's working and it is something we want to make permanent, we would advertise an ordinance to amend the current traffic ordinance in the borough and make that a permanent no left turn onto Main Street.  
Rossey ordered a couple of new signs for the areas that are high visibility. One on top of the stop sign at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and one for across the street.

G. Request for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 for 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 13<sup>th</sup> Street to continue the work on Main Street sidewalks and so forth.  
H. Luisa Scipione is resigning from the Planning Commission. Her term was up at the end of the year. If anyone wants to serve on the Planning Commission let us know. We need people to serve on the committees.

I. Motion to give NAMSC (Chrystal Richards) permission to use Kennedy Park on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 8am-2pm to hold a yard sale/bake sale.

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Rossey addressed the public that there is information at the back of the room and for them to have to do a better job with speeders through town. The Senate on Tuesday again, posed a Bill approving radar for the local police departments. PA was the only state in the country that did not allow local police departments to use radar. Every other state allows radar to be used for speeding. Legislators look at it as the local municipalities are going to use it to make and that's not true, it's used as preventative maintenance. It's a deterrent to many people. School zones especially, radar is needed. The Senate passed the 49-1 and now it's going to the House of Representatives. The paper in the back has all the state Legislators. They need to hear the peoples opinion whether you are for it or against it. Last year it went to the House and died. It's a safety issue for our kids and residents with the speeding in our town. Police have to use stop watches that are certified every month and painted lines to catch speeders.

L. Trazzo  
Zoning/Planning/Code  
Nothing

G. Domian  
Personnel  
Nothing

Domian asked Rossey about any update on Guyasuta Square. Rossey replied the lights are ordered and waiting for them to be delivered and because of the rain the crosswalks need painted.  
Domian asked about the one remaining mercury light at 13<sup>th</sup> Street basketball courts. Rossey said the new LED lights will installed.  
Domian spoke about old news – Open Streets – Thanks to a lot of people. The police department and all their hard work and the DPW were fantastic. With the help of the police department and the DPW, fellow council members, and the committee, we made it a great event that was successful.

K. Pastor  
Public Safety

The fire department has 25 fire calls in May, 578 hours of response time.  
Pastor talked about Cherry City Fire Department hosted a review of the Etma warehouse fire. Wanted everyone to come and discuss what was done, what was good, and wasn't good and how could we improve upon. Over 100 firemen were there including EMS and police.  
Pastor stressed the importance of the fire inspections of businesses. And again mentioned the owner of the Etma warehouse who didn't know what was all housed in there and that the sprinkler system was shut off and the alarm shut off. There are many lawsuits and will go on for years.

Pastor spoke about the Air Exhaust Project at the fire department. The department had exhaust air ventilators installed at the fire station. They will pull out the diesel fumes from inside the bays and keep them from drifting into other parts of the building.

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The money that paid for the system was grant money from 2017 and waiting to hear if we get 2018 and putting in for 2019 with numerous other departments to get new radios. Thank you to Bill for helping to get new lighting in the back of the building that also helps officers and putting lights on the 2 pads outside to brighten up.  
Pastor mentioned tickets are still available for the August 10<sup>th</sup> drawing for \$2000 and always seeking new members.

J. Simbari  
Public Works

Simbari thanked Jordan and the guys for cleaning up the lot behind the VFW. If you look at the entrances into town they have come a long way. Nice job.

Simbari addressed council – As our conduct as elected officials and what we do and the message we send as officials is important. We had two incidents that happened this last past month with members, one not that big of a deal because it had to do with a knee jerk reaction and a lot of passion.

1) Using Borough letterhead to a response that you gave Rich Fitzgerald to the health department in regards to the police shooting and how they were handling certain things. Simbari did not disagree at all but he thinks when you use Borough letterhead and signing it was President of council and then posts it on social media, now you are speaking for all of us. In doing so, you kind of put the rest of council in a bit of a predicament because we don't know if the county has a negotiator and what their procedures are. Reno addressed Simbari and said feedback accepted. Simbari addressed Reno and said he felt that the letter should have been on personal letterhead vs Borough letterhead and signed President of Borough Council.

2) Simbari said this was brought to his attention through the local Pittsburgh media that the Mayor represented a defendant against the Sharpsburg Police. Simbari feels as the Mayor and the head of the police department that's a show of no competence. Simbari stressed that he feels the Mayor should resign. The situation you put the police department in, they cannot comment. Rudzki addressed Simbari by thanking him.

J. Jaso  
Health/Safety  
Nothing

M. Brudnok

Finance  
Nothing  
Brudnok said that he has purchased a home out of the borough and next month will be his last meeting.

Simbari addressed Brudnok and said he did an exemplary job for this town.  
Reno also added it's been a pleasure to work with him.

Brudnok is taking up chair position at the VFW so he will still be involved in the town.

**Council Meeting, June 27, 2019 (5)**

Reno asked are we going to advertise for a seat on council. Rossey responded Brudnok has not submitted his letter yet. Once he does we can advertise next month and you have 30 days to fill his seat. Reno said if you're interested in serving our council or if you know of someone please let us know.

A Mack

Junior Council Member

Absent

J. D'Ambrasio

Public Works

D'Ambrasio said the students started last week in the OBR program. They are all doing pretty well. They are doing a lot of painting and gutting grass around town, Kennedy Park work; they trimmed roses, pulled weeds, and painted yellow safety lines in front of the borough building. Rossey stated that we got 4 kids from the OBR program for 4 days a week for about 8 weeks and they have their own supervisor that oversees their work also. No cost to the borough. Rossey said they are great kids. We have 3 guys and one girl and they are juniors and seniors. Rossey is hoping we can get them to come to the next meeting so everyone can meet them and introduce them at the council meeting. Reno asked if Rossey reached out to Morgan Miller. He said yes and never heard back.

M. Rudzki

Mayor

Rudzki thanked Domian for all the work he does for the borough. Rudzki said if you haven't had the chance to stop down at James Sharp Landing, the girl scouts finished their bronze project. The pollinator boxes and native plant species are planted. They have a watering plan so they will not die. They also built their bat boxes on their own. They need installed. Rudzki thanked Bridget from Sara Immanro's office and the health department for the Overdose prevention training at the borough a couple of weeks ago. About a dozen residents and visitors were in attendance and handed out 20 Narcan kits. Rudzki delivered kits to the Hitchhiker, Dancing Gnome, Sugar Spell Scoops, VFW, and Ketchup City has some, Mossey Lane, and the library also have kits. Rudzki noted the docks are in at James Sharp Landing.

Rudzki thanked Reno and the Neighborhood Organization for all the hard work they did on they Evelyn Shoop and Barbara Smith and their families for the murals that were installed last Saturday and unveiled at the Borough.

I want to thank Brittany, Karen, and John for the company consulting and the Allegheny All Together meeting last week. We've been in for a few years and the purpose of Allegheny All Together is to spur small businesses growth in Sharpsburg. The consulting team has been wonderful. Back 5 years ago you could roll a bowling ball down Main Street now we have complaints about parking. It's evident of the progress in the business district.

**Council Meeting, June 27, 2019 (6)**

Rudzki mentioned the Etna Sharpburg National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. Etna fire, police, EMS, Sharpburg fire, police, EMS, and North Hills Swat Team, Allegheny County Emergency Services and Cherry City VFD will be in attendance. Two food trucks, ice cream truck, and live music thanks to Domian.

Rudzki said the police department is losing Shane so we have no more part timers. It's becoming problematic to put together a schedule. We've interviewed 20 part-timers in the past year. We've only hired one officer. Council needs to consider adding a 7<sup>th</sup> full time officer. It's the only way to staff the police department. Nineteen cadets came out of the police academy and 17 of them had fulltime jobs before they graduated which means there were 2 out there for part-time for 130 police departments in Allegheny County.

Pastor addressed that the Chief needs to go out to the academy and talk to the class (there's a class there now) and say this is why you want to come to Sharpburg. Other departments do that and that's why the students go so fast.

Rudzki said we need to fill 5 shifts and the other alternative is to consolidate with other departments because we can't support the department with only 6 guys.

Jaso said can we put the ad in again for police service testing so we can put a list together? Domian stated that someone who works on DPW makes more an hour than a part-time police officer who puts their life on the line.

Reno stated she's not comfortable with hiring part-time officers without benefits.

Reno is with consolidation with other departments.

Reno would like the budget looked at again.

Scullini mentioned that one full-time and one part-time would be the best for the schedule.

Rudzki took out the No U Turn sign at the Guyusta Plaza.

Rudzki looked at the ordinances and the borough does not have bans in there about No U Turns. We need to add a revision to the ordinance to add No U Turns.

Rossey addressed that this falls in with the fire lanes, parking, traffic, and no left turn onto Main. That all goes under one ordinance once we exactly know what we want and were we want it. Rudzki also mentions the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> and Marys. It's a 4way intersection but only has 2 stop signs, when we look at the ordinances that we add 2 more stop signs at this intersection. Reno addressed that it's a good idea because of walking pedestrian's safety.

Pastor asked if Jaso could lead in the gathering of information for the ordinance and put all together.

Let the record show that the Mayor left at 7:42pm.

B. Reno

President of Council

Reno stated she wants to make changes to the Minutes one correction stated as the Balmori ground breaking when actually it was the Etna Ground breaking. The second change is to the Solicitors name from R47 is Late Metz not Lee Metz.

Reno talked about the Sharpburg River Festival. It is on August 10, 2019 1-5pm. We were anticipating maybe 300 people now we are topping 30,200 people interested on Facebook. We are going to have water sources, live music, local food vendors, and Alcosan.

The Breweries in town would also like to participate. Rossey called the insurance company to see if it was possible. The insurance company to be asked for an additional officer by there and also there be an area where the beer would be consumed be roped off and someone carding and possibly giving out wristbands. The breweries have their permits for off property events. Reno is asking to shut down 13<sup>th</sup> at main to vehicle access down to the river that day. Reno wants to hang a banner where Open Streets banner was 3-4 weeks prior. Reno also asked about parking lots the borough owns that we might be able to use that day whether its 13<sup>th</sup> at Main or the N. Canal lot, does Nancy use that on weekends? Rossey addressed the sale of beer. You could sell the wristbands and take the money and pay for your police officer.

Reno was going to have Aiden talk about but he was not at the meeting this month. There is an opportunity for Sharpsburg teenagers called the Teen Solar Fellowship. The kids get a small stipend and spend about 3 weeks doing solar panel installation and learning about it and working with people in the industry. The trainer said if there are kids doing a really good job they could hire them right out high school if they're not interests in going to college but rather get a job right out of high school. If you know of a teen ager interested in solar or green energy or engineering tech she can connect you with that location.

Reno wanted to talk to council about the possibility of the borough offering money to Guyasuta Days Committee to purchase their stage and tents.  
Pastor – Are they for sale? Magnelli said yes.

Reno said multiple organizations have events done at the borough and often we ask Guyasuta Days Committee to lend us those things for the day and then have to return them. Reno feels it would help them with an extra boost of money for any legal documents they may need.  
Magnelli said they are not brand new things but are in very good shape.

Reno would like to offer \$500 for the tents and \$500 for the state as a starting point. She and Rudzki discussed this and that's the number they want to start with.  
Magnelli stated the stage cost was \$4500 somewhere around 2008 when it was purchased. She also said if you would like to purchase any of the things to please put your offer in in writing and we will consider the offer. She also stated that they need to do an inventory of all the tents.  
Reno stated she is interested in the white tents not the blue ones.

Magnelli said most of them are in good shape.  
Reno asked to be notified when the committee has done their inventory.  
Magnelli said for the borough to submit a proposal and she will put it before the whole Guyasuta Committee for discussion.

Domain stated to keep the Rec Center in mind if the committee does anything with the chairs.  
Magnelli also stated that if there's any residents interested too, please let her know. They are going to sell off all inventories.

**Council Meeting, June 27, 2019 (8)**

All in favor – Yes

- a. Payment of bills due through July 25, 2019
- b. Minutes from the May 23, 2019 Meeting.
- c. Motion to approve the easement agreement with Riverfront 47, LP and the Borough of Sharpsburg for the property know as Block & Lot 168-S100-1 and 168-S-100-2.
- d. Motion to award the 2019 Paving Project to A. Folino Construction Inc. in the amount of \$98,669.52.
- e. Motion to pass Resolution 1905 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and Lot number 167-M-332 (915 Clay Street) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.
- f. Motion to pass Resolution 190-06 approving the following temporary traffic regulation per Chapter 15 of the motor vehicle and traffic code, Part 1, general regulations, 15-105 experimental regulations implementing a “NO LEFT TURN ONTO MAIN STREET FROM 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET”.
- g. Motion to pass Resolution 19-07 approving the request for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Department of Community & Economic Development to be used for Sharpsburg’s Central Business District Streetscape Improvements.
- h. Motion to accept the resignation of Luisa Scipione from the Sharpsburg Planning Commission.
- i. Motion to grant NAMSC (Crystal Richards) permission to use Kennedy Park on Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 8:00AM to 2:00 PM to hold a yard sale/bake sale.
- j. Motion to shut down traffic on 13<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to the Allegheny River (partial shutdown) on August 10, 2019 12:30PM to 5:30PM.

**Consent Agenda:**

T. Steltiano  
Chief of Police  
Nothing  
M. Withere  
Solicitor  
Nothing

Reno said Regina Russian offered to facilitate digital accessibility training for all council members but primarily someone from the office. Reno addressed Rossey if he was the only one that has to connect with Misty. Rossey said no. Reno asked does Carleen, Rossey said no, Reno asked does Roxane, Rossey said no. Rossey stated that Chuck does. Reno said she’s going to work with Russian to get Chuck, Rossey, and anyone else that is interested because the borough’s website needs some accessibility improvements. We will have to figure it out.



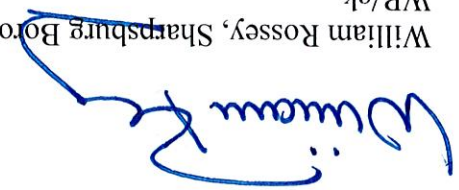
- Permits:
- a. Handicap Parking
  - i. Anthony Panza – 1411 Middle Street
  - ii. Dean Scuticchio – 128 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - iii. Joseph Rees – 321 8<sup>th</sup> Street
- All in favor - Yes

- b. Use Permits (NONE)
- c. Zoning/Building (NONE)
- d. Refunds

Executive Session:  
None

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM. Motion made by Brudnok 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Rossey, Sharpburg Borough Manager  
WR/ck

**FINES AND FEES COLLECTED**

**THIS MONTH - JUNE 2019**

**Year to Date**

PARKING METER COIN COLLECTED	\$1,617.00	\$9,273.00
PARKING TICKET FINES COLLECTED	\$2,180.00	\$9,345.00
DISTRICT COURT FINES RETURNED	\$2,295.10	\$11,424.19
13 <sup>TH</sup> STREET METERED LOT FEES	\$500.00	\$3,000.00
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT FINES RETURNED	\$0	\$153.93
<b>TOTAL FINES</b>	<b>\$6,592.10</b>	<b>\$33,196.12</b>

**ARRESTS**

ADULT	10	66
JUVENILE	0	2

**CITATIONS ISSUED /REPORTS FILED**

TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	18	99
PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED	27	189
NON-TRAFFIC SUMMARY ARRESTS	1	15
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	281	1,242
INCIDENT REPORTS FILED	270	1,706

**SUBMITTED BY: CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS STELITANO**

