

# SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

## March 24, 2022

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held March 24, 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

Presidents Statement:

The Board was provided with easement information on the R47 Development. Laing asked the Solicitor to provide some background information on this matter.

The solicitor simply explained the agreement.

Laing made a motion to approve the R47 Easement agreement for the submission of the EAA Grant.

Laing said Saturday, April 23 is the community clean-up day from 9am-12pm.

Laing also said the Celebration at Etna Riverfront Trail and Park is 12-2

Laing said Council is pleased to announce that Interim Manager Jason Dailey has been able to start work with the Borough early and begin assisting the Borough Administration. Mr. Dailey's contact email and borough phone are the same as our previous manager. Thank you, Mr. Dailey.

Citizen Comments Agenda Items Only:

Citizen Comments (Registered)

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library Update  
Mariacher gave her monthly report on the library.

Sara Smith – Sharpsburg Borough Business Group

Mike White – Human Rights Commission

White said their vacant seat is still open.

White said their by-laws are complete.

White mentioned that they are going to have a Pride event in town.

Committee Reports:

C. Tongarm – Zoning/Planning/Code

Tongarm said the 446 Distillery and Gino Brothers Pizzeria are requesting a temporary signage fee waiver from Ordinance 1603, Article VI, Sec 27-e603#4. They are requesting the fee to be waived during time of Main Street construction and 30 days after for business recovery.

A discussion ensued.

Tongarm made a motion to grant the requested temporary sign fee waiver for Gino Brothers and 446 Distillery through the time of Main Street construction activity and 30 days beyond.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Laing – Yes

Tongarm mentioned revising the snow removal ordinance. She has included a copy of her revisions.

A discussion ensued and no action taken at this time.

Tongarm talked about revising the Tow Away Ordinance. She has included a copy of her revisions.

A discussion ensued and no action taken at this time.

Tongarm said she is working with Greg Domian in creating a Parks and Recreation Commission.

A discussion ensued and no action taken at this time.

Tongarm said she would like some of these items to go onto the website for public comment and have a private email for residents to send their thoughts to.

K. Portis – Personnel

Nothing currently.

Portis thanked everyone for making the Four Generations display at the library for Black History Month.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

Chief Stelitano read his report on his statistics for the month of February.

Chief Stelitano mentioned the letter he received from Shaler Township's Police Chief Sean Frank thanking Officer Kimmel for his assistance with a call on Middle Road on Saturday, February 26, 2022.

Pastor said the Fire Chief Constanzo, and Assistant Chief Daniher will provide an update on the status of the Fire Company. Daniher explained the merger with Aspinwall in a presentation he made available.

A discussion ensued.

Pastor said the borough has been asked to participate in a regional fire study by submitting a formal letter of intent to the state which is provided for the Boards review. Pastor stated the participation in the study is as a courtesy to O'Hara. Aspinwall and Sharpsburg fire department's will continue forward with their merger.

Jaso made a motion to sign the letter of intent to enter the fire study.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes  
Jaso – Yes  
Laing – Yes  
Motion carried

Sarah Ishman – Public Works  
D'Ambrosio – Public Works Director  
D'Ambrosio gave his report for February.  
Ishman said the borough engineer provided an update on the projects taking place around the borough and future projects. This update is provided to the board for review.

Alcosan gave their updated presentation on Act 537.

Ishman said the borough engineer and the public works director will be providing their recommendations for roads to be considered for paving this year.  
Ishman said she would like two other board members to join her in touring the roads that are recommended for paving.

Ishman said she will plan to recommend to the board at the April meeting for the engineer to prepare bid specifications and advertise for bids to be received and opened prior to the June meeting where the Board will consider awarding a contract.

Peter Adams – Health/Property  
Adams said that Merritt Chase will present a presentation for the green infrastructure projects.

Merritt Chase presented their presentation.  
A discussion ensued.

Adams said the borough has been visited by representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help us review the current state of the borough's flood plain and how we can manage that program. Adams said representatives will be meeting with borough staff and elected officials, as well as touring the borough.

Adams made a motion to approve the concept design to move into the construction documents  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Laing – Yes

Motion carried

J. Jaso – Finance

Nothing currently.

Jaso mentioned that he spoke to his contact at Fox Chapel High School for a junior council person. Reno said that Diana Moore's daughter is interested, and she will get Jaso the information.

Jaso said that Earth Day is coming up and it is a good time to Adopt-a-Street.

## B. Reno – Mayor

Reno said that the new solar crosswalk signs will be put in at 6<sup>th</sup> & Main St and 16<sup>th</sup> & Main Street.

Reno talked about the handicap parking ordinance and that a board of 3 council members and the Chief needs to be formed. Pastor, Tongarm, and Laing are interested.

Reno talked again about the quarterly borough newsletter that she would like to get started.

Reno emailed the survey to council to get feedback on what they would like to see in the newsletter.

Portis said that the borough is getting a social worker intern for the police department starting in August and she will work 16 hours a week.

## M. Witheral - Solicitor

The solicitor said that the borough got into an MOU and EAA grant with Allegheny Shores for a five-million-dollar grant that Allegheny shores will be administering. For the benefit of the borough, there needs to be an easement agreement component and there is a proposal in your packets. There needs to be a motion.

Laing made a motion to approve R47 easement agreement to the submission of the EAA grant.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing – Yes

Motion carried

## Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of the bills.
2. Approval of the minutes from February 24, 2022
3. Resolution 22-02 for solar pedestrian signal for Main & 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Resolution 22-03 for solar pedestrian signal for Main at 16<sup>th</sup>.
5. Granting the following organizations use of Kennedy Park
  1. Soccer Shots Pittsburgh on Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00 starting March 23 thru May 18.
  2. Sharpsburg Aspinwall Rotary, Funnel Cakes for Ukraine, April 8, midday to evening. (pavilion & kitchen)
  3. NAMS on Fridays, May-August, 11am-1:30pm (pavilion only)
  4. Francine Porter free Yoga on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00pm.

6. Granting Venture Outdoors use of James Sharp Landing for a pilot kay rental program.
7. Approving a \$100 donation for Sharpsburg Family Worship Egg Hunt.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Adams – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Portis – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Laing – Yes

Motion carried

Permits:

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

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:44pm.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Dailey  
Interim Borough Manager

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