

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on March 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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 excused, Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Larry Trozzo, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki, Chief Stelitano and Aiden Mack, Junior Council.

Reno announced the presentation of a joint resolution honoring the Guyasuta Committee and then was presented by Mayor Rudzki . He acknowledged , honored, and praised the years of dedication to all the Guyasuta Committee members and volunteers.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):

None

Citizen Comments (Registered):

Kathleen Stanley of Roots of Faith discussed the upcoming five Block Parties asking Council's permission to hold them from May through September on the fourth Thursday of those months from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Reno asked for a motion to approve the five block parties. Motion made by Jaso with second by Pastor resulting in a unanimous vote.

Rebecca Mizikar of Grounded Strategies discussed playground improvements offering design of the space, use of eco products, and incorporating art and asked Council to consider using Grounded Strategies for the playground areas in the Borough.

Committee Reports:

W. Rossey

Manager

Rossey explained the consent agenda items with attention to the Hampton-Shaler Water Authority subdivision. The Borough will be subdividing the land to provide access to the water storage tank and surrendering ownership and maintenance to Hampton Shaler Water Authority for this parcel.

Rossey mentioned the pleasure of seeing the number of children utilizing the borough playgrounds as the weather improves.

L.Trozzo

Zoning/Planning/Code

Nothing

G. Domian

Personnel

-Domian addressed his review of the borough parking issues and suggested the creation of a parking ordinance to alleviate the parking woes. Officer Hoebel did research from a police strategy so Council and the police could work together understanding what should be enforced both in residential areas and the business district.

-Domian also addressed the progress of Open Streets and the status of the response of volunteers.

K.Pastor

Public Safety

Pastor mentioned there were 20 fire calls for the month of March. Also, donation letters will be mailed within the next week or two. Pastor announced the Fire Department Fish Fry to be held on Good Friday on April 19th from 11:00am until 7:00 pm.

J. Simbari

Public Works

Simbari encouraged the public to express their opinions on any issue within the Borough or Council government business. Simbari discussed the upcoming Primary Election and encouraged the public to become educated prior to voting.

Simbari discussed the current Borough's lease of the prior Silky's Crow's nest land parcel with Rliverfront 47.

Resident Clark Wigginton expressed interest in the Silky's sale and inquired of the status of the appraisal and details of the sale. He also asked Council of their new intended location for the Public Works Plant. Solicitor Kalena stated that these issues are executive session discussion only at this point in time.

J.Jaso

Health/Property

Jaso announced the Earth Day town wide clean-up is to be held on April 13th starting at 9:00 am at the Sharpsburg Borough Building and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:00 pm in Kennedy Park.

M. Brudnok

Finance

Nothing

A.Mack

Junior Council

Nothing

J.D'Ambrosio

Public Works Director

D'Ambrosio mentioned that the crew is trimming the trees on Main Street and replacing any street signs that need attention.

Rossey commented that both D'Ambrosio and Dellert have been attending the Allegheny County Pesticide Classes to update their licenses. The classes instruct as to how to kill rodents and kill weeds. Rossey thanked them for attending the ongoing classes.

M.Rudzki

Mayor

-Mayor thanked the Guyasuta Committee for all their accomplishments and contributing in excess of \$100,000 back to the community of which residents, businesses, and organizations all benefited from their generosity.

-He also acknowledged the 40th year anniversary of Dezi Hair Fashions located on North Canal here in Sharpsburg and congratulated the proprietor being a woman as well.

-Mayor announced the Etna-Sharpsburg Earth Day challenge and cheered our residents to participate and win the challenge.

-Mayor expressed thanks to Reno and SNO for launching the Ecodistrict Happy Hour and Idea Round up Event and the success of the resident participation.

-He announced the Animal Friends Mobile Resource Clinic to be held in the Borough Building on April 12th for 8-4 pm.

-He expressed thanks to the DPW for cleaning the trees and debris at James Sharp Landing and removing the graffiti at the 62nd Street Bridge.

-Mayor acknowledged Reno, Manager's, and his attendance at the Banner Community award ceremony. The ceremony recognizes the responsible and sustainable growth in Sharpsburg now for the 6th straight year.

-He also acknowledged attending the R47 seminar with Secretary Dunn of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources where Dunn discussed Governor Wolfe's restore Pennsylvania plan and if resources become available Dunn would use them to complete the riverfront trail between Millvale and the end of Aspinwall.

B.Reno

President

-Reno asked Council to approve a letter of support for the Aspinwall Riverfront application to DCNR for a grant to acquire the riverfront shoreline area for the trail and it then would be renamed to Allegheny Riverfront Trail Park.

-Reno addressed the issue of traffic on 10th Street and the enhancement of the area where the statue of Chief Guyasuta sits and the consideration of changing the direction of the traffic flow on both 9th and 10th streets.

-Reno asked Public Works to return the trash receptacles at the various bus stops and Reno made a motion to return six garbage cans throughout town. Motion made by Simbari and second by Jaso resulting in a unanimous vote.

- Reno congratulated officer Carb for attendance at Police training.

T. Stelitano

Police Chief

Chief thanked the Guyasuta Days Committee for their contributions to the Police Department over the years.

Chief addressed 289 police calls for the month of March.

Pastor commented that the Fire Department sent the Guyasuta Committee a letter expressing thanks and gratitude for all the committee donated to the Fire Department in support of their efforts.

M. WithereI
Solicitor
Nothing

Consent Agenda:

Reno asked for a motion to approve the following general business:

- a. Payment of bills due through April 25, 2019
- b. Minutes from the February 28, 2019 Meeting
- c. Motion to appoint Joseph Girty to the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a 3 year term.
- d. Motion to accept the sub division plan submitted by Hampton-Shaler Water Authority for the property sub division of the water storage tank located on borough property.
- e. Motion to submit a letter of support for Aspinwall's Riverfront DCNR application for acquisition of land for the proposed completion of the Allegheny River Trail park.

Motion made by Jaso with second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote.

Permits:

- a. Handicap Parking (None)
- b. Use Permits (None)
- c. Zoning/Building (None)

Refunds:

None

Reno made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion made by Domian with second by Jaso resulting in a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

William Rossey, Borough Manager
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