

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpburg Borough Council was held May 23, 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 Trozzo, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki, Chief Steltiano, and Aiden Mack, Junior Council.

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):**  
None

**Citizen Comments (Registered)**

Balmori Associates – Presented their park plans from Sharp Landing to the Aspinwall park area including access at 19<sup>th</sup> street.

Tim Kelly/Brian Walters – Energy Innovation Act – Explained how the act works and how it would benefit the borough. Kelly is looking for on going conversations to possibly implement the HR763 here in the borough.

Riverrfront 47 – Steve Mostes

Mostes allowed his attorney, Lee Metz to speak on behalf of Riverrfront 47. Attorney Lee Metz spoke about the cutting edge development to drive economic development in the borough also noting that it will again allow access to the river. He noted that the only main entry to the 47 acres is at 19<sup>th</sup> street.

Metz requested that the borough grant an easement that the developer would pay fair market value for approximately ½ acre of land needed to widen the road from 20' to 50'. Mostes is willing to pay \$150,000 for land.

Metz also mentioned the public auction of the remaining property. They are willing to pay the fair market value of the remaining property set forth by the boroughs appraiser at auction. Withereit – Recommended that the offer be discussed in executive session.

Rudzki addressed council that whoever purchases the land will benefit from the easement. Reno feels that the borough has a once in a life time opportunity as a community to make sure the project gets done properly and responsibly. She also feels that not only will this increase property value but also increase quality of life having access to the parks.

Reno is in favor of granting the easement and made a motion to go into executive session for a brief discussion. Returned from executive session at 7:55pm  
Reno motioned to grant the borough solicitor to work in the terms of the easement with Mostes attorney Lee Metz. All in favor 7 yay's.

Solicitor Withereit motioned to go ahead with the auction until the details of the easement are worked out. All in favor 7 yay's.

Rudzki commented that it was nice to see everyone on council working together and make a compromise.

Deb Byrnes – Permit Parking  
Byrnes expressed her concerns with permitted parking and parking on her street which is 12<sup>th</sup> Street. She asked if the parking ordinance is enforced.  
Reno addressed Byrnes and said yes the ordinance is enforced. She commented that everyone is aware of the parking issues in the borough and are always looking for suggestions.

Corey Ochai – We all can do better.  
Ochai went from having a prepared speech to thanking council for all their efforts and accomplishments that they have done for the borough.

**Committee Reports:**

W. Rossey  
Manager  
Rossey spoke about the 13<sup>th</sup> Back Street Bar that has been demolished. The borough put in for a vacant property request with the county to obtain the piece of property for the borough. The borough will take over the property and decide what will become of it.  
Rossey took the time to introduce the borough's newest employee, Carleen Kusar and that Barb Ruhle has officially retired.  
Rossey also stated the PA State Association of Bureau's junior council program recognizes and encourages young people to get involved in local government. Mack was awarded a plaque for his participation.

L. Trozzo  
Zoning/Planning/Code  
Nothing

G. Domian  
Personnel  
Nothing

Domian read an email that asked to remove 2 trees from in front of 904 Main Street. Owner proposed to remove the 2 trees fill in the holes and at his expense plant 2 trees somewhere else in the borough.  
Rudzki mentioned that Nancy Goldberg requested the same.  
Reno addressed the issue of the trees along Main Street that the wrong species of trees were planted.

Reno wants to approve the 2 businesses to remove the trees and plant other trees in the borough. Reno motioned to grant permission to Jeff Zynka and Joe Bruno to remove the trees from their properties in the business district on the condition that they agree to replace the trees with a T.B.D. replacement tree and fill in the sidewalk. Motion by Pastor 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso. All in favor 7 yay's.  
Domian – Open Streets – over 3000 show interest on the Facebook page to attend. Every square foot of available space has been filled. To accommodate the crowds 2 businesses have offered to pay for a shuttle bus for the duration of the event.

Karen Pastor  
Public Safety  
Pastor addressed that the fire department had 22 fire calls in the month of April. Two were working fires. Cecil Street – fire contained to one bedroom and the Etna Fire was a 7 alarm fire which called in 29 fire companies.  
Pastor mentioned the importance of having fire inspections for the businesses located in the borough.  
Pastor spoke about the Etna fire and how no one knew what was stored in the building. That it's unsafe for those in the building but also for first responders when there is a fire.  
Pastor stressed that she is going to push for a fire inspector that would perform fire inspections once a year at the business's expense. The cost is calculated by square footage. There is no cost to the borough for this service.  
Pastor mentioned that the donation campaign is out.

J. Simbari  
Public Works  
Simbari addressed the preparation of the streets for the parade and Open Streets. Flags are up and curbs are being painted.  
Simbari made a motion to grant the easement as per authorized by the solicitor contingent upon Mosties placing at least a minimum bid as authorized by our solicitor at public auction.  
Simbari made another motion that the borough manager to advertise for the public auction for the balance of the public works property subject to the easement. Motion by Simbari 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brudnok. All in favor. 7 yay's

J. Jaso  
Health/Property  
Jaso mentioned that Balmori is having their ground breaking on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am at the riverfront.

M. Brudnok  
Finance  
Nothing  
Brudnok said the troop banners are up for the parade.

A. Mack  
Junior Council Member  
Mack thanked council for the award he received.  
Mack also announced that he will be at Open Streets in the Fox Chapel Football booth.  
Mack mentioned that he will be assisting the Girl Scout troop with their garden at Sharp Landing.

J. D'Ambrasio  
Public Works  
D'Ambrasio reiterated Simbari that the streets are getting painted for the parade and Open Streets.

M. Rudzki

Mayor

Rudzki spoke about working with Sara Innamorato's office in connection with addiction. Rudzki stressed the importance of a conversation to have as a community. Unfortunately, last month the borough had a female resident in her 20's overdose and died. As Mayor and the residents as a community owe it to address addiction, addiction does not discriminate.

Rudzki said on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm we will be working with Allegheny County Health Department with a 2 hour training for overdose prevention. They will provide statistics about addiction also. Everyone who attends will learn how to administer Narcan and will receive a free dose.

Rudzki also thanked the Boy Scouts Pack 381. They could not come on the regular cleanup day but came May 1<sup>st</sup> with 2000 other volunteers and collected another 600lbs of trash. We cleaned the areas of Guyasuta Run and the rubber cut beneath the new bridge.

Rudzki thanked Point Park University and Nancy Goldberg for working with the PhD candidates and their marketing program who are now being paired with Sharpsburg business's over the course of the summer and help them to develop marketing strategies for our small business's. Rudzki thanked Tom Stelitano the police chief for his 14 hours of training and receiving his certificate in leadership and communication excellence.

Simbari addressed Rudzki about the study of 10<sup>th</sup> street right hand turn only. Rudzki said he will meet with the appropriate people to see what is feasible.

B. Reno

President of Council

Reno asked the people to support Balmori on their ground breaking on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Reno thanked all the 1<sup>st</sup> responders in Sharpsburg for helping with the warehouse fire in Etna. Reno mentioned that she has a new application for a junior councilman received from Morgan Miller. She is a student at Fox Chapel High School. Reno said if she is still interested she would like to bring her in to talk with her.

T. Stelitano

Chief of Police

Last month 249 Calls

8 - Arrests

6 - Drug arrests

1 - Juvenile arrest

15 - Traffic stops

4 - Canine assists

M. Withere!

Solicitor

Nothing

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. Payment of bills due through May 23, 2019
- b. Minutes from the April 25 2019
- c. Motion to pass Resolution 1904 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as Block and Lot number 168-J-336 (124 13<sup>th</sup> Street) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

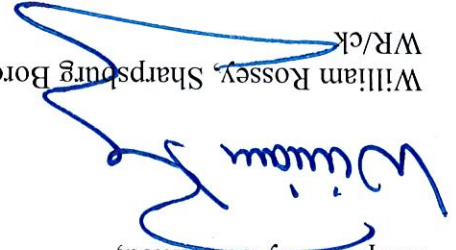
Permits:

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

Executive Session:

1<sup>st</sup> session Motioned by Reno was held to have a brief discussion about the offer made by Mosites for the easement at 19th Street reconvened at 7:55pm.  
2<sup>nd</sup> session Motioned by Reno was held to have a brief discussion about outcome of the meeting between the borough solicitor and Mosites attorney reconvened at 8:55pm.  
Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm. Motion made by Brudnok 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor.

Respectfully Submitted,



William Rossey, Sharpshurg Borough Manager  
WR/ck

**FINES AND FEES COLLECTED**

**THIS MONTH - APRIL 2019**

**Year to Date**

PARKING METER COIN COLLECTED	\$1,195.00	\$6,114.00
PARKING TICKET FINES COLLECTED	\$1,735.00	\$4,705.00
DISTRICT COURT FINES RETURNED	\$1,748.53	\$7,118.56
13 <sup>TH</sup> STREET METERED LOT FEES	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT FINES RETURNED	\$0	\$153.93
<b>TOTAL FINES</b>	<b>\$5,178.53</b>	<b>\$20,0914.49</b>

**ARRESTS**

ADULT	7	42
JUVENILE	1	2

**CITATIONS ISSUED /REPORTS FILED**

TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	12	42
PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED	0	113
NON-TRAFFIC SUMMARY ARRESTS	3	13
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	212	658
INCIDENT REPORTS FILED	249	1099

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

