

**SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 27, 2021**

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held May 27, 2021, 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: Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Brad Truman, Adrienne Laing, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki (excused) and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):

Citizen Comments (Registered):

Reno addressed Augie Ferraro being a long-term resident and honored Augie for all his years of dedicated volunteering, The borough is renaming the alley behind his house as Augie Way in his honor.

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher gave her monthly report on the statistics and the programs available through the library.

Steve Mosites – R-47 Development

Mosites gave an update on the progress of the acquisition of another parcel at the 19<sup>th</sup> Street site. Mosites gave an update on the progress of meeting the requirements of the Developers Agreement. A discussion ensued.

Kathleen Stanley – Roots of Faith

Stanley asked permission to put a rock garden in at Curley Park. Stanley said the seniors love to paint the rocks as do other individuals. Stanley explained how the rock garden works. You can take a rock or give a rock. You can see the rocks throughout the community. Students from the area will maintain the rock garden.

Committee Reports:

W. Rossey – Borough Manager

Rossey reviewed the consent agenda items.

Rossey mentioned that the catch basins and ADA ramps are being done and will be complete next week.

Rossey said all the paving is complete.

Reno asked for Front Street to be put on the paving list for next year. And can it be patched soon.

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/Code

Nothing Currently.

K. Portis – Personnel  
Nothing Currently

K. Pastor – Public Safety  
16 Fire Calls for April

Pastor said that two of the outside pads on the truck bays are cracked and will be replaced sometime in June. The cost is \$19,500 and the fire department got \$12,900 through the state fire commissions grant. The balance will be paid with Fugh monies. Pastor asked Truman if she sent the email on the NIMS classes? He said yes. Pastor asked Portis also.

J. Simbari – Public Works

Simbari mentioned the process of moving from the 19<sup>th</sup> Street maintenance building to the new facility.

A. Laing – Health/Property

Laing said to Reno that she has been reading the Climate Action Plan and said it is very comprehensive.

Laing thanked all the volunteers, DPW, and the fire department for helping on Earth Day. Laing mentioned that the Environmental council is always looking for new members. You can contact Erin Lane.

J. Jaso – Finance

Nothing currently.

Jaso would like to honor Rich Panza. He would like to either rename or make part of Noble Street to Hill Street an honorary road in a resolution. A discussion ensued.

Reno mentioned that Roots of Faith is having a vaccine clinic with UPMC on June 12<sup>th</sup> and a day in July from 9am-12pm by Curley Park.

J. D'Ambrosio – Public Works Director

D'Ambrosio gave an update on the progress of painting lines, crosswalks, and grass cutting.

M. Rudzki – Mayor

Not Present

B. Reno – President

Reno asked about the garbage contract. Pastor responded and said it is through the COG. Rossey said there is one more year on the contract.

Reno said Sara Smith of Sara's Pets and Plants would like to have another street fair with a Pride twist on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm. Reno will add to the consent agenda.

Reno mentioned the email she sent to everyone on the Reimagine Appalachia Proposal that encompasses PA, KY, WV, and OH. Local organizations and towns are looking to get federal economic dollars in our region to help with job training in certain job fields etc.

Reno said there will be a free concert on May 30<sup>th</sup> by Ishtar rock group from 5-8pm in Kennedy Park. She also mentioned the Squonk concert with belly dancing from Art in Motion on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Reno thanked all Veterans for their service including ones that did not make it home.

T. Stelitano – Chief

Stelitano gave the update on Officer Hoebel that he will be having surgery on June 19<sup>th</sup> and will be out approximately 4 months.

259 calls in April

25 – Traffic Stops

2 – EMS calls

9 – Adult Arrests

0 – Juvenile

Simbari asked Stelitano what the status of a new fulltime officer having looks like right now. Stelitano responded said he is good right now with the new part-time officer to cover vacations and time off.

Jaso asked about the testing process. Stelitano said testing will begin in July with the interviewing process to follow if they pass the test. Rossey said the test results are good for 2 years. A discussion ensued.

M. Witherel – Solicitor

Nothing currently.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- A. Payment of bills due through June 24, 2021.
- B. Minutes from the April 22, 2021 meeting.
- C. Motion to approve the Morton Salt Agreement beginning 9/1/21 through 8/31/22 in the amount of \$72.83 per ton through the NHCOG Purchasing Cooperative.
- D. Motion to accept the bid from M & B Services, LLC in the amount of \$570,771.00 for the CDBG and DCED Multimodal Grant.
- E. Motion to accept the bid from Thompson Electrical Construction in the amount of \$461,055.00 for the Sharpsburg Mainstreet Streetscape Phase II project. This is paid for through a CDBG and DCED Multimodal grant.
- F. Motion to grant Soccer Shots Pittsburgh permission to use Kennedy Park on Wednesdays beginning Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> Through Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30PM.
- G. Motion to give Kayla Portis permission to use Kennedy Park on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00pm to hold a Juneteenth Event.
- H. Motion to pass Resolution 21-07 to participate in the cities for Climate Protection Campaign and recognize the Borough of Sharpsburg's 2021 Climate Action Plan.
- I. Motion to hire Brett Vulakovich as a part-time police officer effective May 28, 2021.
- J. Motion to approve Shop Sharpsburg Street Fair event on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm and close North Canal Street at Main Street to Bonaventura Way.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Laing

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Simbari – Yes

Pastor – Yes (Abstained from I)

Jaso – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing – Yes

Truman – Yes  
Reno – Yes

Rossey said Pastor abstained from (I) because she works for the gentleman's father.

Permits:

- a. Accessible Parking
  - i. Robert Lauten – 1106 Penn Street – Yes
  - ii. Joseph Koskey – 905 Penn Street – No

Use Permits (None)

Zoning/Building (None)

Refunds (None)

Executive Session

- Discuss Personnel Matter

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm.

Motion by Jaso  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari  
All in Favor - Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey  
Sharpsburg Borough Manager

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