

SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

September 23, 2021

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held September 23, 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 - zoom, Brad Truman, Adrienne Laing, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):

Citizen Comments (Registered):

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher gave her monthly update of the statistics of the library use and what programs are available at this time.

Jeff Berman – TreeVitalize Pittsburgh

Berman introduced Brian Crooks who is a community forester. Crooks did a presentation of what trees are in town at the sidewalks, public spaces, and parks. They took inventory of the species, growth, and if any trees needed immediate attention. There are 186 trees.

Funding will be available in the spring and he will work with the borough on new tree locations.

Brian Eaton – Brewers Guild

Eaton said they would like to use Kennedy Park for a small event that involves breweries from Millvale and Sharpsburg called Three Rivers Beer Week. Eaton explained that there would be live music, two breweries, vendors, and food trucks in the park. The event would be October 10th, 11am-7pm. Event goers would visit Grist House and Strange Roots in Millvale and the Dancing Gnome and Hitchhiker in Sharpsburg. There will be shuttle service for the event goers. Eaton said it is a way to highlight the river communities. A discussion ensued.

Jaso made a motion to allow the Brewers Guild to use Kennedy Park on October 10th contingent upon a safety plan is given to the Chief and the borough be added as an additional insured.

2nd by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Committee Reports

W. Rossey – Manager

Absent

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/Code

Nothing currently.

K. Portis – Personnel

Nothing currently.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

Calls for August – 27

184 Year-to-Date

Pastor thanked those who attended the banquet and made it a memorable night. Pastor mentioned there are t shirts available with the fire trucks and 150 years on them for \$12.

J. Simbari – Public Works

Nothing currently.

Simbari said the public works dedication is in the works. Simbari said it may not happen in this calendar year but next year in the spring.

A. Laing – Health/Property

Laing mentioned that October is domestic violence month and there will be an event on October 7th from 4-7 at the library. Laing also said that Alle-Kiski Hope Center is the lead center in the area.

J. Jaso – Finance

Nothing currently.

Jaso said that the solicitor has just handed him the revised decriminalization of marijuana ordinance and he will be sending out for everyone to review and will be brought up at the next month's meeting.

J. D'Ambrosio – Director Public Works

D'Ambrosio said the new lawn mower has arrived.

M. Rudzki – Mayor

Rudzki mentioned that there was minor flooding on September 1st and thanked our road crew, 1st responders, and community organizations for stepping up to the plate.

Rudzki talked about the Army Corp of Engineers and the grant money for the study of Seitz Run and report that will be generated with ideas on how to mitigate the flooding issues.

Rudzki thanked Reno for organizing to have CMU engineering students to Kennedy Park for site tour evaluation for a green infrastructure plan. The students had a chance to talk to some residents on their ideas. There was also a zoom meeting were 6 or 7 residents attended along with the students.

Rudzki mentioned the borough received a demolition grant for \$28,000 to demolish 915-917 Clay Street and 1822 Main Street.

Rudzki also mentioned the Domestic Violence Awareness night at the library on October 7th.

Rudzki mentioned the fall festival that will be held on October 2nd.

Rudzki said that the police department advertised for a crossing guard.

B. Reno - President

Reno introduced Matt Briley who is the new environmental coordinator for SNO. Briley talked about the CRS application process through FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program and what the rewards to the communities are through the community's mitigation activities above what is required in the flood insurance program.

Reno said SNO and R47 are going to have a Listen and Learn Meet and Greet on September 29th 6-7pm at the site off 19th Street. They will introduce the development team to the residents and businesses and there will be a presentation on the current plans of development.

Registration is required.

Reno talked about the visit with the CMU students at Kennedy Park to gather information for their green infrastructure study. The students got to talk to some residents to see what they would like to see in the park. There will be a zoom meeting October 6th for the students to discuss their designs for the park.

Reno mentioned the LEAD program and the meeting she attended at Hampton Police Department with Pastor. Reno got to meet their social worker and talk about what she does for Hampton's department. Reno would like to hold a meeting with Hampton's police Chief, social worker and our police Chief and Karen Pastor to see what the program could do for our police department.

Reno talked about the feasibility study through the Allegheny County Library Association to see if Millvale, Etna, and Sharpsburg should be its own Library system. The study showed what the benefits would be and what the risks could be. Reno said it will be looked at again next year to see where Etna and Millvale are in the process.

T. Stelitano – Chief

Stelitano said he has a crossing guard application that he has reviewed, and she has all her clearances and is a resident. Stelitano would like to hire her. Stelitano would like to continue to take applications for alternates.

Reno made a motion to extend an invitation of employment to Diana Lees for the position of crossing guard.

2nd by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Stelitano gave an update on Officer Hoebel, he will be returning October 4th.

296 calls

13 – Traffic Stops

12 – Adult Arrest

1 – DUI

Stelitano said in 2 ½ weeks there has been 63 traffic stops.

55 – Citations for stop signs, red lights, and speeding

M. Witherel – Solicitor

Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Payment of bills through October 28, 2021
- b. Minutes from the September 26, 2021 meeting.
- c. Motion to have door-to-door Trick-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31, 2021, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.
- d. Motion to donate \$300.00 to the Sharpsburg Volunteer Fire Department for their annual Halloween Community treat bags.
- e. Motion to pass ordinance 21-05 amending Chapter 15, Section 213 of the Sharpsburg Borough Code to add a stop sign at Church Street at intersection of Penn for north bound travel, a stop sign and stop bar at Penn Street at the intersection of Church for westbound traffic and to amend Ordinance by Resolution for future changes.
- f. Motion to accept the bid from Thompson Electrical Construction in the amount of \$229,444.00 for Phase 3 electrical work for the Main Street Streetscape Project.
- g. Motion to accept the bid from M&B Services, LLC in the amount of \$339,270.00 for Phase 3 sidewalk replacement work for the Main Street Streetscape Project.

- h. Motion to accept proposal from Cohen Law Group for wireless facilities management through the North Hills Council of Governments (COG) in the amount of \$4,500.00.
- i. Motion to accept contract proposal from Hoffman's Boarding Kennels at a rate of \$235.00 per month beginning January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2024. This is a two-year contract at the same price we are currently paying.
- j. Motion to accept bid from KU Resources, Inc. to do five (5) core drillings at a depth of 15 feet in Kennedy Park for a cost of \$6,800.00
- k. Motion to send letter to FEMA regarding Sharpsburg's request to participation in the Community Rating system regarding discounted flood insurance premiums.
- l. Motion to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Sharpsburg Borough Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$77,467.00.
- m. Motion to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Sharpsburg Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan. No payment is due.

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Laing

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Simbari – Yes

Truman – Yes

Laing – Yes

Portis – Yes

Reno – Yes

Motion Carried

Permits:

- a. Accessible Parking
 - 1. Stanley Sharp – 1855 Middle St
- Motion by K. Portis
2nd by Pastor
All in Favor – Yes

Use Permits (NONE)

Zoning/Building (NONE)

Refunds (NONE)

Executive Session – NO

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

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Truman

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey
Sharpsburg Borough Manager

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