

**SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 24, 2020**

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held September 24, 2020 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 Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Brad Truman, Adrienne Laing, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda items Only):

Citizen Comments (Registered)

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

**Committee Reports**

W. Rossey – Manager

Rossey reviewed the consent agenda.

Rossey gave the update on the public works building. The construction is moving along as scheduled.

Rossey stated the Clay Street project has begun.

Rossey said there is a federal grant for body cameras that will match 50% of the cost of the cameras. The application for the grant will be submitted by October 15, 2020.

Rossey also mentioned the Ravine Street project. He received the Notice to Proceed and the work will begin November 2, 2020.

Rossey said the DCNR grant for the playground upgrades has been granted for 16<sup>th</sup> Street playground and Kennedy Park. We also have a private donor who will match the \$125,000 we will receive from DCNR.

Rossey updated everyone on the cockroach issue. They will go away when it's cold. We cannot put any chemicals in the sewers.

Rossey talked about the Main Street Streetscape grant. It is moving along and still going through at the COG.

Melanie Gutowski asked to speak about the intersection of High and Ravine Street. Issues with cars going the wrong way. Rossey responded and said there are multiple signs at the that intersection. An ongoing conversation continued about the intersection. One more sign may be added.

B. Truman – Zoning/Planning/code  
Nothing currently.

G. Domian – Personnel  
Nothing currently.

Domian updated everyone on the Linden gym and its renovations.

K Pastor – Public Safety

18 Fire calls

175 year to date

Pastor said they have been attending basic vehicle rescue training with Aspinwall firefighters. Pastor mentioned that the subscription letters were sent out and the response has been great. There will only be one notice sent out this year.

Pastor addressed Halloween – rain or shine, the FD will hand out treat bags from 6pm until all the bags are gone.

J. Simbari – Public Works

Nothing currently.

Simbari mentioned the DCNR grant for the playgrounds and said he checked out Moon Townships new playground and took pictures and sent them to Reno.

Simbari addressed that Verizon still has not returned to repair the sidewalks that they damaged.

A. Laing – Health/Property

Laing thanked Sara Smith for organizing the Street Fair.

Laing mentioned that Kennedy Park is now pet friendly. Please make sure you pick up after your pet. There are pet stations located in the park.

Laing thanked Rossey for the update on the grant for the playgrounds.

Laing said it is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Alle-Kiski Hope Center is a great resource available to the residents of the borough.

Laing asked if there were any questions about the nondiscrimination ordinance. A discussion ensued and will continue next month.

Reno made a motion to Advertise the nondiscrimination ordinance.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Truman

Simbari – Yes

Domian – No

Jaso – No

Pastor – No

Laing – Yes

Truman – Yes

Reno – Yes

J. Jaso – Finance

Jaso asked Rossey if paving for this year is put off until next year, will it happen next year at the same cost. Rossey responded yes.

A. Mack – Junior Council

Absent

J. D'Ambrosio – Public Works Director

D'Ambrosio addressed the cockroach issue within the sewers. He said that Shaler has been coming down and blowing out the sewers. They will be coming on a regular basis.

M. Rudzki – Mayor

Rudzki thanked all involved in getting the DCNR grant for the playgrounds.

Rudzki said the Sharpsburg Street Fair was a success and thank you to Sara Smith for organizing the event.

Rudzki thanked SNO & Roots of Faith in conjunction with Allegheny County Health Department for the Resource Fair.

B. Reno – President

Reno gave an update on the street study.

Reno talked about Alcosan and Kennedy Park. That the park is an area that is best for their service footprint for the green storm water infrastructures. There is a grant available and she would like to work with Rossey to submit the application in the spring.

Reno has been talking to some Disability Rights Activists about the borough still using the term “Handicap Parking.” We need to change it to “Accessible Parking” and use the same terminology as the state.

Reno thanked Sara Smith for organizing the Street Fair.

Pastor addressed Reno stating that RAD Auto is still operating their business in the borough even after they were denied operating a small satellite business and told that we have pulled their permit. A discussion ensued on what course of actions need to be taken going forward.

T. Stelitano – Chief of Police

264 Calls

1 – Juvenile arrest

8 – Adult arrest

53 – EMS calls

Stelitano said that Officer Hoebel attended a Pet Webinar on animal cruelty.

M. Witherel – Solicitor

Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Payment of bills due through October 22, 2020
- b. Minutes from the September 27, 2020 meeting.
- c. Motion to participate in the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs program and to host a Coro Fellow at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Motion to change the amount from \$3500.00 to \$1500.00. All in Favor Yes.
- d. Motion to approve the 2021 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Sharpsburg Non-Uniform Pension Plan. There is no contribution needed.
- e. Motion to approve the 2021 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Sharpsburg Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$68,317.00.
- f. Motion to purchase a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor SUV from Woltz & Wind Ford thru the COSTARS state buying program at a price of \$40,021.99.
- g. Motion to purchase a 2021 Ford F-650 Dump Truck from Woltz & Wind Ford thru the COSTARS state buying program at a price of \$85,930.00.
- h. Motion to approve Sara Smith to hold another Shop Sharpsburg Street Fair on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 and to close North Canal Street during this event.
- i. Motion to have Trick or Treating on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.
- j. Motion to change the borough council meetings for November and December to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Domian

2<sup>nd</sup> by Simbari

Simbari Abstained from f & g.

Roll Call:

Domian – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Simbari – Yes

Truman – Yes

Laing – Yes

Permits:

a. Handicap Parking

1. Mary Ann Fitzpatrick – 117 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

2. Alan Susi – 131 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

3. Joan Krzewinski – 1925 Chapman St.

Motion by Truman

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

b. Use Permits (NONE)

c. Zoning/Building (NONE)

Refunds: NO

Executive Session: NO

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm

Motion by Simbari

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey

Sharpsburg Borough Manager

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