

SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

February 23, 2023

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held February 23, 2023, at 6:30pm.

President Laing called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call found the following members present: Jonathan Jaso, Kayla Portis, Karen Pastor, Carrie Tongarm, Sarah Ishman, Adrienne Laing, Peter Adams, Mayor Reno, Chief Stelitano

Laing asked DeRunk to please explain the consent agenda items.
DeRunk reviewed each item.

Citizens Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Citizens Comments (Registered):

Sara Mariacher – Library
Mariacher gave her monthly library report via a recorded video.

Kelly Strain – American Energy, lithium-ion batteries, speed bumps, recycling.
Strain spoke about her items in RPC.

Mike Daniher – Asst. Fire Chief – RE: lithium-ion battery fire department training
Daniher said that the fire department has been trained on how to put the a fire out that a lithium-ion battery is involved and how to dispose of.

Beth Martella – ADA Parking
Martella spoke about denial of ADA parking spaces.

Jim Wetzel – Trash service and recycling.
Wetzel expressed his concerns about trash and recycling.

Becky Boyle: Upcoming Events from Office of Senator Williams.
Boyle gave a list of events. You can find them on Senator Williams website.

Committee Reports:

Reports from Commissions

- Parks and Recreation gave a monthly update.
- Human Rights – No update.
- Historical Commission – Portis gave an update. Portis made a motion to accept the agreement between the Borough of Sharpsburg and Camaren Smith as we are working on an oral history project.
Motion by Tongarm
2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Presidents Report – Adrienne Laing

Laing announced there was an executive session on January 26th – potential litigation. Laing made a motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Murray from the Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Tongarm

2nd by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Laing made a motion to accept the application of Lou Costanzo for the Civil Service Commission.

Motion by Pastor

2nd by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Public Safety – Karen Pastor & Peter Adams

Pastor made a motion to hire Zachery L. Smith as a full-time police officer for the Borough of Sharpsburg.

2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Chief Stelitano gave his monthly report.

Stelitano said that Officer Lukasik and Mary Bauer (social worker) arrived at a call with a person not breathing. They administered CPR until EMS could arrive. They were able to revive the person. Mary followed up with St. Margret's Hospital and the gentleman is doing well.

Pastor gave the fire department report. 43 Calls in January

Pastor said the fish fry will be April 7th 11am-7pm. Preorders will be April 6th 7-9pm.

Pastor said that the SRU program that we got Mary and Kirsten from will be coming to an end in April. However, there is a social worker job fair at SRU that the Chief, Pastor, and Portis that we attended. We had 8 candidates sign up and interested in Sharpsburg. SRU will start their clearances so we can start the interview process.

Pastor said Costanzo wants to step down from the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Pastor said she has talked at length with Peter Adams about filling the position. Next month we can make a motion after the paperwork is completed.

Communications Committee – Sarah Ishman and Jonathan Jaso

Ishman said the new website rebuild is underway.

Zoning/Planning/code – Carrie Tongarm and Jonathan Jaso

Adams gave a review of the changes to the parking ordinance. A discussion ensued and no decisions have been made.

Asset Management – Jonathan Jaso and Carrie Tongarm

Tongarm gave an R47 development update.

Carmody gave his monthly public works report.

Jaso asked about getting a new banner for James Sharp Landing. A discussion ensued

Jaso asked DeRunk about the park benches, have you contacted the people. DeRunk said yes. Jaso asked about the solar powered crosswalk signs, have we heard from PennDot. DeRunk said not yet.

Environment – Kayla Portis and Karen Pastor

Portis said we got information about upgrading the lighting in the borough building to LED and we can use ARPA money for the upgrades. No general fund monies will be used for the upgrades DeRunk explained the program.

Portis made a motion to make LED lighting upgrades in the borough -owned buildings that would cost the Borough 20% of the project cost plus disposal fees and to fund the upgrades with ARPA funds and not General Fund revenues. The total cost would be \$12,517.23.

2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

Finance – Peter Adams and Sarah Ishman

Adams mentioned the budget reports.

Mayor's Report – Brittany Reno

Reno said there will be tree planting on April 8th from 9am-noon.

Reno mentioned Earth Day cleanup.

Reno said that the Fox Chapel Adult Education will be giving free CPR classes.

Reno read her proclamation on Black History Month.

Solicitor's Report – Matthew Kalina

Nothing currently.

Manager's Report – Christine DeRunk

DeRunk asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 23-05 and 2306 related to Alcosan Regionalization (outfall 69-70 and outfall 72 at 16th Street).

Motion by Pastor

2nd Ishman

All in Favor – Yes

DeRunk asked for a motion to approve placing 1833 Main Street (L/B 168-M-348) and possibly two vacant lots in 1400 Block of Main Street (L/B 168-K-34 and 168-K-35) into Land Bank.

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Adams

All in Favor – Yes

DeRunk talked about the vacancies that are available for various commissions.

DeRunk gave updates on the application for intern submitted to LGA, LGA intern for spring 2023, ChargePoint update, Monthly financial update, Parkview EMS update, and Waste Management update.

Junior Councilperson Report – Roman Mason

Mason gave an update on this projects.

Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of bills through January 31, 2023
2. Minutes from January 26, 2023
3. Approval to use Campbell Durant for labor law issues as needed

4. Atithi street closure request
5. Ratify decision to apply for ADA ramps for CD49 funds
6. Ratify decision to hire Zachary Smith as a part-time officer
7. Approval for use of Kennedy Park on April 1 for an egg hunt

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Laing - Yes

Other Reports:

1. Zoning/Building – see monthly BIU report
2. Inspection Report

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Jaso

2nd by Tongarm

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager

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