Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2024
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

1. President Laing welcomed the audience and called the meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call: Karen Pastor, Sara Ishman, Dave Breingan, Kacie Cope, Corey Ochai, Jonathan Jaso, Adrianne Laing, Mayor Portis, Chief Stelitano

3. Christine DeRunk reviewed the consent agenda items

4. No public comments on agenda-related items

5. Registered Public Comments (3-minute limit)
    a. Sara Mariacher gave the Sharpsburg Library update

6. Reports
    a. Reports from Commissions
        i. Donna Bishop gave the Parks and Recreation report - rules and protocols at the parks need addressed and eventually posted. Shared upcoming holiday events.

    b. Adrianne Laing gave the President's Report
        i. Adrianne indicated there was one personal executive session since the last council meeting.

    c. Mayor's Report – Kayla Portis
        i. Swearing in of Historical Commission Members: Chas Smith, Donna Bishop, and Connie Schwickrath
        ii. Mayor Portis thanked all of those who helped make the Great Caper and the Ingenious Heritage events a success
        iii. Wished Betty Belin a Happy 100th Birthday!

    d. Public Safety – Karen Pastor and Jonathan Jaso
        i. Chief Stelitano gave the Police Report – 358 calls for service in August; 25 traffic stops- 7 resulted in citations, 16 warnings, 1 arrest
        ii. Mary Bauer's Social Worker Report was included in packet; 762 interactions YTD
        iii. Fire Department Report – 58 calls, 11 for Sharpsburg
        iv. EMS Report – 366 total calls, 70 for Sharpsburg, 6 ½ min. response time which is within the limits

    e. Kacie Cope and Corey Ochai gave the Communications Report
        i. Communications Committee met with representative from Facebook regarding the specific functions of a Sharpsburg Borough Facebook page

    f. David Breingan and Sarah Ishman provided the Zoning/Planning/Code Report

i. Motion to adopt revised Zoning Ordinance 24-09 regarding more consistency in parcels, fencing regulations, and corrected definitions for private/public parking lots. Breingan 1st, Ishman 2nd, unanimously passed
ii. Borough received grant awarding 25 new street trees; planting will take place November 2nd 9:00 am-12:00 pm

g. Asset Management – Jonathan Jaso and Karen Pastor
    i. Dominic Magnelli gave the Public Works Report: holiday lights & decorations will be up week of Thanksgiving. DPW is working with engineer to repair sinkhole on 300 block of 11th Street.
    ii. LSSE Engineer's Report included in packet

h. Finance – Sarah Ishman and David Breingan
    i. Budget Reports -on pace with budget while being 67% through calendar year
    ii. Treasurer's Report – Carleen Kusar; Borough cleared $363,000.00 from sewer fund to general fund
    iii. Presentation of MMO for Police Pension 2025: $63,350
    iv. Presentation of Non-Uniform MMO for 2025: $16,410

i. Solicitor's Report – Matt Kalina
    i. Noting for public comment

j. Ms. DeRunk gave the Manager's Report
    i. Motion to participate in Pitt/WM cleanup day Oct 19th – Breingan 1st, Pastor 2nd, unanimously passed
    ii. 2025 Budget
    iii. Resiliency Grid Grant: provided the grant is funded, the Borough could produce almost twice the amount of electricity in 1yr. eliminating electricity bills for the Borough's properties

7. Consent Agenda – motion
    a. Motion to approve the following business:
        i. Payment of bills through August 31, 2024
        ii. Adopt minutes from August 22 and September 12 meetings
        iii. Ratify street closure for mural celebration on Saturday, September 28 on 7th Street from 3pm to 7pm
        iv. Approval of Sugar Spell request for parking space for event
        v. Approval of street closures for community events:
            1. 11/29 North Canal from Main to Bonaventura Way 5-9pm
            2. 12/6 North Canal from Main to Bonaventura Way 6-9pm
        vi. Resolution 24-10 GEDTF Grant for paving Penn Street
        vii. Resolution 24-11 Act 152 for demolition of 207 Altmeyer and Resolution 24-12 certifying 207 Altmeyer for Blight
        viii. Advertise PennDOT MTF public meeting date TBD with PennDOT
        ix. Submit $1M grant application to Allegheny County Clean Air Fund for resiliency microgrid

    Motion to approve the above listed business items - Jaso 1st, Ishman 2nd, unanimously passed

8. Other Reports
    i. Zoning/Building – see monthly BIU report
    ii. Inspection Report

9. Adjourn at 7:52 pm

The next Council workshop meeting will be at 6:30pm on October 10, 2024.
The next Council business meeting will at 6:30pm on October 24, 2024.