Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2024
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

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

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

3. Christine DeRunk explained the consent agenda items

4. There were no public comments on agenda-related items

5. Registered Public Comments (3-minute limit)
    a. Emerson O'Donnell explained the WaterNow Alliance re: Stormwater Management Plan
    b. Heidi Brayer gave the Cooper-Siegel Library update
    c. Sara Mariacher gave the Sharpsburg Library Update
    d. Elin Fields addressed Parcel 0167-M-00207-0000-00 regarding ordinance § 10-301 and status of parcel as certified wildlife habitat/pollinator certification plans
    e. Lucille DeLuca provided details re: Sharpsburg Scream -First Friday Parade

6. Reports
    a. Reports from Commissions
        i. Donna Bishop gave the Parks and Recreation report, dedication of 16th Street playhouse
    b. President's Report – Adrianne Laing
        i. Motion to elect Karen Pastor as Council Vice President -Jaso 1st, Ishman 2nd, unanimously passed
        ii. Motion to accept resignation of Kayla Causer from HRC-Jaso 1st, Ishaman, unanimously passed
    c. Mayor Kayla Portis reported her meet and greet will be August 28, 2024 at Roots of Faith

    d. Public Safety – Karen Pastor and Jonathan Jaso
        i. Chief Stelitano gave the police report
        ii. Social Worker Report was included in the packets
        iii. Pastor gave the Fire Department Report – 52 calls in July; 16 in Sharpsburg
        iv. Jaso gave the EMS Report – Sharpsburg had 63 calls; response time within acceptable limits

    e. Kacie Cope gave the Communications Committee report – she announced Borough interested in making Facebook page

f. David Breingan gave the Zoning/Planning/Code Report - update Zoning Code to be more consistent with community plans
    i. Motion to advertise revised Zoning Ordinance and Public Hearing for Sept 12 at 6pm – Breingan 1st, Ishman 2nd, unanimously passed

g. Asset Management – Jonathan Jaso and Karen Pastor
    i. Dominic Magnelli gave the Public Works report; new holiday lights will be installed
    ii. Engineering Report was included in the packet.
    iii. Motion to participate in regional federal grant to install four electric charging stations at the following locations: 2 on Chapman Street under the to-be-installed canopy and 2 in the parking lot at 13th and Main. Jaso 1st, Breingan 2nd, unanimously passed

h. Finance – Sarah Ishman and David Breingan
    i. Budget Reports – extra meetings for budget reports will begin in September
    ii. Treasurer's Report

i. Solicitor's Report – Matt Kalina
    i. Nothing for public comment

j. Ms. DeRunk gave the Manager's Report
    i. Resolution 24-09 to apply for STMP implementation funds in the amount of $179,864 with a 10% match ($19,985) for total project cost of $199,849. Motion to approve Resolution 24-09; Ishman 1st, Breingan 2nd, unanimously passed
        1. Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan ($100,000)
        2. Technology upgrades ($60,468 with KM Computers)
        3. Text Alert System (up to $13,500 for three-year contract)
        4. Anti-Displacement/Affordable Housing Strategy ($10,000 with Neighborhood Allies)
        5. Policy Development Assistance (Not to exceed $10,000 with Grass Roots Solutions)
        6. Code Enforcement Software ($5,600 for CodeEnforce with TCVCOG)
        7. Vialytics Roadway Assessment Software ($3,280)
    ii. Thank you to Friends of Riverfront for helping to eradicate Japanese knotweed at JSL
    iii. PWSA Project update – confirmation of cancelation
    iv. Grant Updates – CDBG50 awards and upcoming applications; Resiliency Microgrid, Active Transportation Plan

7. Consent Agenda – motion
    a. Motion to approve the following business:
        i. Payment of bills through July 31, 2024
        ii. Adopt minutes from June 13, July 11, July 25, and Aug 8 meetings
        iii. Contract with Sargent Electric for stringer meters ($2,447)
        iv. Issue RFP for Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan
        v. Acceptance of SHACOG purchasing alliance for thermoplastic

vi. Approval of street closure of N Canal from Main to Bonaventura Way on September 21 from 11am to 5pm for Heinz Caper
vii. Placing liens on properties who still owe 2021 property taxes
viii. Rescope of PennDOT MTF
ix. Signing of agreement with Artspiration for public art at JSL
x. Street closure on Oct. 4th for Halloween Scream (N. Canal from Main to Bonaventura Way) 6pm -9pm

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

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

9. Adjourn at 8:40

The next Council workshop meeting will be at 6:30pm on September 12, 2024 with a public hearing at 6pm related to the proposed zoning changes.
The next Council business meeting will at 6:30pm on September 26, 2024.