Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025
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, Roman Mason, Corey Ochai, Jonathan Jaso, Adrianne Laing, Dave Breingan, Mayor Portis, Chief Stelitano

3. Christine DeRunk explained the Consent Agenda Items

4. Public Comments on agenda-related items (3-minute limit)
    a. Mr. Jaso inquired about who will be paying for the fly over grant which would be paid by the county and the repair of the broken Jax risers in the 16th Street playground.
    b. Christine Girty commented on the details of the streetscaping on 19th & Main Street – planting of trees, placement of lighting, and benches.

5. Registered Public Comments (3-minute limit)
    a. Sara Mariacher gave the Sharpsburg Library update
    b. Wayne Thompson discussed street paving for Ali Street and the general condition of Borough
    c. Mike Daniher presented his SAVES Year-end report (report is in packet)
    d. Todd McIntyre requested access to launch boats for the fishing tournament

6. Reports
    a. Reports from Commissions
        i. Mallory Helbling gave the Parks and Recreation update – they will continue to plan the annual events and the Bicentennial. Parks & Recs thanked DPW for repairing the tables for the parks and are seeking grants for funding of the baseball field.

    b. Adrianne Laing gave the President's Report - There was one executive session regarding property on February 13th. Laing announced there are 5 open council seats for the next election cycle (4 for 4 years and 1 for 2-year term).

    c. Kayla Portis gave the Mayor's Report – Mayor Portis reminded the community on March 4th Ketchup City Creative will host Pizza with the Police meet and greet.

    d. Public Safety – Karen Pastor and Jonathan Jaso
        i. Chief Stelitano's Police Report – 322 calls for service in January - 22 traffic stops, 8 citations 14 warnings, 11 arrests (7 juvenile, 4 adult)
        ii. Mary Bauer's Social Worker Report - 115 interactions, 4 areas of concern are domestic violence, mental health, evictions, and older adult services

iii. Pastor gave the Fire Department Report- 40 total calls, 13 in Sharpsburg. Pastor also acknowledged the dedication from the fire department due to the truck tanker turnover on Rt. 28. The annual Fish Fry will be held April 18th at Camp Guyasuta.
iv. Jaso gave the EMS Report – 59 calls in Sharpsburg, Sharpsburg came in 4th, response time should be under 8 minutes.

e. Communications Committee – Corey Ochai and Roman Mason
    i. Ochai and Mason encouraged residents to see Facebook for ongoing updates and hope everyone is being engaged with the posts.

f. Zoning/Planning/Code – David Breingan and Sarah Ishman
    i. No items this month

g. Asset Management – Jonathan Jaso and Karen Pastor
    i. Dominic Magnelli gave the Public Works Report – DPW finished the restoration of wooden picnic tables for the parks, the gate in Kennedy Park has been replaced, and weather permitting they will be taking the street sweeper out to get a jump start on spring road clean up. Magnelli welcomed the new foreman, Mark Marshall, to the team. Mark is very knowledgeable and brings quality experience to the department.
    ii. Engineer's Report- LSSE report included in packet

h. Finance – Sarah Ishman and David Breingan
    i. Budget Reports – no to report at this time
    ii. Treasurer's Report from Carleen Kusar is included in the packet
    iii. Motion to approve Ordinance 25-01 Debt Ordinance for CCTVing the sewer system: Ishman1st, Breingan 2nd, unanimously passed

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

j. Manager's Report – Christine DeRunk
    i. Welcome to Mark Marshall
    ii. CFA MTF Award announcement
    iii. STMP Award Announcement – received over one hundred thousand dollars
    iv. GTRF Award Announcement – expect loan funds to be disbursed beginning of March
    v. DeRunk will be interviewing for the RFP Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan in early March.

7. Consent Agenda – motion
    a. Motion to approve the following business:
        i. Payment of bills through January 31, 2025
        ii. Adopt minutes from January 23, 2025 and February 13, 2025 meeting

iii. Concurring resolution 25-03 for CDBG Engineering for Flyover in the amount of $524,266,04
iv. Approval of use of Kennedy Park for Soccer Shots summer dates (Wednesdays 5pm-7:30pm beginning June 6 and ending July 30 with make-up dates of Aug 6 and 13) and fall dates (Wednesdays 5pm-7:30pm beginning Aug 20 and ending Oct 8 with make-up dates of Oct 15 and 22)
v. Approval of street closure of N Canal from Main to Bonaventura Way for *Spend a Saturday in Sharpsburg* on April 26, June 21, August 23 and October 25 from 11am to 2:30pm.
vi. List old plow for sale on Municibid at scrap value
vii. List old salt spreader on Municibid at scrap value
viii. Approval of the intent and design of the streetscaping project and submission of plans for PennDOT MTF grant to PennDOT for approval
ix. Advertise parking ordinance amendment to prohibit parking on Church Alley from Main to Penn Street
x. Ratify the hiring of Mark Marshall as DPW Foreman
xi. Approval to hire Mark Ford for $3,500 to replace the broken Jax risers in the 16th Street playground
xii. Approval to use STMP fund to purchase Vialytics software for $4,995.76
xiii. Approval to contract with KM Computers and use STMP funds up to $21,356 for technology upgrades
xiv. Ratify purchase of salt spreader for $9,962

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 7:40

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager

The next Council workshop meeting will be at 6:30pm on March 13, 2025
The next Council business meeting will be at 6:30pm on March 27, 2025.