Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

1. President Laing welcomed all, called the meeting to order, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. DeRunk performed roll call and found the following members present: Jon Jaso, President Laing, Mayor Portis, Roman Mason, David Breingan, Sarah Ishman, and Karen Pastor. Corey Ochai was excused. Also present was Christine DeRunk.

3. Discussion Items
    a. Love, Katie Distilling request for street closures – Katie from Love, Katie Distillery spoke to Council asking for a street closure on Clay Street between 8th and 9th Street on the first Fridays of the month from May until November. There was discussion on keeping alcohol on private property. Council moved the request to the consent agenda for the April business meeting.
    b. Park and Recreation on an idea for branding for bicentennial – Mallory Helbling and Lori Claus presented ideas for a logo contest by age categories for branding for the bicentennial. There was broad support for the effort, which will kick off on April 26 at Spend a Saturday in Sharpsburg.
    c. Bicentennial budget and planning – DeRunk discussed that there is money in the Health and Recreation Fund that can be allocated next year for the bicentennial. She stated that it would be helpful for those doing fundraising this year to be able to share that the Borough is seeking to close the gap in what is needed and that the Borough is contributing funds to the celebratory activities.
    d. Parking on 3rd Street – DeRunk reviewed the measurements taken on 3rd Street to address the issue of if there is enough room to add an additional parking space on 3rd Street. There is not enough room so no additional parking space will be added.
    e. PennDOT selection committee discussion – DeRunk reported that the resolution that was passed a few months ago generically lists three Council members and the Manager to serve on a consultant selection committee for PennDOT projects such as the RAISE grant. DeRunk suggested that the Council Sub-Committee that attends the biweekly Allegheny Shores meetings should be the three Council members. There was agreement and this will be placed on the consent agenda.
    f. Upcoming PRT changes – Breingan reviewed the changes that are coming to the bus lines in Sharpsburg given the upcoming far increases and service cuts made by PRT as a result of its $100M budget shortfall. Breingan will proposed a resolution supporting PRT for the business meeting that will then be sent to Harrisburg.
    g. Trees – Breingan stated that due to federal cuts, the TreeVitalize program would not be providing trees to Sharpsburg for a spring planting. He also discussed other options for increasing the tree canopy.
    h. Historic Commission Ordinance 25-03 – DeRunk stated that the Historic Commission was created by resolution and not by ordinance and brought a draft ordinance that would officially create the Historic Commission. The

language of the ordinance is the same as the original resolution only in ordinance format.

i. Capital Fund (Ord 25-04) and Riverfront Capital Fund (Ord 25-05) – DeRunk explained that the Capital Fund would be used for capital projects located in the existing parts of Sharpsburg and would allow the Borough to implement the minimum fund balance policy enacted in 2023. The Riverfront Capital Fund would be a separate fund with separate bank accounts and would be used to implement the grants that were awarded to the Borough in partnership with the riverfront developer on public assets along the riverfront. This fund would be kept separate from the Capital Fund.
j. Summer workshop meetings – DeRunk asked Council if there was a plan to cancel any summer workshop meetings to allow for vacations. There was also a discussion on which day to hold a presentation to the public on updates to the STMP report and what is going on in the Borough.

4. Public comment on agenda-related items (3-minute limit)
    a. Clark Wigginton stated that he would not like to see any workshops canceled because he likes to know what is coming up for a vote. He also suggested posting the agenda earlier in the week.

5. The meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager