Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Workshop Minutes
May 8, 2025
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

1. President Laing called the meeting to order and roll call showed the following present: Jonathan Jaso, Corey Ochai. Adrianne Laing, Roman Mason, David Breingan, Sarah Ishman, Karen Pastor, Mayor Portis. Also present was Christine DeRunk.

2. Discussion Items
    a. Mallory Helbling addressed Council to propose, with Mr. Mason, a workforce development pilot program starting in July in which the concession stand would be open for a select number of hours on select days of the week to sell mostly prepackaged food and beverage items but potentially also hot dogs. A discussion ensued around oversight, if the youth would be employees of the Borough or if payroll would run through a different agency, oversight needed, etc. No decision was made by Council as the purpose was to gauge the level of interest from Council before investing too much time in the idea. The program would be at no cost to the Borough as it would be outside funded.
    b. Katie Sirianni of Love, Katie Distilling attended the meeting via Zoom to answer questions and speak about First Fridays at Love, Katie Distilling. There were questions raised about the need for insurance and a hold harmless agreement. Questions asked were also about vendors and the location of the bounce house.
    c. Mr. Breingan stated that he would be working with the solicitor on possible code updates related to taller buildings having a functioning generator for when there is an emergency as this was an issue during the power outage a few weeks ago.
    d. Ms. DeRunk spoke of the need to repair/replace the salt shed after it sustained wind damage during the storms. She stated that one quote has been received and that other requests for quotes are out, but no other quotes have come in. The quote received is a COSTARS quote. The quote will be put on the consent agenda not to exceed $33,215 pending a response from the insurance company about coverage of the damages.
    e. There was discussion of segments of roadways to pave in the 2025 paving season. The budget is $125,000. DeRunk reported that the Borough's engineer provided cost estimates showing that it will cost approximately $30,000 to pave from Main Street to the catch basin on Ali Street, leaving $95,000 to pave portions of Penn Street. The engineer recommended starting from east and working westward. There was a discussion on whether it would be better to start at the west and work eastward. DeRunk suggested that Council go look at Penn and to email by Tuesday if working from west to east is preferred. Otherwise, the Borough will do what has been suggested by the engineer so that the bid specs can be finished and the project put out to bid.

3. Clark Wigginton stated that there is an issue with the ramp at JSL. DeRunk stated that DPW will be alerted and they will look into it. He also requested that the signs on the fence under the 62nd Street bridge be removed and that the Borough tell Mr. Thompson that we will be paving Ali Street so he can also pave his company's portion

of Ali Street. DeRunk stated that she will reach out but that an individual cannot join our municipal contract but that he can talk with the contractor himself.

4. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mason.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager