Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

1. Ms. Laing called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Ms. DeRunk performed a roll call and found the following in attendance: Mr. Jaso, Ms. Pastor, Mr. Breingan, Ms. Laing, Mayor Portis. The following were excused: Ms. Ishman, Mr. Mason, Mr. Ochai.

3. There were three discussion items:
    a. Mr. Breingan identified potential legislative priorities that have been identified by Council and/or staff members. No decisions were made on which ones to pursue for 2026. Mr. Breingan stated that he would share a list with Council electronically and invited Council members to respond to him by March 23 with their ranking or priorities. He stated that he would assemble the feedback and the discussion would continue.
    b. Ms. DeRunk provided feedback received from Michele Nstor, the consultant assisting with writing trash and recycling bid specs. There is interest among Council members for trash to be placed in garbage cans instead of in bags in the curb. There was a brief discussion on bag tags and feasibility. Some expressed a desire for closer to unlimited trash service. The feedback will be taken back to Ms. Nestor by Ms. DeRunk for discussion and inclusion in the draft bid specs.
    c. Ms. DeRunk stated that the Main Streets Allegheny grant portal is open and that we can apply for a couple of grants. One grant application is to seek support for the music festival and drone show in September. The other is for beautification efforts in the business district. That grant application would include LED lighting for unique wayfinding, the construction of planters, printing of colorful banners, and installation of a mosaic on a wall.

4. Public comment on agenda-related items (3-minute limit)
    a. Members of the public asked if we could have an adopt a planter program and a brief discussion followed about asking people to adopt a planter or if we can paint the planters to distinguish them from the trash cans.

5. Adjourn – Motion by Mr. Jaso