Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026
6:30pm
Borough Council Chambers

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

2. Ms. DeRunk performed Roll Call and found the following in attendance: Mr. Jaso, Ms. Pastor, Ms. Lapp, Ms. Ishman, Mr. Mason, Mr. Breingan, Ms. Laing, and Mayor Portis.

3. There were three discussion items
    a. Presentation from Thriving Communities Technical Assistance team
        i. The consulting firm working for HUD's TCTA program came and presented to Council and the public on the work that has been completed to date related to affordable housing. There were many recommendation made, some of which would be led by the Borough and other by Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization, to preserve, protect and produce additional affordable housing. The team also made policy recommendations related to Accessory Dwelling Units, Complete Streets, Inclusionary Zonin, and Business and Community Development initiatives.
        ii. The presentation slides will be posted to the website under Planning.

    b. Brad Truman re: camera analytics pilot
        i. Brad Truman gave a presentation on a proposed pilot program that would allow a company he is creating to access 5-6 cameras that are currently being used by the police department to do traffic counts, pedestrian counts, etc. The data would not be recorded and would be anonymized. There were several questions that need further exploration including how does this impact Right to Know Law requests and can the data be housed on premises so that no data leaves the Borough building. No decision was made until these questions can be answered.

    c. Heinz Memorial plan for grants
        i. Ms. DeRunk stated that there is a grant application due at the end of the month that can be used for park projects. She responded to a request that the baseball field be reoriented. She indicated that based on measurements taken from Google Maps, rotating the field would not yield a larger field for older kids to play on. A discussion ensued. Mr. Mason suggested that a professional study be conducted related to the use of Heinz Memorial Park.

4. Public comment on agenda-related items
    a. Julia Granito asked if there are other higher level agencies that would be using the data collected with the camera analytics pilot proposed by Mr. Truman.

5. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jaso.