Sharpsburg Borough Council Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026
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, Roman Mason, Amber Lapp, Jonathan Jaso, Adrianne Laing, Dave Breingan - excused, Mayor Portis, Sara Ishman, Chief Stelitano

3. Christine DeRunk explained the Consent Agenda Items
    a. Motion to table item 15 to later date: Jaso 1st, Mason 2nd, unanimously paassed

4. Public Comments on agenda-related items (3-minute limit)
    a. Clark Wiggins inquired about the use of borough property for item 14 on the Consent Agenda. Ms. DeRunk answered, Kennedy Park will be used on June 15, 2026 by NAMS.

5. Registered Public Comments (3-minute limit)
    a. Sara Mariacher re: Library report
    b. Debbie Bobeck re: Borough-wide Flea Market on Sept 12th
    c. Chas Smith re: N Canal Street closure for flea market

    Motion to give conditional approval for Flea Market contingent upon acquiring the required insurance – Mason 1st, Jaso 2nd, unanimously passed

6. Reports
    a. Reports from Commissions
        i. Mallory Helbling gave the Parks and Recreation update – Ms. Helbing stated that Funnel Cake Friday will be held every Friday during the month of June. There will be a music event, drone show, and a live painting for the Bicentennial. They are also seeking funds for the 5K to be held this fall, and the holiday event has been changed to Saturday, November 28, 2026.

    b. Adrianne Laing gave the President's Report – Ms. Laing reported that council had an executive session on April 23rd and May 4th regarding personnel. She also provided a brief description of the commission vacancies which are also posted on the borough website.

    c. Mayor's Report – Kayla Portis – Ms. Portis was unable to comment due to technological issues via Zoom.

    d. Junior Council Report – Grace Cooper gave the Junior Council report: Grace informed everyone that the last day of school is June 5th and the graduation

ceremony is Sunday, June 7th. The high school had a Wellness Day, and the school café added some new items.

e. Public Safety – Karen Pastor and Jonathan Jaso
    i. Chief Stelitano gave the police report – 366 calls for service in April, 18 traffic stops -8 citations, 8 warnings, 2 arrests. Arrests - 4 adults, 0 juvenile), 1 DUI.
    ii. Mary Bauer's Social Worker Report – 100 interactions for the month of April, 17% were via 911 dispatch, 83% of interactions were non-dispatched services. Areas of concern: mental health, animal concerns, civil issues (utilities, housing, etc.)
    Community engagements and training: Ms. Bauer attended a 2-day intensive training on Human Trafficking through the Human Trafficking Training Center, met with Ophelia Treatment Center, and spoke at 2 classes at Slippery Rock University on the coordination and intersection between social work and law enforcement. Ms. Bauer also attended a Report of Needs training course through the District Attorney's Office. This is a new system regarding reporting and responding to allegations of elder abuse/neglect.
    iii. Karen Pastor gave the Fire Department Report- 43 total calls in April; 9 in Sharpsburg. Ms. Pastor discussed the need to put a few red zones on select streets so emergency vehicles can get through.
    iv. Jaso gave the EMS report – there were 65 EMS calls in Sharpsburg, and the response times have decreased to under 6 minutes.

f. Communications Committee – Roman Mason and Amber Lapp
    i. Mr. Mason reported that on May 11, 2026, Lt. Governor Austin Davis visited Sharpsburg as part of his statewide "Putting More Money Back in Your Pockets" tour. He was joined by Allegheny County Executive Sara Innamorato, Sharpsburg Borough Councilman Dave Breingan, and representatives from the Allegheny County Housing Authority, ACTION-Housing, and Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters.

g. Zoning/Planning/Code – David Breingan and Sarah Ishman
    i. Motion to adopt Ordinance 26-02 Establishing Environmental Advisory Council – Ishman 1st, Jaso 2nd, unanimously passed

h. Asset Management – Jonathan Jaso and Karen Pastor
    i. Mark Marshall gave the Public Works report - some of their finished projects include grass at Kenedy Park basketball court has been reseeded removal of leaves at a the library roof, planted flowers at 16th Street Park and lower box at Guyasuta, parade route curbs and ADA have been painted, and power line at James Sharp Landing has been cleared and chipped for use in the borough. Upcoming projects: Installation of ADA sidewalks at Kennedy Park, manhole replacement on 9th Street, removal of fence around tot lot, mulching of tree beds at Kennedy Park and playground area at Heniz field, and installation of

ADA and sidewalks at Kennedy Park (this will be completed after funnel cake Fridays). Mr. Marshall also met with Pioneer Paving about emergency paving projects and has a preconstruction meeting with Wilson excavating.

ii. Engineer's Report from LSSE report included in packet

iii. Discussion of whether to award trash contract as Option A or Option B

1. If Option A, then motion to award trash contract for 2027-2031 to Waste Management in the total amount of $3,084,720 for the five-year period
2. If Option B, then then motion to award trash contract for 2027-2031 to County Hauling in the total amount of $2,575,146 for the five-year period

Motion to award trash contract for 2027-2031 to County Hauling in the total amount of $2,575,146 for the five-year period – Jaso 1st, Pastor 2nd, unanimously passed.

i. Finance – Sarah Ishman and David Breingan

i. Budget Reports
ii. Treasurer's Report from Carleen Kusar is included in the packet

j. Solicitor's Report – Matt Kalina

i. Nothing for public comment

k. Manager's Report – Christine DeRunk

i. Storage container costs and potential motion to allocate up to $4,800 for storage solution
ii. Resiliency Grid – EIS provided a finalized drawing of panel placement, and we are confirming a few things to allow for DPW to still maintain the property.
iii. PENNVEST – The Borough was awarded $1.7M in a grant and $9.1M in loans. The recommendation is to NOT accept this package.
iv. Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan - A final draft Word document has been received for final review. I would expect that we can adopt this in June.
v. Streetscape Project – (sidewalks between 19th & 21st Street) bid specs are finished, hoping to be able to be awarded at the April or May meeting.
vi. Active Transportation Plan – RFQ was released on March 19th. RFQ's for the plan are available - Please let Ms. DeRunk know if anyone would like to read it, this will be awarded in May.
vii. Allegheny Shores – Ongoing PA SITES money was not awarded to R47.
viii. STMP –Stalled a bit this month due to other time constraints and priorities but will resume in June.
ix. Allegheny Shores: General – Ongoing. Various meetings with ALCOSAN, HSWA, etc. Still working with ACED to secure funding for engineering the flyover so we can avoid community disruption by having two HPB projects. RAAC meeting was held on 7/24 when

approximately $500,000 was awarded for the preliminary engineering work for the flyer.

x. Allegheny Shores - RAISE - Lots of ongoing meetings and coordination with PennDOT and FHWA. Reimbursement Agreements with PennDOT are being worked on for the preliminary engineering. We will still need RAs for the RAISE funded portions of the project.
xi. Allegheny Shores – PennDOT: We went to bid, had the bid opening on May 27 and are awarding tonight.
xii. Allegheny Shores- TIF/TRID – Allegheny County Economic Development now has consultants on board who can assist us. We will be engaging them in the coming months.
xiii. Comprehensive Plan Update – This appears to be on hold indefinitely. We did get a quote to update our part of the Comp. Plan. It is approximately $7,000. We could move forward with upcoming data from our section of the Comp Plan if we choose.
xiv. Anti-Displacement/Housing Preservation Work - The TCTA team will be here for the May workshop meeting to discuss the project and to make recommendations.
xv. Housing Study – SNO is working to revive a housing study that was never finished two years ago. I am working with SNO's ED to figure out how to best link all the housing work that the Borough is working on.
xvi. Active Transportation Plan – Awarded on May 28. We will need to convene a steering committee in partnership with the County.
xvii. FEMA – I submitted the requested paperwork to FEMA to close out the CAV. Awaiting a response to see if the paperwork is sufficient to close the files.
xviii. Allegheny County Economic Development – two grants have been submitted, one for support of Parks & Recs Music Festival and drone show and the other was for a nature themed beautification project for the business district. The Borough should find out within the next month whether those grants will be funded.
xix. Day-to-Day: Trash proposals came in and will be awarded on May 28. Still waiting to hear back on these grant applications.

Motion to approve the above listed business items – Jaso 1st, Ishman 2nd, unanimously passed.

7. Consent Agenda – motion
    a. Motion to approve the following business:
        1. Payment of bills through April 30, 2026
        2. Adopt minutes from April 23 and May 14 meetings
        3. Approval to make Joe Bruno an Emeritus Member of Historical Commission
        4. Approval for Historical Commission to clean gravestones of James Sharp for a total of $1,350
        5. Award Active Transportation Plan to OHM Advisors in the amount of $50,000 funded by RAAC

6. Award PennDOT MTF to A. Folino Construction Company in the amount of $2,023,000
7. Adopt Resolution 26-06 Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of Allegheny County's Hazard Planning
8. Approval of paving of Chapman Street between 21st and 22nd Streets in the amount of $7,924 by Pioneer Paving
9. Adopt Resolution 26-07 for submission of a grant application to the GTRP program for land acquisition, demolition, and engineering and approval to submit associated documentation
10. Approval to hold Kennedy Park basketball court dedication to the Domian Family on June 28, 2026 at 5pm
11. Approval for 5k event on October 10, 2026
12. Approval for P&R to spend up to $1,705 to pay for third-party 5k registration system (expected to be reimbursed through registrations)
13. Approval to spend up to $1,200 for live painting at the music festival (expected to be reimbursed through sponsorships)
14. Approval of Use of Borough Property application from NAMS to host a senior picnic
15. Approval to sign Agreement with Riverfront 47 for implementation of RAAC grant for preliminary engineering

8. Other Reports
    i. Zoning/Building – see monthly BIU report
    ii. Inspection Report from Code Officers, Andrea McCord & Lou DeLuca included in packet

9. Adjourn 8:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christine DeRunk

The next workshop meeting will be on June 11, 2026 at 6:30pm.
The next business meeting will be on June 25, 2026 at 6:30pm.