

SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held November 17, 2022, at 6:30pm.

President Laing called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call found the following members present: Jonathan Jaso, Kayla Portis, Karen Pastor, Carrie Tongarm, Sarah Ishman (arrived at 6.37pm), Adrienne Laing, Peter Adams, Mayor Reno, Chief Stelitano

Laing said there was three (3) executive sessions last month regarding personnel.

Citizens Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Citizens Comments (Registered):

Scott Celender – Memorial Bench at 16th Street Park

Celender asked to have a memorial bench in honor of his grandmother to be put in the 16th Street Park. A discussion ensued and the item will be put on next month's agenda.

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library

Mariacher gave her monthly updates on statistics and programs available.

Greg Domian – Parks and Recreation Commission

Domian gave a monthly update.

Committee Reports:

B. Reno – Mayor

Reno asked the Chief if there's a possibility to get slow down signs on Augie's Way. Reno said the traffic is moving fast through the street. Reno and the Chief will touch base later.

Reno said she would like a letter sent from the borough to FEMA in response to the community assistance visit. The letter is to help the borough fall into compliance with federal law.

Reno said SNO, the police department, library, and Roots of Faith successfully applied for a grant through the county health department for addiction prevention and response. The grant is for \$10,000.

P. Adams – Health/Property

Adams said the parking permit survey is on the website and through the library.

Adams said we are working with Waste Management on the garbage/recycling contract renewal. Adams asked DeRunk to speak on the renewal. DeRunk have an overview of the options available to the borough with the cost for each option and said there will be sample trash carts at the borough for people to look at before they choose a size. A discussion ensued

and a garbage service survey will be put together and put on the borough website and other social media sources for residents to fill out.

C. Tongarm – Zoning/Planning/Code

Tongarm said since DeRunk made updates to a few ordinances and is familiar with the red lined changes she asked DeRunk to speak about each of them.

DeRunk reviewed the changes to the 5 ordinances and why she felt the changes needed to be made. A discussion ensued

K. Portis – Personnel

Nothing currently.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

53 Calls for October

Pastor said the fire department passed the new set of bylaws for the merger.

Pastor mentioned that the fire inspections will resume in 2023 with BIU performing the inspections and collection of fees for the inspections.

Pastor thanked Carmody the DPW Director for keeping the roof cleared from debris and the upkeep of the yellow lines.

Pastor also asked about the yellow lines on Roosevelt Way. A discussion ensued.

Tongarm made a motion to amend the consent agenda to add the yellow line on Roosevelt for public safety reasons.

2nd by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing – Yes

Pastor mentioned the fire department received a letter from O'Hara thanking them for their help in the search of an elderly person with dementia.

Chief Stelitano read his monthly report.

Reno thanked the Chief and Officer Carb for putting together reports with valuable information into charts for staffing needs.

Ishman made a motion to approve Resolution 22-16 in the sale of the K9 vehicle.

2nd by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Laing – Yes

S. Ishman – Public Works

Carmody read the monthly DPW report.

Ishman reviewed the Engineer's monthly report.

J. Jaso – Finance

Jaso said the final LGA meeting will be held in December.

Jaso asked DeRunk to review the proposed 2023 budget.

DeRunk reviewed the budget and the tax rate increase for the fiscal year 2023. A discussion ensued.

Adams made a motion to adopt Ordinance 22-08.

2nd by Ishman

All In Favor – No

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – No

Pastor – Yes

Laing – Yes

M. Witherel – Solicitor

Nothing currently.

C. DeRunk – Borough Manager

DeRunk said the letters to the banks for the TAN note have been sent out. Waiting for the banks to respond.

DeRunk said the charging stations are ready for use but there is a need to establish a fee for the use of the stations.

DeRunk said there is a need for a catch basin at the entrance to the Dancing Gnome (1025 Main Street) because of standing water from rain, snow and ice that can cause a safety hazard and potentially damage the new concrete.

Ishman made a motion to ward the project of installing a bottomless catch basin in front of 1025 Main Street not to exceed \$11,800 for work to be completed before the end of 2022 and paid for using the Utility Fund.

2nd by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing – Yes

R. Mason – Junior Council

Nothing currently.

Consent Agenda:

1. Payment of bills through November 16, 2022
2. Minutes from October 27, 2022, meeting
3. Yellow lines on Roosevelt Way

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:40pm.
Motion by Jaso
2nd by Adams
All in Favor – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine DeRunk
Borough Manager

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