

## SHARPSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2022

Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Council was held October 27, 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, Adrienne Laing, Peter Adams, Mayor Reno(excused), Chief Stelitano

Laing said there was an executive session last month regarding personnel.

Citizens Comments (Agenda Items Only):

Citizens Comments (Registered):

Sara Mariacher – Sharpsburg Library  
Mariacher gave her monthly updates on statistics and programs available.

### **Committee Reports:**

P. Adams – Health/Property

Erin Angeli – HRC – Nothing to Report currently.

Greg Domian – Parks & Recreation Commission – Domian gave his monthly report. Domian said that the Sauna is coming back to James Sharp Landing. Adams said it needs to be added to the consent agenda. Tongarm appointed Denise Hoffman to the commission and will be sworn in later.

Tongarm asked for a motion to appoint Denise Hoffman to the Parks and Recreation Commission. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing - Yes

Adams talked about the parking permit ordinance and the minor changes he would like to make. A discussion ensued.

C. Tongarm – Zoning/Planning/Code

Tongarm gave an update on the zoning overlay.

Tongarm made a motion to that the Borough initiate a 45-day public review period for proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments associated with Riverfront Overlay updates and that the Borough advertise and schedule a public hearing on December 15, 2022, to hear comments and consideration for action on such amendments.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

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Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Laing – Yes

Tongarm also mentioned the groundbreaking ceremony at the Allegheny Shores property on October 31, 2022, at 11am. All are welcome.

Tongarm said a five-million-dollar grant has been awarded towards the Allegheny Shores project.

K. Portis – Personnel

Nothing currently.

K. Pastor – Public Safety

44 Calls in September.

Pastor thanked Officer Lukasik and Social Worker Mary Bauer for being the first ones on scene at a kitchen fire in the high rise and quickly taking action.

Pastor said Halloween will be from 6-8pm and the fire department has 450 bags to give out.

Chief Stelitano said that Officer Kimmel's father-in-law passed away and will be off for the next few days. The Chief also said that the department will participate in the trunk-or-treat at the Lauri Ann West Community Center.

The Chief read his monthly report.

S. Ishman – Public Works

Carmody read the monthly report for public works department.

Ishman reviewed the engineers report.

Ishman spoke about the ADA curb ramp project and that contract be awarded to Palmieri Construction Group for a total amount of \$42,200.

Ishman made a motion to award the CD-48 ADA Curb Ramp installation project to Joe Palmieri Construction Group for a total amount of \$42,200, paid for with CDBG funds with local match.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Pastor

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Laing – Yes

Ishman made a motion to submit the full applications for the 4 grants projects.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing - Yes

Ishman talked about the 2021 Ford F650 that is too large for the DPW's needs, and as a result, is not being utilized. The truck has approximately 140 miles on it and is in pristine condition. Under the Borough Code section 1201.2 permits the electronic auctioning of Borough property with conditions. Ishman is recommending that the Borough approve the authorization of the advertisement and electronic auctioning on Municibid.com of this vehicle. The auction shall be advertised for 10 days. Ishman made a motion to approve Resolution 22-14 approving the advertisement and electronic auctioning as recommended.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Roll Call:

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Laing – Yes

J. Jason – Finance

Jaso said that the budget is ready for review, and he handed the floor over to DeRunk for her to give the presentation for the proposed budget.

DeRunk gave the presentation. Tongarm asked if the presentation and budget can be posted on the website for people to review and make comments. DeRunk said yes.

Adams made a motion to advertise the budget as presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jaso

All in Favor – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Laing – Yes

M. Witherel - Solicitor  
Nothing Currently.

C. DeRunk – Borough Manager

Jaso made a motion to pass Resolution 22-15 for the implementation of Act 57 Local Tax collection Law.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Laing – Yes

DeRunk said the Tri-Cog Land Bank seeks to acquire the property located at 1314 Middle Street for the stated purpose of affordable housing, if there is a qualified organization that comes forth within 12 months of the acquisition that can deliver affordable housing. If there is no developer that comes forward within the 12-month period, then the property would be made available to other private developers for purposes including but not limited to affordable housing.

Tongarm made a motion to consent the Tri-Cog Land Bank of the acquisition of 1314 Middle Street.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams

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Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor – Yes

Laing – Yes

Jaso made a motion to pursue a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) with Northwest Bank, the Borough's designated bank, in an amount that is consistent with the Borough's needs and in alignment with the TAN program. The loan would be paid back in 2023 after taxes begin to be received in the second quarter and the Borough Manager is authorized to secure said TAN.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams

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Pastor – Yes

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Ishman – Yes

Adams – Yes

Laing – Yes

DeRunk gave an overview of some ordinances that need to be revised and she will pull and red line so council can review the changes.

R. Mason – Junior Councilperson

Mason said he had his Kennedy Park meeting and that it went very well on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mason said on October 18<sup>th</sup> Mason was crowned King of Homecoming. Congratulations to Mason.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Payment of bills through November 16
2. Furnace replacement for police department \$12,160 by A-Comfort
3. Minutes from September 22 meeting
4. Adding Christine DeRunk to Northwest Bank signature card and removing William Rossey.
5. Slip lining update on Main Street at the sink hole.
6. Sauna Saturdays at James Sharp Landing. November 12 & 19, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Adams

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tongarm

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Adams – Yes

Portis – Yes

Jaso – Yes

Pastor- Yes

Tongarm – Yes

Laing – Yes

Laing asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm.

Motion by Jaso

2<sup>nd</sup> by Portis

All in Favor – Yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine DeRunk  
Borough Manager

CD/ck