

Monthly Report to Council

**FINES AND FEES COLLECTED  
YEAR TO DATE - 2018**

**THIS MONTH - FEBRUARY 2019**

PARKING METER COIN COLLECTED	\$1,002.00	\$2,787.00
PARKING TICKET FINES COLLECTED	\$965.00	\$2,015.00
DISTRICT COURT FINES RETURNED	\$1,376.61	\$2,545.65
13 <sup>TH</sup> STREET METERED LOT FEES	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT FINES RETURNED	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL FINES</b>	<b>\$3,843.61</b>	<b>\$8,347.65</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>		
ADULT	10	21
JUVENILE	0	1
<b>CITATIONS ISSUED /REPORTS FILED</b>		
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	12	23
PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED	41	106
NON-TRAFFIC SUMMARY ARRESTS	2	10
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	181	302
INCIDENT REPORTS FILED	289	572

**SUBMITTED BY: CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS STELITANO**



Honorable Mayor  
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Borough Council was held February 28, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

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

Roll Call found the following Members present:

Matt Brudnok, Greg Domian, Jonathan Jaso, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Larry Trozzo, Brittany Reno, Mayor Rudzki, Chief Stelitano, and Aiden Mack, Junior Council.

**Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):**

None

**Citizen Comments (Registered):**

Eric Schmidt and Lisa Rutkowski of the Fox Chapel School Board discussed the school district updates to include the building progress of Kerr Elementary School and the new school programs that will be included in the classrooms, public safety and the placement of resource officers, and the increased growth of the number of students. Reno inquired if the graduation statistics are broken down by zip code.

Carol Whaley, Kaley Kaczynski, and Jennifer Geibel led a discussion acknowledging that Sharpsburg is the first community known as Compassionate Communities for Animal Friends. Attention will be given to pet owners for spay and neuter services as well as controlling the cat colonies.

Steve Mosites of Riverfront 47 discussed the latest riverfront developments to include the plans for a public park as well as financial concerns with the prior Silky's Crow's Nest land which is owned by the Borough. Mosites is seeking from the Borough an agreed upon signed lease with Riverfront 47 and the Borough. Reno suggested an executive session to discuss and agree upon such a lease. Mosites announced that the projected plan to break ground and begin development will be in 2020. Tim Walker, a boater at Silky's Marina, expressed his concerns regarding the continuance of Silky's Marina as an important amenity to Sharpsburg.

Connie Scotti discussed parking concerns at 5<sup>th</sup> and South Main and the various work vehicles that are parking/blocking access to property owner's loading zones.

**Committee Reports:**

W. Rossey  
Manager

Rossey addressed the Consent Agenda and that it is self-explanatory this month with no additional explanation.

Also mentioned was the meeting with the construction crew at the Guyasuta Triangle and the plans for Phase I of the Main Street improvements to begin at the end of March and will be completed by June 1, 2019.

Rossey stated that the contracts are signed for the placement of new docks and that dock space will be expanded. The docks will be installed in the spring.

L. Trozzo  
Zoning/Planning/Code  
Nothing

G. Domian  
Personnel  
Domian addressed the progress of Open Streets and the overwhelming response from vendors therefore requiring expansion of the booths from Sixth Street to Station Street.

K. Pastor  
Public Safety  
Pastor mentioned there were 18 fire department responses to fire calls for the month of February. Pastor led discussion regarding the response in February to three large fires within 24 hours and the concern for the lack of resources as presently the various communities compile approximately 30 available firefighters thus emphasizing the rising concerns for declining membership. Pastor addressed the meetings held with the surrounding community fire chiefs to discuss these communities collaborating resources when there is a fire call.  
Pastor announced the date for the annual Fish Fry which is April 19, 2019 11:00 am to 7:00 pm.

J. Simbari  
Public Works  
Simbari mentioned that the upcoming Special Voting Election does not involve Sharpsburg the 42<sup>nd</sup> District as the election is for the 37<sup>th</sup> District. Also mentioned is that in the May primary three current council people will be running in the election to win their current seat. He mentioned if anyone is considering running to obtain and complete a petition with at least 10 signatures and submit to the Allegheny County Elections Board by March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Simbari discussed the proposed lease agreement of the Silky's Crow's Nest land with the Borough and Riverfront 47.  
Simbari discussed the current parking concerns with work vehicles on South Main and food trucks employed by the two craft brewing establishments. Brudnok also addressed his concerns regarding the work vehicles in permitted areas.  
Simbari stated the results of the Regional Police Study as not being feasible for the surrounding police forces to merge.

J. Jaso  
Health/Property  
Jaso announced the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held in Kennedy Park on April 18, 2019 starting at 1:00 pm.

Also, Public Works will be painting yellow lines, cross walks, and blue lines for the handicap when the weather breaks. He inquired if the police could reevaluate the handicap designated spots as well as enforcing the annual renewal application process.

Jaso mentioned that he will be resubmitting his repair list for parks and borough property and requests that all tasks be completed by Memorial Day.

M. Brudnok

Finance

Brudnok acknowledged that the Hometown Troop Banner program grant from the Fox Chapel District Association has been completed. The VFW is committing money to the Banner Program and is accepting applications directly through the VFW. They will continue to commit money and accept applications annually going forward. The VFW will be coming to a future Council meeting to discuss their program for the banners.

A.Mack

Junior Council Member

Nothing

J.D'Ambrosio

Public Works

D'Ambrosio acknowledged the crew is addressing and filling the potholes throughout the Borough. Pastor stated that Main Street is a state road and that Rossey does contact the state if the road needs attention.

M. Rudzki

Mayor

-Mayor discussed the Regional Police Study results upon meeting with the four participating communities: Aspinwall, Blawnox, O'Hara and Sharpsburg. The study was conducted by the Pa State Governor's Center for Local Governments. The state compiled a booklet with the results and all Council, Managers, and Police Chiefs received a copy. At this time the study does not recommend a consolidation. All communities agree to ensure all receive the highest quality of police coverage and mutual aid agreements.

-Mayor thanked Animal Friends and the control of cat colonies and offering the program to spay/neuter cats in our community. He welcomes working with Animal Friends in the future. Mayor announced a program whereby pet owners will be able to register their pets with the Borough.

-Mayor congratulated a new business, Sugar Spell Scoops, the Borough's new vegan ice cream establishment.

-Mayor thanked the anonymous donor committing \$10,000 and a family that committed \$1000.00 to the Sharpsburg Library. The donations will assist the funding of the daily operations as the Library is experiencing a shortfall.

-A reminder, the Department of Revenue is still accepting Rent/Rebate applications and Roots of Faith volunteers are willing to assist those that need help in completing the application.

-The Police and Fire Department did a tour of Watson Institute that offers programs for disadvantaged children.

-Mayor thanked the Public Works crew for their dedicated work during snow storms.

-Mayor announced the Borough Clean-up Day in observance of Earth Day to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Borough Building. Etna Mayor has challenged Mayor Rudzki and borough residents to a friendly clean-up. The gateway portal between Etna and Sharpsburg will be the staging area for the end of the clean-up which will be judged by State Senator, Lindsay Williams and State Representative, Sara Innamorato, and Anita Prizio, County Council as to how many residents are volunteering and how many bags of trash collected. Mayor invited all to participate.

B.Reno

President of Council

Reno expressed thanks to the Fire Department and their assistance to the fire calls throughout the Borough and neighboring communities.

Reno also expressed thanks to the Public Work's crew for their efforts during the snow storms.

Reno announced a program entitled "Idea Roundup" hosted by the Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization to be held at the VFW on March 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm where participant's ideas will be pitched on various issues that affect Sharpsburg to include: food, air, water, mobility, and energy. Each group will receive \$2000.00 execute their throughout the community.

T. Stelitano

Chief of Police

Chief discussed the Police Report for the month of February.

M. Witherel

Solicitor

Witherel led discussion regarding the Small Wireless Facilities Ordinance. Rossey explains that the intent of the ordinance is to eliminate the use of the large cell towers and to replace with small wireless facilities to be placed on top of utilities poles to provide service for extended wireless service and internet. Questions at hand are what will they look like as well as how many will be installed, where will they be installed, etc. The ordinance will permit Sharpsburg to control the actions of the wireless companies.

Witherel also led discussion regarding filing tax exemption with Allegheny County for the Silky's Crow's Nest property but stating that a municipal use of the property is a must to be awarded tax exemption status.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Reno asked for a motion to approve the following general business by roll call:

- a. Payment of bills due through March 28, 2019.
- b. Minutes from January 24, 2019 Meeting

- c. Motion to appoint Brad Truman to the Sharpsburg Zoning Hearing Board. This is a 3 year term.
- d. Motion to donate \$100.00 to Sharpsburg Family Worship Center for their annual Easter Egg Hunt and to grant them permission to use Kennedy Park on Saturday April 13, 2019 for their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival and to close North Canal Street from 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm.

Motion made by Jaso with second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote.

**Permits:**

- a. Handicap Parking:  
225 Clifton Avenue  
809 Penn Street  
Reno asked for a motion to approve the two handicap parking spots. Motion made by Brudnok with second by Pastor resulting in a unanimous vote.
- B Use Permits:  
None
- C Zoning/ Building:  
None

Reno announced Council was adjourning to executive session at 7:47pm. Council reconvened at 9:00 pm from Executive Session.

Reno asked for a motion to approve R47's proposed lease agreement with the Borough of Sharpsburg based on recommendations from Solicitor Witherel. Motion made by Pastor with second by Jaso resulting in a unanimous vote.

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Motion made by Brudnok with second by Jaso.

Respectfully submitted,

William Rossey, Sharpsburg Borough Manager  
WR/br



Congratulations!

We welcome Sharpsburg as the first Animal Friends' Compassionate Community. Thank you to the borough leaders, residents and Mayor Rudzki for making a commitment to providing humane options for animal concerns within the borough.

The benefits for the Sharpsburg Community are as follows:

- Waived fee for trap rental for Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return purposes when the individual has scheduled a spay/neuter appointment at Animal Friends' Animal Wellness Center or Mobile Resource Center
- Discount of 10% off of spay/neuter pricing at our Animal Wellness Center or Mobile Resource Center
- Discount of 10% off the cost of a cat or dog spay/neuter for owned animals
- Discount of 10% off feral cat package
- Discount of 10% off MRC package
- Discount of 10% at Animal Friends' Retail Shop
- Establishment of partnership with local food pantry with Animal Friends' Chow Wagon pet food pantry
- Reduced fee adoption promotion twice yearly of \$25 for animals six months of age and older
- Free educational presentations for the mayor, council, residents, and stakeholders on managing cat colony numbers through Trap Neuter Vaccinate Return and proper colony management
- Free educational presentations for the police force on ordinances related to animal welfare
- Decal to display at borough office
- Showcase the community on Animal Friends' social media pages and website
- Invitation to Black Tie & Tails for Mayor of compassionate community and recognition during the evening

# Sharpsburg Main & Canal Walking Route

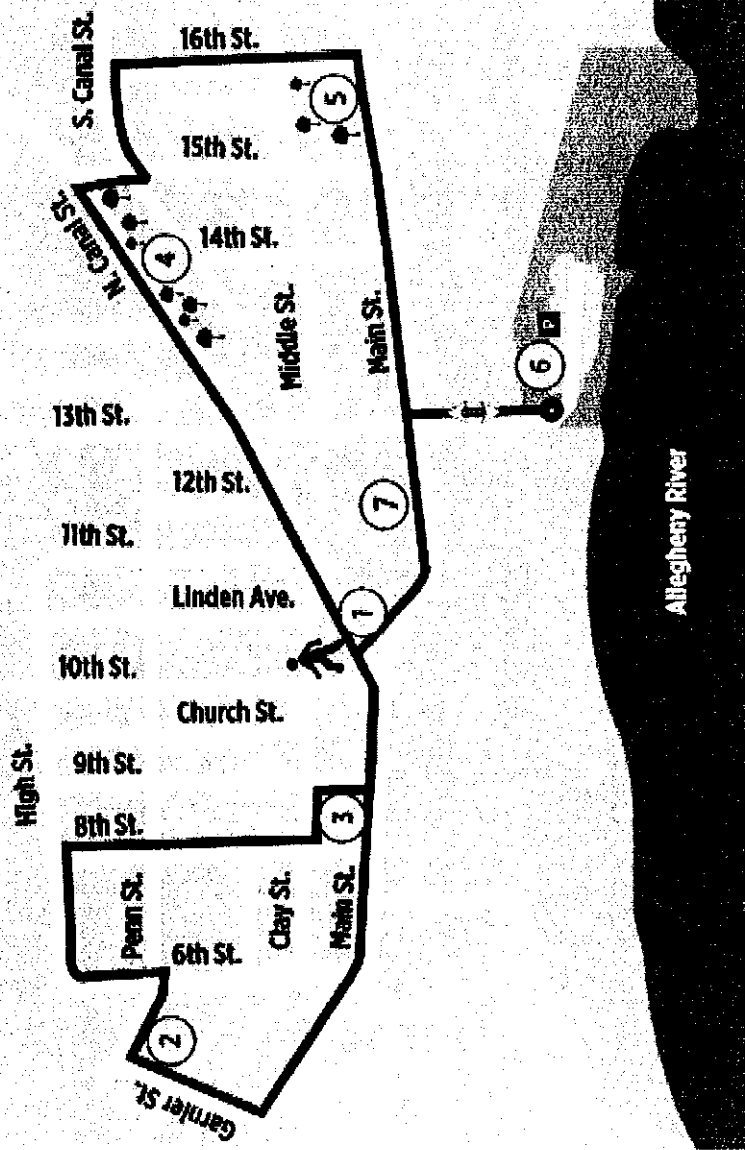
## WalkWorks



- 1 Heinz Memorial Plaza & Chief Guyasuta Statue
- 2 St. Mary Church
- 3 Corporal Kenneth Curley Memorial Parklet
- 4 Kennedy Park
- 5 16th St. Children's Park
- 6 James Sharp Landing
- 7 Sharpsburg Community Library & Sharpsburg Community Garden



..... Distance 1.83 Miles



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# Sharpsburg Main & Canal Walking Route

## 1 Heinz Memorial Plaza & Chief Guyasuta Statue

This plaza serves as a memorial for Sharpsburg's most famous inhabitants: H.J. Heinz, who started the company bearing his name in Sharpsburg in 1869, and Guyasuta, a Seneca Chief who served as a friend and guide to General George Washington.

## 2 St. Mary Church

With the cornerstone laid in 1916 and church dedicated in 1917, this is the third St. Mary Church to stand at this site. Built by a parish established by German immigrants in 1852, St. Mary Church is Sharpsburg's most iconic piece of architecture.

## 3 Corporal Kenneth Curley Memorial Parklet

Dedicated in 2016, this park honors the memory of a Sharpsburg WWII Veteran who fought in the Pacific Theater in the first days of the war and survived as prisoner of war until he was rescued after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

## 4 Kennedy Park

The Borough dedicated the park following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on land that was donated by the Heinz family. From 1829 until 1861, the Pennsylvania Canal flowed through this strip of land, and from 1864 until 1958 the Pennsylvania Railroad ran through it.

## 5 16th St. Children's Park

Re-dedicated in 2000 to the Children of Sharpsburg, the Heinz Family donated the park space to the Borough. Famous for its buckeye trees, the playground is also home to Sharpsburg's first Little Free Library and a summer spray park.

## 6 James Sharp Landing

Opened in 2008, James Sharp Landing is named after the founder of the Borough of Sharpsburg. The Landing is home to free public boat and kayak launches, a fishing pier, and community events.

## 7 Sharpsburg Community Library & Sharpsburg Community Garden

Re-opened in the summer of 2015 after a million-dollar renovation, the Sharpsburg Community Library is an award-winning library serving as a community hub and learning center. The Library is also home to the Sharpsburg Community Garden, which features numerous raised beds for residents to grow and nurture fruit, vegetable, and flower gardens.

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# Sharpsburg Street Sweeping

# 2019

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