

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on March 22, 2018 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, Britany Reno, Mayor Ruzdki and Chief Stellitano.

Mayor Ruzdki read a proclamation in honor of basketball athlete, Dominic McGriff acknowledging Dominic's accomplishments, his skill as a student in FCAHS and an athlete in basketball, track and field, his position as a role model, and his leadership within the school system and the community.
WTAE Pittsburgh Action Sports named Dominic McGriff as Pittsburgh's Action Athlete of the Week on March 2, 2018 and WIPAL awarded Dominic with first team all section honors.

Citizen's Comments (none)

Committee Reports:

L. Trozzo, Chairperson
Zoning/Planning
No Report

G. Domian, Chairperson
Personnel

Domian announced the first volunteer's meeting in April immediately after Easter for Open Streets which will be held on June 2, 2018. Vendors are already requesting space on Main Street and Domian mentioned that existing businesses on Main Street will have the first reservation or refusal of space in front of their business. Domian has contacted 19 food vendors for the event and is receiving a good response.

K. Pastor, Chairperson
Public Safety

Pastor commented that the Fire Department answered 20 fire calls in the month. Also, the Fire Department's Fish Fry is on Good Friday from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and raffle tickets will be on sale for \$5.00 ticket with a \$3000 prize. Pastor asked Rossey if the Public Works vehicle could be used to make deliveries for the fish fry.

Pastor commended Matt Brudnok, Joe Simbari, Jonathan Jaso, and Mayor Ruzdki for their attendance at the Newly Elected Officials class which outlines the responsibilities of a Council Person.
Pastor asked on behalf of the Fire Department that the yellow lines be re-painted at the corners of the streets and asked Chief Stellitano to have his officers better enforce parking tickets for vehicles on yellow lines. Fire trucks have limited ability to maneuver the streets when cars are parked on yellow lines especially on 19th Street, 11th Street by LaNova, and 6th and High. Simbari added the location of Circle K where parking now occurs on South Main which formerly was an entrance to the convenience store and suggested the extension of the yellow line to the corner.

J. Simbari, Chairperson
Public Works

Simbari reminded the residents to utilize the services from State Representative, Dominic Costa's office in Morningside for concerns regarding the state, community, assistance with income tax returns, and many tools for information and help with many concerns.
Simbari acknowledged the benefit of attending the training class and the knowledge gained and recommended to all officials to attend the classes and to also research the web for information regarding officials.

J. Jaso, Chairperson
Health/ Property

Jaso announced the Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00pm in Kennedy Park for children 12 years old and younger.

Also mentioned was the Great American Cleanup from March 1st until May 31st and Jaso is organizing an event on Sunday, May 29th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm to clean up Sharpsburg from 62nd St. Bridge to 23rd St. Jaso mentioned he is organizing an event to pick the perfect flowers and trees for the Borough of Sharpsburg to be held at Roots of Faith and will present different speakers at the event with more information to come as event unfolds.

As Governor Wolf has declared a state wide disaster emergency addressing the opiate epidemic Jaso is working with Bill Alexander from EMS to be educated regarding available resources for addiction recovery.

Jaso mentioned that Cindy Praski would like Council's permission to replace a pink dogwood tree in Kennedy Park in honor of her daughter's life and Council agreed she could and that Public Works would assist in the digging and placement of the tree.
Jaso discussed a town wide maintenance check that he conducted and created a list of issues needed addressed by Public Works.

Matt Brudnok, Chairperson
Finance
No Report

M. Ruzcki, Mayor
Ruzcki mentioned a letter received from resident, Sarah Moran addressed to Chief Stellitano complimenting Officer Hoebel and Officer Carb's attention to a police matter and complimented the police service in the Sharpsburg community.
Ruzcki mentioned the progress of the municipalities' consideration of merging the police departments. Simbari mentioned his perspective of the lack of the municipality's enthusiasm to merge with Sharpsburg police. He complimented Sharpsburg Police department on their strength and upgrade of equipment and technology and expressed the department is better than ever and will continue to improve.

B. Reno, President
Reno complimented Public Works for their efforts to deal and remove the 6 inches of snow on the first day of spring.

Reno announced the community wide yard and sidewalk sale event to be held Saturday, May 19 2018 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Reno announced the fall festival event will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 and will be held in Kennedy Park.

Reno announced the Sharpburg Community Library fundraiser on April 20, 2018 which will be a "goofy golf" fundraiser and is seeking volunteers and golfers.

W.Rossey, Manager

Rossey discussed the need to appoint three people for the Borough Committees to include, the Civil Service Committee a 6 year term and recommended a Council person for this position, the Planning Commission which is a 4 year term, and the Property Maintenance Appeals Board which is a 3 year term. Interested applicants should submit a letter to the Manager.

Rossey discussed the paving list of streets for 2018 to include South Main from the bridge to 6th Street. The area will be approximately \$50,000 to pave. Budget monies are \$30,000 and some of liquid fuels of the earmarked \$90,000+ can be used for paving so Rossey encouraged Council to make any suggestions for streets that need paved so estimates can be acquired.

Rossey mentioned that the Girl Scouts of America Troop 52259, the Fox Chapel Service Unit, will be doing a community service project. Alcosan's program of stenciling the catch basins in town to say "DO NOT DUMP" has been chosen by the Girl Scouts.

Rossey discussed the Ravine Street Project update. All funding is in place. Michael Baker Group will begin the final design. Construction will begin sometime in 2019 through the summer of 2020. The funds for this 3.3 million dollar project were raised from Alcosan, PennDOT, Shaler, Ohara, and Sharpburg.

Rossey mentioned that Sharps Landing will be cleaned of the winter debris by Job Corps and will begin the week of March 26th.

Rudzki mentioned that Sharpburg Borough was named for the fifth year in a row as a Banner Community and that he and Rossey will be attending the ceremony and presentation Friday, March 23rd.

T. Stellitano, Police Chief

Chief acknowledged the completion of Officer Brett Carb's probation year and Chief recommended that Council appoint Carb as a full time officer honoring his service and value to the police department. Chief discussed the February month police report.

Reno discussed the possible revisions to the residential parking permit program to consider the removal of some of the streets from the program. Rossey mentioned that the intent to revise the ordinance was advertised. Stellitano mentioned reviewing the parking program with Sandy Woods. It has been suggested to remove Main Street, North Canal, 4th, 5th, 14th Street, and 23rd Street. Reno opened discussion with Council for consideration to keep or remove these streets. Rudzki mentioned the consideration of refunds to those that acquired permits. Reno suggested changing the 24-7 enforcement to 6am -6pm due to complaints from businesses and residents. Chief Stellitano mentioned the police will do their best to enforce parking concerns as parking is not the #1 priority and police are short staffed for the next two months, as well as Sandy Woods will also be enforcing parking issues. Consensus resulted in removing Main Street, North Canal and 4th Street permits, adjust 5th Street permits and keep 14 and 23rd Street Permits. An advertisement will be placed announcing that the parking ordinance will be amended. April's meeting will be the enactment of the changes to the ordinance.

Mike Withereil, Solicitor
No Report

Fire Chief, Lou Costanzo mentioned that the parking needs to be enforced from a public safety standpoint and asked that he need not have to repeatedly ask the police to enforce parking issues. The breweries are bringing additional customer cars which needs addressed and police need to be more diligent with their enforcement.

Consent Agenda:
President Reno made a motion to approve the following general business by consent agenda:

Motion to approve the payment of bills due through April 26, 2018.

Motion to approve Minutes from the February 22, 2018 Meeting.

Motion to approve to advertise Parking Ordinance 18-03 regarding suggested revisions and/or changes made to Parking Ordinance 17-05.

Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-04 authorizing public safety officials to enter a vehicle to protect the health and safety of an animal contained within.

Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-06 prohibiting the sale of commercially bred dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores or other commercial establishments and requiring any person advertising the sale of an animal to include and applicable license number in the text of the advertisement.

Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-07 prohibiting the performance of wild and exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement and establishing guidelines for the possession of wild animals.

Motion to pass Resolution 18-03 recognizing April 9th thru April 13, 2018 as Local Government Week.

Motion to begin process of condemnation, title search and eventual demolition of property identified as block and lot 168-J-336, 124 13th Street, Sharpburg, PA 15215, formerly known as The Back Street Bar.

Motion to appoint Devin Russian to the Zoning Hearing Board. This is a 3 year term.

Reno conducted a roll call which resulted in a unanimous vote.

Permits:

Handicap Parking:

Approved for 1720 Cecil Street
Approved for 1302 Main Street

Domian inquired the police procedure when residents pass away or no longer have a need for their existing handicap sign. Costanzo inquired if handicap reviews are made annually.
Motion made by K. Pastor with second by M. Brudnock.

Usage Permits: None

Zoning/Building: None

Pastor mentioned that Dennis Lane, Emergency Management Coordinator will be sending an email to Council which will include the PEMIA Elected Officials Handbook and information on a required course from FEMA for Council persons which can be completed online.

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session and thanked all for coming to the meeting. Motion made by Dorian and was second by Simbari.

Next Council Meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey, Manager
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