

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on June 28, 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, Brittany Reno, Jordyn Helgert, excused, Mayor Rudzki, Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Clark Wigginton inquired of if our Police had a firearms and chase policy within the police Department. Chief Stelitano confirmed that Sharpsburg Police Department has a policy in place. He also asked of Council if any painted murals restrictions existed. Reno commented that policies are being presently reviewed.

Citizen Comments (Registered)

Carol Uminski – Hometown Heroes Program

Carol discussed the banner's program which honors veterans from the hometowns within FCASD and asked Council to sign an agreement by the end of September permitting the banners in Sharpsburg.

Arthur Kleitz – Citations on Grass/Weeds – Unreasonable Harassment

Did not show

Chris Minnerly – Riverfront 47 – Proposed R-47 Subdivision Plans

Chris discussed the progress of Riverfront 47 and the proposed subdivision of the parcels which has been accepted by Ohara and Aspinwall. Council is seeking more information as to Ohara's use of their section of the riverfront before agreeing to the subdivision.

Sharpsburg Guyasuta Committee – 2018 Guyasuta Days Festival Update

Roxane Magnelli, President and Jackie Lugara updated Council and public of the events for the 2018 Guyasuta Days.

Kristian Claus– SEAC – Discuss Proposed Fracking Ordinances

Kristian discussed and suggested to Council the placement of common sense safety ordinances to restrict the limitations for hydraulic fracking within the municipality and regulate fracking if it comes into Sharpsburg.

Code officer, Dave Komora commented on Kleitz's concern of being harassed and further discussed his responsibilities as the code officer as well as the number of notice violations, fines, and citations issued in the past six months. Rossey commended Komora's efforts in enforcing snow and ice, grass and weeds, and garbage violations and the improved appearance throughout Sharpsburg homes and businesses as property owners are in better compliance with the maintenance of their properties.

Committee Reports:

L.Trozzo, Chairperson
Zoning/Planning/Code
Nothing

L.Domian, Chairperson
Personnel
Nothing

K.Pastor, Chairperson
Public Safety

Pastor acknowledged the success of the Pa State Boroughs Association Annual Conference attended by President William Rossey and her. Pastor complimented Rossey's efforts in organizing the conference as well as his successful term as President of the association. She mentioned Rossey's theme this past year "HEART" which stands for Honesty, Ethics, Accountability, Responsibility, and Trust. Rossey is well respected for his accomplishment, compassion, passion, and commitment to his position as President. Pastor mentioned the compliments made by the attendees at the conference regarding the successful changes coming to Sharpsburg and thanked Rossey for bringing that commitment and passion to Sharpsburg.

Pastor discussed the Fire Department responding to 22 calls in May with 126 responses to date.

Pastor thanked those who supported the Fire Department's spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

Pastor reminded those Council members who have not completed their NIMS certification to please do so. Rossey acknowledged the importance of this certification.

Pastor discussed the Ravine Street mud slide after the recent rain storm and complimented the efforts of the Aspinwall Public Works, Sharpsburg Fire Department, and Shaler Public Works in cleaning the mud and debris.

J. Simbari, Chairperson
Public Works
Nothing

J. Jaso, Chairperson
Health/Property

Jaso commented on the Lions Club's continued efforts to form a local chapter in Sharpsburg and Aspinwall with upcoming meetings on July 9th-11th from 11:30 – 2:30 or 5:30 -6:30 to be possibly held at Roots of Faith for those interested.

Jaso acknowledged the progress being made with Sharpsburg parks. Upon the hire of a new Public Works Superintendent the parks will again be addressed.

Jaso mentioned attending a recent meeting with Etna and Millvale to discuss the air quality and air pollution in the Allegheny County area.

Jaso was approached to consider possibly forming a parks and recreation board and is reviewing the materials at this time.

M.Brudnok, Chairperson
Finance

Brudnok mentioned that he would like Council to push more for sustainable projects here in Sharpsburg.

Jordyn Helgert
Junior Council Member
Nothing

M Rudzki, Mayor

Mayor announced the mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic offered by Animal Friends to be held here at the Municipal Building, June 29, 2018.

Mayor thanked Domian and all of the volunteers supporting and organizing Open Streets.

Mayor commented on the success of the first Coffee with a Cop which was held from 5-6 pm June 28, 2018 at Ketchup City and the plans to conduct a similar event at the new ice cream shop which will be titled Cones with a Cop with plans to hold in August.

Mayor announced that Sharpsburg received a \$500,000 grant for Main Street revitalization and a grant of \$55,000 for demolition of properties in Sharpsburg. Since 2016 Sharpsburg has received over a million dollars in grant with thanks to local, state and federal leaders as well as Rossey's accomplishments with grant writing.

B.Reno, President

Reno thanked the Fire Department and all other first responders for their efforts with dealing with Ravine Street flooding.

Reno commented on the Air Quality Project in the Tri-boro Eco District and the grant from the Heinz Endowment to develop a project called the Village Green Project which will place solar powered air quality monitors in each community which will be publicly accessible permitting people to approach these monitors any time day or night to observe the data on air quality at that moment in time. More trees and better pollution controls are solutions that Council can advocate for to improve air quality. Rudzki mentioned that research has determined that 250 people die a year in Allegheny County resulting from poor air quality.

Reno announced the efforts of SNO and the American Heart Association's discussion to promote the ease and safety for pedestrian walking. Also mentioned was that Giant Eagle awarded a grant to SNO to develop a walking route through town with signage and welcomes community input on July 11th at 6:30 in the municipal building.

W. Rossey, Manager

Rossey commented on the Ravine Street water damage and the upcoming Ravine Street project which will help alleviate the storm runoff and damage which comes from Shaler and Ohara above Ravine Street. Measures are being taken by Shaler with screening to catch debris.

Rossey announced that upon speaking with Penndot the Bridge repair is on schedule and end date is targeted for September 4, 2018.

Rossey discussed that the Mindhunter film production would like to close the 62nd St. Bridge ramp coming into Sharpsburg for a few hours of filming. Upon the production company receiving permission from Penndot to close the ramp, the company is asking Council's permission to remove the boards of graffiti for those few hours as well and reapply to the fencing when finished.

Rossey mentioned that the new codified ordinance books are in the mail and should be here next week. Rossey continued to enforce the need for volunteer firemen and the crisis these departments are in as the number of volunteers declining across the nation.

Rossey acknowledged his gratitude for Pastor's kind words regarding the PA State Boroughs Association Conference and stated not only was HEART discussed at the conference but also the importance of another R in HEART which is respect and treating people with respect and respect will come back to you. So Rossey mentioned frequently throughout the conference the importance of RESPECT. Rossey discussed his conversation that he had with Deborah Nordville an investigative reporter with Inside Edition and her interest in PA state's issues at hand. Inside Edition is researching these issues and is considering a segment to air on Inside Edition whereby this story could help the whole state of Pennsylvania.

T. Stelitano
Chief of Police

Chief discussed the importance of Officer Hoebel's commitment to the juveniles in the Borough having been trained in the advocacy of juveniles and acknowledge the support received from the County and the District Attorney's office. Chief also acknowledged Hoebel's quick actions to help an unconscious pedestrian when he was off duty, and upon observing this state went into action and performed CPR and his wife called 911 resulting in the saving of the gentleman's life.

Reno complimented the entire force and acknowledged appreciation of the police department's public support therefore helping to make their job as Council people easier.

M. Witherel, Solicitor
Nothing

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Payment of bills due through July 28, 2018
- b. Minutes from the May 24, 2018 Meeting
- c. Motion to accept the bid from Victor Paving and Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$56,777.50 for the paving of South Main Street and \$25,750.00 for the paving of 13th Street from Main Street to Sharps Landing.
- d. Motion to accept the 2018-2019 Rock Salt bid from Morton Salt Inc. for the price of \$69.36 per ton delivered.
- e. Motion to approve the subdivision plan submitted by Riverfront 47 Development as approved by the Sharpsburg Planning Commission at their meeting held on Thursday, June 14, 2018.
- f. Motion to pass Resolution 18-06 approving the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-18846 into the Borough of Sharpsburg from the Borough of Glassport by ISMET BAY, Inc. for property known as 711-713 Main Street (a.k.a. Gino Bros. Pizzeria).
- g. Motion to appoint Jeffrey Murray to the Civil Service Commission. This is a 6-year term.
- h. Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-08 providing for the regulation of geophysical/seismic testing in the Borough of Sharpsburg.
- i. Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-09 providing for the regulation of oil and gas exploration and extraction in the Borough of Sharpsburg.
- j. Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-10 providing for land use provisions and standards for the location of injection wells within the Borough of Sharpsburg.

Motion by Jaso and second by Pastor. Roll call resulted in a unanimous vote.

Permits:

Handicap Parking:

Motion to approve the application for 113 21st Street was made by Pastor and second by Jaso resulting in a unanimous vote.

Use Permits

None

Zoning/Building Permits

None

Refunds:

None

Reno asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session made by Brudnok with second by Jaso resulting in a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Rossey, Manager

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