

**BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION 17-09**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG CREATING A HISTORICAL COMMISSION IN ORDER TO: LOCATE, NAME, AND PRESERVE FOR POSTERITY SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL, NATURAL, AND OTHER HISTORIC SITES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG; PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION; ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SAID COMMISSION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO SAID COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg has a long and storied history of people and places, and wishes to protect those portions of the Borough which reflect the cultural, economic, social, political, and architectural history of the Borough, Commonwealth, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Sharpsburg has a duty to preserve, protect, and promote its history for posterity, and for the pleasure and general welfare of the residents of the Borough, Commonwealth, and Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Sharpsburg, that the Borough hereby establishes the Borough of Sharpsburg Historical Commission:

Section 1. CREATION

There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the Borough of Sharpsburg Historical Commission.

Section 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity for historic preservation information facilitation to the citizens of the Borough. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall:

- a. Identify significant architectural, historical, and natural sites in the Borough and maintain a detailed inventory and map(s) of these historic resources including informational data appropriately classified;
- b. Create an awareness of the history of the Borough from the native Americans to the present day, including cultural, agricultural, business, educational, and religious endeavors;
- c. Research and record the history of the Borough and provide information for owners of historic properties involved with preservation and restoration;

- d. Prepare appropriate reports for the Mayor and Council, as well as reports which may be requested by the Mayor or Council;
- e. Cooperate with and advise the Mayor, Council, Planning Commission, and all Borough Officials and Agencies in relation to the preservation and restoration of significant historical properties, natural resources, and natural features including the review of zoning and/or subdivision/land development proposals and building/demolition permit applications which have the potential to impact historical resources;
- f. Consider, promote, and with the prior approval of Council, to apply for technical and financial assistance from all appropriate local, county, state, federal and other entities for the preservation of significant architectural, natural, and historic resources within the Borough;
- g. Prepare and submit a yearly report and budget to Council for sums deemed necessary to carry out the objectives; and
- h. Perform other related duties as may be delegated by Council.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP

The Historical Commission shall:

- a. Consist of a minimum of three (3) members, but not exceed nine (9) members, of which at least three (3) must be residents of the Borough, which may include the Mayor or Members of Council;
- b. Be appointed by Council;
- c. Serve a term of four (4) years without limit;
- d. Serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses necessary to conduct the responsibilities of the Commission when authorized by Council; and
- e. Elect annually a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and other officers as deemed necessary.

A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by appointment by Council for the unexpired term. The Commission may make recommendations for appointees to Council for unfulfilled terms and for full terms. The Commission may establish appropriate committees to assist with research, to lend expertise, and to perform other duties as assigned by the Commission. Each committee shall be chaired by a member of the Historical Commission.

Section 4. MEETINGS

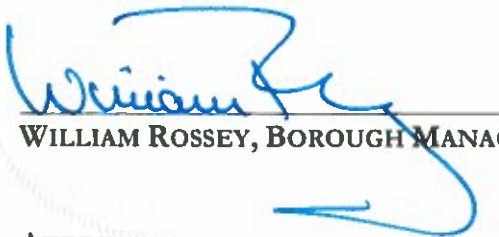
Meetings shall be held not less than once per quarter to conduct business of the Commission. The Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities, submitting periodic reports to Council.

Section 5. ASSISTANCE AND BUDGET

In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Historical Commission may, with the prior consent of Council, utilize any funds, personnel, or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth, or Federal government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. Council may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of funds or assistance in accordance with Borough procedures. The Commission shall submit a proposed budget to Council during the regular Borough budget process.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

WITNESS:



WILLIAM ROSSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER

BOROUGH OF SHARPSBURG:


KAREN PASTOR, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST:


RICHARD C. PANZA, MAYOR


DATE