

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Borough Council was held April 25, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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 Paster, Joe Simbari, Larry Trozzo, Brittany, Reno, Mayor Ruzdki - excused, Chief Steltano, and Aiden Mack, Junior Council.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only):
None

Citizen Comments (Registered)

Cory Ochai - We are the People - Presented to council his concerns regarding the need for affordable housing in the borough.

Timothy Kosak - Brought concerns about enforcement of parking and zoning on Penn St.

Clark - Expressed the need for a plan for the new public works building before any other decision is made.

Rossey addressed Clark and said there is a plan in motion but does not need to be disclosed at this time.

Brad - Asked what property was in question in the meeting.

Reno addressed and said at the bottom of 19th Street and explained the road expansion plan.

Committee Reports:

W. Rossey
Manager

Rossey addressed the Consent Agenda. Benjamin Azzarello hired as a part-time police officer and Barb Ruhle replacement is Carleen Kusar and will be starting Monday, April 29, 2019.

PWSA is looking to replace the 60" water main from Aspinwall to Shaler. At this time, they are charting routes through the borough, one route on Main Street which we won't allow because of the disruption of service to businesses. The project is 2-3 years into the future.

The borough also applied for the Vacant Property Program through Allegheny County for 13th street lot, Julie Collin's from the county would like to know in writing what the borough's plans are for the property whether it's used as a dog park, green space, affordable housing, etc.

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L. Trozzo
Zoning/Planning/Code
Nothing

G. Domian
Personnel
Nothing

However, wants to share a letter received from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs Distinguished Service Award. Read the letter to council about how the award is awarded and Bill Rossey was nominated and will be receiving the award for 2019.
Domian spoke about Linden Gym's updates to include: Reopening the swimming pool sometime in the future. 2nd was the gym floor. The floor needs to be replaced. S&S Flooring estimated cost is \$40-\$45,000 with a 30 year warranty.
Rossey to look for any grant money available.

Domian recommended that the borough residents need to utilize the Recreation Center more. Open Streets Day is June 1, 2019. All available slots are taken on Main Street. We have expanded to now include N. Canal Street were currently 8 vendors will be located. Once N. Canal Street is full other vendors will be placed in the small space in front of Jacoby Associates up to Station Street. A website has been created so everyone can go on and make plans for their day. Facebook page is showing that 2700 are interested in attending. We could see a record crowd.

K. Pastor
Public Safety

Pastor reiterated the information about the Governor's award. Rossey will also be receiving the Distinguished Service Award nominated by Borough Council.
Pastor mentioned 22 calls in March. Unit 8 is 81.
Donation campaign letters went out, if there's a wrong name or address please mark and send back as we went with a new company.
Thank you to Greg and Audrey for the brunch basket for the fish fry raffie.
The hazmat operations training have been completed and always looking for new members.

J. Simbari
Public Works
Nothing

Simbari expressed his concerns about the usage of the borough maintenance building and borough property by Riverfront 47.
Simbari also mentioned about auctioning the riverfront property.

J. Jaso
Health/Property
Nothing
Jaso motioned to table to conversation about the sale of borough maintenance building and adjacent property for a month.
Rossey motioned each council member to table to conversation 6 yay 1 nay.

M. Brudnok
Finance

Brudnok addressed the affordable housing location and the auction and the moving of the maintenance building.

A. Mack
Junior Council Member
Nothing

J. D'Amrosio
Public Works

Paster asked D'Amrosio about curb and line painting is in progress. D'Amrosio said yes but do to the weather it's taking time to complete.
Rossey added that he was at Fox Chapel High School last week at the office of Vocational Rehab. He interviewed 4 students that will start around June 15th and will be painting for PWD. The Borough will have to students for 32 hours a week for 6 weeks.
Reno asked D'Amrosio to take the netting off the trees at the waterfront at the kayak launch.

M. Rudzski
Mayor

Reno read the Mayor's notes as follows:
The Earth Day challenge between Etna and Sharpburg was a huge success. Thank you to the employees and families, volunteers, and sponsors that came out. Thank you for making an overwhelming success. The award was given to both communities in a tie.
Rudzski to say thank you to Snakeguy's and Allegheny Bik/Ped Committee for organizing the different clean up events.
Rudzski also thanked Animal Friends and Paws Across Pittsburgh for bringing the global resource back to Sharpburg for a 2nd year.
Rudzski also wants to congratulate the fire department on a very successful Good Friday fish fry. Rudzski – Thanked the Girls Scouts for their commitment to Sharpburg and the environment. He looks forward to collaborating with them on their James Sharp Landing pollinator garden and bat box projects.

B. Reno
President of Council

Reno addressed the house that is being renovated by BHI Capital with the bricks on the sidewalk. She asked if they have been spoken to about issue. Pastor addressed and yes. They have been asked to stack and possibly cover for the Memorial Day Parade.
Reno mentioned that the Girl Scouts came to her at the Fish Fry on Good Friday and expressed an interest to present a pollinator garden. They would like to use the area James Sharp Landing at the bump out. They researched native plants of the area and would like to use that space and they volunteered to take care of the space for their bronze award project. They would also like to construct 2 bat boxes to attract the bats that eat different types of insects like mosquitos.
Reno addressed the no loitering sign at Kennedy Park and would like it removed.
Reno addressed the Project Roundup. There are 5 groups working on improving the life for the residents in 5 different areas which are food, water, energy, mobility, and air quality.
Reno also addressed the Sharpburg River Festival. Its function in the community is to celebrate and reinforce the positive aspects of our community with the relationship to water. We will bring in outside community resources and will have some fun things. There is no charge to attend.
This is to reinforce that Sharpburg is not all about flooding but what we have to offer. Fishing, boating & kayaking. Reno asked the committee to use Sharp Landing on Saturday August 10th.
Domian addressed the blocking of the area. He said to use horses to block the parking lot to the left to allow the marina members to still be able to access the marina to the right. He also stated that they had a policeman at the top of the road making sure that the cars coming down were actual boat owners who used the marina.

T. Stelitano
Chief of Police

Last month 278 police calls.
14 Adult arrests (2 drugs, 2 DUI)
5 – Canine assists from other departments
8 – Traffic stops
M. Withere
Solicitor
Nothing

Consent Agenda:

a. Payment of bills due through May 23, 2019
Reno asked for a motion to approve the following general business by roll call:

b. Minutes from the March 28, 2019 Meeting

c. Motion to pass Resolutions 19-02 and 19-03 approving the acquisition of subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 168-K172 (1330 Middle Street) and 168-L-63 (1815 Middle Street) would be in accord with the comprehensive plan of the municipality.

d. Motion to hire Benjamin Azzarello as a part-time Sharpshurg police officer.

e. Motion to hire Carleen Kusar as full-time borough office secretary.

f. Motion to approve the Girl Scout's proposal for the installation of a pollinator garden and 2 bat boxes at James Sharp Landing.

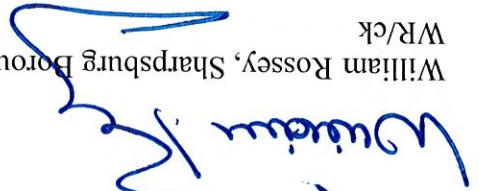
g. Motion to approve the temporarily shut off to the boat launch on August 10, 2019 for the Sharpshurg Water Festival.

Permits:

- A. Handicap Parking:
- B. Use Permits (None)
- C. Zoning/Building (None)

Reno announced Council was adjourning to executive session at 8:55pm. Council reconvened at 9:00pm from Executive Session.
Reno asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:10pm. Motion made by Domian with second by Jaso.

Respectfully submitted,



William Rossey, Sharpshurg Borough Manager
WR/ck

PARKING METER COIN COLLECTED	\$2,132.00	\$4,919.00
PARKING TICKET FINES COLLECTED	\$955.00	\$2,970.00
DISTRICT COURT FINES RETURNED	\$2,824.38	\$5,370.03
13 TH STREET METERED LOT FEES	\$500.00	\$1,500.00
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT FINES RETURNED	\$153.93	\$153.93
TOTAL FINES	\$6,565.31	\$14,912.96
ARRESTS		
ADULT	14	35
JUVENILE	0	1
CITATIONS ISSUED /REPORTS FILED		
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	7	30
PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED	7	113
NON-TRAFFIC SUMMARY ARRESTS	0	10
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	144	446
INCIDENT REPORTS FILED	278	850
SUBMITTED BY: CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS STELITANO		

