

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on February 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

Roll Call found the following Members present, Brittany Reno, Larry Trozzo, Gregory Domian, Karen Pastor, Joe Simbari, Jonathan Jaso, Matt Brudnok, Jordyn Helgert, Mayor Rudzki, and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Registered):

Pat Hyatt of 1930 Middle Street presented questions and discussion of Council's intentions with permit parking and asked if Council could enforce residents to use their driveways. Rudzki mentioned if residents want to create a petition for permit parking in a certain area it will be considered by Council. Hyatt also expressed concern of senior homeowner's ability to afford their homes if properties are reassessed due to Sharpsburg's progress and growth. Rudzki communicated that when properties are reassessed the anti-windfall provision will protect the municipality from over collecting tax revenue and require reduction of the millage. Also gambling money will have a positive effect on revenue collected.

Committee Reports:

L.Trozzo, Chairperson
Zoning/Planning
No Report

G. Domian, Chairperson
Personnel
No Report

K.Pastor, Chairperson
Public Safety

Pastor opened discussion with the announcement of a new business, Ketchup City Creatives at 612 Main who will be holding a sneak preview this weekend prior to the grand opening of the business on March 1, 2018 for those that would like to stop. Pastor mentioned the Fire Department's Fish Fry on Good Friday, March 30, 2018 as well as raffle tickets are being sold for a prize of \$3,000.00. Pastor discussed the "Essentials" 186 hour training for the fire fighters for both the new firefighters and as a refresher update for veteran firefighters. Donation campaign letters will also be mailed.

Pastor mentioned the police and firefighter coverage when the bridge on Main is shut down for repair.

J. Simbari, Chairperson
Public Works

Simbari opened discussion for the Fire Department's consideration of fundraising utilizing various pledging techniques to increase contributions. Simbari asked Council's consideration of a social media page and also the availability of including meeting minutes on the Borough's web page. Rossey mentioned that all of Council will soon have a Borough email that the public can utilize. Withere mentioned the cost restraints associated with the storage of minutes.

J. Jaso, Chairperson
Health/Property

Jaso opened discussion to include the Baseball Association's concerns for the lesser number of children enrolling for the team as well as the concession stand entrance door interfering with the fence minimizing the opening. Possible solutions to the door interference were discussed and Pastor mentioned the Association will resolve the matter as they are a separate organization.

M. Brudnok, Chairperson
Finance
No Report

T. Helgert, Junior Council
Helgert mentioned the presentation of "Shrek" and also her plans for reinstating the youth group and the planning of a possible dance or movie to be held in the Linden Gym.

M. Rudzki, Mayor
Rudzki mentioned Watson Institute's pre-school program offered to the children in Sharpsburg. Rudzki discussed the shuttles and bus stops that will be available from Port Authority resulting for the repairs to the bridge on Main Street. Chief Stellitano mentioned that schedules will be available from Port Authority, Rossey mentioned that the shuttle service may be extended to 19th street but possible time restraints may prohibit. Rossey mentioned the closure of the bridge this weekend, February 24, and 25th and that there will be a shuttle during the erection of the pedestrian bridge.

Rudzki also mentioned that Luke Koval will be at Camp Guyasuta in April to meet with Veterans to discuss creating a bike program and that Koval requested that the police be involved and invited the fire department volunteers to participate as well.

Rudzki mentioned of his meeting with Humane Action Pittsburgh and his working with police officers to make Sharpsburg a model community with animal protection. Representatives spoke regarding the advocating of ordinances for animal protection and is seeking Council's consideration of the adoption of these ordinances and communicated knowledge of the various legislation efforts to help the State bill for the protection of animals.

Rudzki read a proclamation asking State and Federal officials to consider stronger gun control and mentioned that Councilman Jaso prepared a Resolution addressing gun control. Chief Stellitano mentioned the need for new portable radios for officer safety and asked Council to consider the price quotes and asked if the radios be purchased very soon. Rudzki further discussed the costs involved to purchase the radios as well as the need to replace some patrol shot guns as well.

Reno asked for a motion which was made by Brudnok and second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote to purchase the radios.

Brudnok discussed the parking issues and suggested revising the ordinance to be enforced from 6 am to 6 pm Monday thru Friday, and to eliminate 24 hour enforcement. Pastor suggested contracting a professional group to conduct a traffic study prior to amending the ordinance again. Rossey asked Council to review the entire parking ordinance and mentioned the need to change signage to reflect proper enforcement as well as being clear on areas designated for parking meters.

B.Reno, President
Reno communicated that Saturday, June 2nd will be 2018 Open Streets with the time to be determined. She also mentioned that the grant money SNO is seeking from the Hillman Foundation is to be used for solar installation, rain barrels, and a public art project, among other things.

B.Rossey, Manager
Rossey asked for a motion to approve a new heating/cooling unit for the administration building for a price of \$9425.00. Motion made Jaso and second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote to purchase a new unit from Stahl Plumbing.

Rossey mentioned his meeting on March 16, 2018 with Penn Dot and Alcosan to discuss the Ravine Street Project and as funding is met discussion will include a possible start date.

Rossey mentioned that again, Sharpsburg has been recognized as a Banner Community for the fifth year in a row through Allegheny County. The award will be presented to Sharpsburg March 23, 2018 from Rich Fitzgerald.

Rossey mentioned he received a letter announcing the receipt of nomination and the selection of Matt Rudzki and Brittany Reno recipients of the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence. April 11, 2018 at the Governor's Mansion, Rudzki and Reno will be recognized for their outstanding service to the community.
Rossey mentioned the street scape project for Main Street and discussed the different areas and option A or B from which Council can choose to include side walk repair, cross walks, and street lights. Upon choosing Rossey will advertise the bid proposal.

Rossey received notification from Allegheny County regarding the two Action Housing Homes and the impact of tax abatement an incentive offered through Sharpsburg. Action Housing/AC is asking for Council to consider making retroactive the abatement to entice candidates to apply for consideration of purchasing the homes.

Rossey updated the status with the ice damage at Sharps Landing mentioning the insurance adjuster was here and he is awaiting word from him. Rossey mentioned that Stellitano who was very involved with the building of the boat launch reached out to job corps who performed a lot of the construction. Job corp will be available for cleaning up of the debris. Rossey also mentioned the damage from a vehicle to the new planted grounds coming in to Sharpsburg from Bridge Street of which the silt from the boat launch will be used to fill in the ruts in the entrance grounds.

T. Stellitano, Chief
Police

Chief Stellitano communicated the K-9 update to include a picture of the dog, the new vehicle. Officer Husser met his dog Jango and they will begin training and be ready for full service approximately April 30, 2018. The canine unit has raised approximately \$37,000 which is helping to pay for these expenses. Rossey mentioned a donation from Ben Rothlisberger of \$10,000 for the canine fund. He mentioned that Officer Kimmel was accepted in to the North Hills Special Response Team as a negotiator and will receive the proper training. Stellitano itemized his arrests and number of police calls for the month.

M. Witheref, Solicitor

Witheref mentioned to Mayor Rudzki that considerable time is involved for advocating for animal protection.

Rudzki mentioned a letter received from FCASD regarding the property at 18 3rd Street which will soon be in a sheriff sale. FCASD is seeking a deficiency judgment from the Borough of Sharpsburg. The Borough does not have the authority to seek a deficiency judgment but seeks the sale of free and clear.

Reno asked for a motion which was made by Simbari and second by Pastor which resulted in a unanimous vote.

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 March 22, 2018.

Motion to approve the Minutes from the January 25, 2018 Meeting.

Motion to grant Sharpsburg Family Worship Center permission to hold their 19th annual community Easter Egg Hunt Extravaganza in Kennedy Park on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and to donate \$100.00 to this community event.

Motion to purchase the 2017 K-9 Ford Police Interceptor from Day Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$39,896.00.

Motion to provide a letter of support to the Sharpsburg Neighborhood Organization (SNO) for its 2018-2019 grant request to the Hillman Foundation in cooperation with the Etna Economic Development Corporation and New Sun Rising.

Motion to pass Resolution 18-02 to call upon our State and Federal Elected officials to swiftly pass comprehensive gun control legislation.

Motion to approve "Letter of Intent" with the Governor's Center for Local Government Services regarding Regional Police Consolidation.

Motion made by Pastor and second Trozzo by resulting in a unanimous vote with the exception of Reno recusing from the SNO motion and correction made to the date of the Easter Egg Hunt from March 26th to March 24th.

Permits:

A handicap parking permit was approved for Helen Peluso at 115 21st Street. Reno asked for motion.
Motion made by Brudnok and second by Trozzo resulting in a unanimous vote to approve her handicap
parking permit.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

William Rossey, Manager
WR/dr