

Honorable Mayor
Members of Council

The Regular Business Meeting of the Sharpsburg Borough Council was held on September 27, 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, Mayor Rudzki, and Chief Stelitano.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)
None

Citizen Comments (Registered)

- a. Stephanie Tripier – Certification of Council Members with FEMA
Stephanie inquired if the last member of Council completed their FEMA certification and it was determined that all of Council complied with the certification.
- b. Kristofer Schroeter – Food Drive for Halloween
Kristofer announced a food drive seeking non-perishable items during Halloween trick or treating.
- c. Zach Carroll – Watson Institute
Mr. Carroll inquired if Sharpsburg Borough might partner with the institute's program to provide vocational and job skills to some of their students on a weekly basis for approximately 1 ½ hours without pay.
- d. Shawn Boyachek – Gravitational Productions LLC – Filming in Sharpsburg
Mr. Boyachek discussed the preliminary plans to conduct filming here in Sharpsburg for a movie production.

Committee Reports:

L. Trozzo, Chairperson
Zoning/Planning/Code
Nothing

G.Domian, Chairperson
Personnel
Nothing

K. Pastor, Chairperson

Public Safety

Pastor announced the following events to be held on behalf of the Fire Department:

- National Fire Prevention Week to be held October 7 – 13, 2018 which offers various activities throughout the week.
- Fire Department Open House to be held October 6, 2018 from 10:00 am 2:00 pm and welcomed all to include children for the various events offered.
- The unveiling of a mural will be held on October 6, 2018. Reno commented that SNO received funding which was awarded towards erecting 5 morals honoring women in the community. Three of the 5 morals will be unveiled on October 6, 2018 with one at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, and one honoring the female firefighters at 2:00 pm.
- Fire Police training will begin on November 17th and 18th, 2018 for those interested and will be held at the fire station
- Halloween festivities will occur on October 31, 2018 from 6:00pm until 8:00 pm. Treat bags will be handed out at the Fire Department ..
- Pastor thanked the business' that offered donations towards the purchase of candy for the children.
- KSWA Wrestling will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the fire station.
- Acknowledgement and special thanks was given to the Guyasuta Committee for their generous donation to the K-9 Fund.
- Pastor inquired of Professional Code Services if annual fire inspections could be conducted in the businesses at no cost to the borough but with direct billing to the business. She will update discussion of this issue and develop a plan which will go into effect January 2019. More discussion will be conducted at a future meeting.
- Pastor asked Council to appoint Officer Jim Peterson as Deputy Emergency Management who will work with Dennis Lane and the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.
- Pastor acknowledged that the Fire Department reconditioned the Emergency Response Trailer to be used in emergencies. Simbari complimented Frank Bagnato for his serious effort in cleaning and restoring the trailer.

Reno asked for a motion to appoint Officer Peterson as the Deputy EMA Coordinator. Motion made by K. Pastor with second by M. Brudnok resulting in a unanimous vote.

J. Simbari, Chairperson

Public Works

Simbari complimented Tripier's passion for being involved in Council's mission and asked the public to hold those Council members accountable for considering the police merger which will eliminate Sharpsburg Police Officers patrolling Sharpsburg.

J. Jaso, Chairperson

Health/Property

Jaso announced the following events and festivities to be held in Sharpsburg.

- Sharpsmeade will be held on October 13, 2018 and will begin at 11:00 am in Kennedy Park.
- November 3, 2018 will be the riverfront clean up corresponding with the community wide clean- up day.
- November 6, 2018 is Election Day.

M. Brudnok, Chairperson

Finance

Brudnok announced that the Troop Banners website is up for those seeking an application for a banner.

Rossey stated it should be accessible on the Sharpsburg Borough website as well.

M. Rudzki, Mayor

-Mayor read a proclamation announcing that Sharpsburg will be referred to as Sharpsmeade for the day on October 13, 2018. Sharpsmeade is a fall festival to be held in Kennedy Park which the funds raised aids the homeless and those in need.

- Mayor announced the "Coffee with a Cop" event to be held November 3, 2018 from 6pm – 7pm at Ketchup City Creative.

-Mayor acknowledged receipt of a Sharpsburg visitor's email which complimented the Sharpsburg Borough Police Department for a job well done with respect to the courtesy given to this visitor and family members.

-Mayor expressed thanks to the following:

-Girl Scout DMS Cadet Troop 52259 for painting the catch basins throughout town with stenciled "DO NOT DUMP" logos.

- Thanks to the Aspinwall Sharpsburg Rotary for their \$10,000 donation in support of the area literacy programs at the Sharpsburg Community Library.

-Thanks to the City of Pittsburgh and Mayor Peduto for their assistance with the use of the City's flusher truck when James Sharp Landing flooded earlier in September.

-Congratulations to Etna Borough on their 150th Anniversary of their incorporation and to the Aspinwall Volunteer Fire Department on the celebration of their 125th anniversary of service.

B. Reno, President

-Reno announced the unveiling of the murals depicting community females with accomplishment of community service.

-Sharpsmeade is October 13th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and asked for volunteers from 9:00 until 11:00 am to assist in setting up for the festivity.

-Haunted Guyasuta to be held at Camp Guyasuta (proceeds to benefit Camp Guyasuta) on October 20, 2018.

Reno announced the "walking tour" throughout Sharpsburg that was conducted Wednesday, September 26, 2018 and welcomed all to enjoy the trail.

W.Rossey, Manager

- Rossey announced that the Sharpsburg bridge is open and complimented the State on the work performed and the timely fashion the work was completed.
- Rossey mentioned the ordinance on the agenda which passes the codification of the Borough code which will also be accessible on the Borough website.
- November's Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018.
- The healthcare cost quotes to the Borough for 2019 were decreased by 1.4%.

Chief Stelitano, Police

- Chief mentioned that all the police officers completed their fire training at Hampton Township police department.
- Chief acknowledged there will be additional officers on duty to man the Sharpsmeade festivities on October 13th, 2018. Reno requested "no parking" signs to accommodate the food trucks on North Canal for that day.
- Additional officers will be on duty for Halloween.
- Chief mentioned that officers will be patrolling the bus stops to enforce speeding on Main Street.
- Chief read the Police Report for August, 2018 to include 319 police calls, 8 adult arrests, 1 juvenile, 3 drug arrests, 3 DUI's, 20 traffic with 14 citations issue.

M. Witherel, Solicitor

Solicitor emphasized that he too shared Rossey's enthusiasm for completing the code codification and the ability to have the code available online for the community.

Reno congratulated Aiden Mack for his appointment as Junior Council member and welcomed him to Sharpsburg Council.

Consent Agenda

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

- A. Payment of bills due through October 25, 2018
- B. Minutes from the August 23, 2018 Meeting.
- C. Motion to pass Ordinance 18-11 approving, adopting and enacting an ordinance codification for the Borough of Sharpsburg, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for tampering with the code.
- D. Motion to approve the variance request from Camtar Development, LLC for property known as 204 15th Street as recommended and approved by the Sharpsburg Borough Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission.
- E. Motion to approve the 2019 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Sharpsburg Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$85,321.00.
- F. Motion to approve the 2019 MMO (Minimum Municipal Obligation) for the Sharpsburg Borough Non-Uniform Pension Plan. There is no contribution required.

- G. Motion to pass Resolution 18-09 establishing reasonable attorneys costs of collection for delinquent real estate tax accounts and imposing the cost of such collection upon the delinquent taxpayer as provided through Act 20.
- H. Motion to pass Resolution 18-10 requesting a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$27,625 for the reconstruction of Clay Street from 6th Street to 8th Street.
- I. Motion to pass Resolution 18-11 requesting a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for Safe Neighborhood Demolition of blighted properties.
- J. Motion to pass Resolution 18-12 request a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$50,500 for the construction of Catch Basins and Storm Inlets in the Borough of Sharpsburg.
- K. Motion to advertise Ordinance 18-12 implementing the Borough of Sharpsburg Storm water Management Ordinance.
- L. Motion to send letter of support to Conservation Consultants, Inc. regarding the partnership between Conservation Consultants and the TriBoro EcoDistrict community collaboration.
- M. Motion to appoint Aidan Mack as a Junior Council Member for the Borough of Sharpsburg.
- N. Motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Diersen from the Sharpsburg Historical Commission.

Mayor Rudzki performed the swearing in ceremonies in honor of Aidan Mack for Junior Council for the Borough of Sharpsburg.

Permits:

- a. Handicap Parking:
 - i. Mary L Borgen – 211 11th Street
 - ii. Zygmunt Olszewski – 222 18th Street

Refunds:

None

Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,

William Rossey, Manager
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