

May 11, 2011

Sharpsville Borough Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 1 South Walnut Street, Sharpsville, PA

Mayor Kovach offered a brief prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Roll call showed the following present: Jack Cardwell, Tom Patton, Guy Moderelli, John Alfredo, Rob Dunn, Bob Piccirilli. Chris Combine was absent. Junior Councilman Frank Joseph and Kyle Auchter were absent.

Also present were: Interim Solicitor Shawn Olson and Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Robertson and Mayor Alex Kovach. Alex left the meeting at 7:45 PM

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Alfredo to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting on April 12, 2011, Regular Session on April 13, 2011 and a Special Meeting on April 20, 2011. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: There was nothing to be read this month

Comments from the Audience:

Kurt Toth (owner of several rental properties within the Borough): He discussed the proposed Ordinance #1117 regarding No Parking on School Street, where he has a rental property, and he wanted to discuss what other types of alternatives could be done in order to avoid the No Parking. Council discussed the problems that we have been having up there with the vehicles parking on the street and then the garbage trucks, snow plows and emergency vehicles cannot make it through.

Kurt asked Council if he would be permitted to dig out a portion of his property to make a parking spot for one of the vehicles and no one had any objections to this. Kurt mentioned that he would get in touch with Rob Dunn since Rob owns property there and discuss other options for parking from the rear side of his property and since Rob has already done the One Call—Before You Dig and Rob did not oppose this.

Kurt also asked about the situation with South Pymatuning and the water agreement. He was advised that a meeting was being held on Friday, May 13, 2011 but that this meeting was closed to the public. A side note was also given that South Pymatuning Supervisors and Dean Dairy have been speaking.

Councilman Alfredo commented on the water situation between South Pymatuning and ourselves and advised everyone in attendance that there have been informal negotiations but nothing has been formally written out as to what they would like to see in a contract. We currently have 10 years remaining on the contract currently in existence. Ken also advised that our water rate pricing is the lowest in the area.

Howard Nagle-Hermitage: He rents a home at 34 School Street and was here to listen to the comments regarding the No Parking on School Street.

Chuck Wallace-909 Mayfield: He was in attendance regarding an update for the water line project that is to take place on his street. Ken advised him that no date has been set but he had met with the contractor on May 10, 2011 and they are about 94% with the base project. Ken is estimating June 2011 and work will take place in the roadway, on the North side of the street.

Jerry Cousins-Quarry Way: He was in attendance to discuss Quarry Way and to see when the contractors would be back to fix the driveways up on this street. Ken advised him earlier in the evening that they were most likely missed last fall and he apologized for the inconvenience. Sharon Paving will be doing the work and Ken was going to advise them that Quarry Way needed to be completed.

Alesia Gregory-1117 Ridge Avenue: She was in attendance regarding the drainage problems that she is experiencing at her home and she says that it is from the alley ways not being maintained by the Borough. She also discussed the alley to the rear of her property and its condition. Ken advised that if this is an "open alley" then he will have it graveled. Options on closing an alley were discussed.

The Street Committee is going to meet to discuss this situation along with going to the location to look over the conditions.

She also brought up that she is suffering from liver cancer along with four (4) other individuals that live within the Borough and she wanted to discuss the regulations that go into our drinking water. Councilman Piccirilli advised her that DEP regulates our water and has always done the testing and they are the strictest with their guidelines and all of the reports and test samples would be on file with DEP. He advised her to contact them directly to discuss the reports.

Her next topic was the water pressure in her home and she replaced all of the plumbing in her home 10 years ago with PVC. Ken is going to have someone from the Street Department stop down to test the pressure, however if the lateral has never been replaced then this could create the low water pressure but it is the responsibility of the homeowner to repair.

Monthly Department Reports: A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Dunn to accept the Monthly Department Reports from the, Code Office, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Health Officer. Motion Passed.

New Business: A meeting will be held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at the Borough Building between Ken Robertson, Interim Solicitor Shawn Olson, Tom Patton, Chris Combine and Guy Moderelli along with Jim Bartholomew and his Solicitor

Ordinance #1117-No Parking on School Street: A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Cardwell to read the resolution. The resolution was read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Patton to accept the reading. A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Cardwell to adopt Ordinance #1117. Motion Passed.

Ordinance #1118-No Parking beginning from the stop sign on the East side of North Mercer Avenue where North Mercer Avenue intersects at Main Street and heading Northbound for a distance of 120 feet and ending on North Mercer Avenue ending at the designated handicapped parking space at the Mercer County Rails to Trails Access Area: A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Dunn to read the resolution. The resolution was read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Councilman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Moderelli to accept the reading. A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Dunn to adopt Ordinance #1118. Motion Passed.

GD&F Job #11024-Invoice #1: A motion was made by Councilman Moderelli and seconded by Councilman Cardwell to authorize payment regarding Koehler Drive Waterline Project in the amount of \$7,000.00. Motion Passed.

GD&F Job #09033-Invoice #22: A motion was made by Councilman Dunn and seconded by Councilman Modereelli to authorize payment regarding the Water Distribution System Project in the amount of \$16,812.00 Motion Passed.

GD&F –Pay Request #14: A motion was made by Councilman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$157,004.69. Motion Passed.

Waltz Invoice #15-CDBG 2009 Admin: A motion was made by Councilman Alfredo and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,315.00. Motion Passed.

Waltz Invoice #16-CDBG 2010 Admin: A motion was made by Councilman Alfredo and seconded by Councilman Dunn to authorize payment in the amount of \$760.00. Motion Passed.

Councilman Comments:

Tom Patton: Discussed the resawding of the yards that were torn up last fall during the construction of the water lines. Ken advised him that he met with the contractor on May 10, 2011 and they are hoping to get to it within the next week or so but due to the weather they are being placed behind schedule. Casey Anglin, Public Works Supervisor, suggested during the meeting that they start yard repairs where the work was initially started.

John Alfredo: Discussed the South Pymatuning water issue and wanted everyone to know that it is a bigger issue than just water. The amount of debt that we have incurred will take over 20 years to pay and our current contract with South Pymatuning is still in effect for another 10 years. John was informing everyone that a 1/3 of our budget comes from water/general/sewer. This affects everyone regarding staffing, operating costs, wages, etc. He advised that we need some type of security.

Ken Robertson: He wanted to advised everyone that he had been speaking with Dan Gracenin, Mercer County Regional Planning Commission regarding the Retaining Wall Project and that we only have until Thursday, May 12, 2011 to sign the contract.

If we sign the contract-Ken wanted to know if we could have the contractor rescope his bid because this project has been on-going for over five (5) years and costing quite a bit of money. Dan would have to look into this request.

If we do not sign the contract-We would let the bid lapse but we could then send out for re-bids, however this would be our 3rd re-bid.

Per Larry Habarka, Winslow Engineering, he spoke with John Combine and there is the possibility of scaling back the wall and saving approximately \$20,000.00.

Council decided that they did not want to take any action until the next Council Meeting on June 8, 2011.

Approval of Payrolls: A motion was made by Councilman Alfredo and seconded by Councilman Dunn to approve the payroll of April 7, 2011 from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	18,048.48	
Water		2,059.04	
Sewer		13,575.67	
Health & Sani		0.00	
Total	\$	33,683.19	Motion Passed.

A motion was made by Councilman Alfredo and seconded by Councilman Dunn to approve the payroll of April 21, 2011 from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	16,306.67
Water		1,846.61
Sewer		13,568.41
Health/Sani		<u>0.00</u>
Total	\$	31,721.69

Motion Passed.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Councilman Alfredo and seconded by Councilman Patton to approve the bills from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	53,631.58
Water		50,473.36
Sewer		19,792.18
Fire		47.69
Highway Aide		0.00
2003 Sinking		0.00
Street Lighting		0.00
Health/Sanitation		<u>19,593.40</u>
Total	\$	143,538.21

Motion Passed.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Alfredo to adjourn. Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM

