

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE SHARON HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
April 15, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Councilperson Cavalieri

Roll Call: Roll call was answer as follows:

Present: Mrs. Booker (absent), Mrs. Bedford-Dean (Absent), Ms. Cavalieri, President Oliver (absent), Mayor Dunfee, Messrs., Green, Felder, Martinez, and Mr. Smith

A motion was made by Mr. Martinez second by Mr. Felder to have Councilperson run the Council meeting in the absence of the President and Vice President of council. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 3-0

Councilperson Cavalieri asked for a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes from March 18, 2021. Motion made by Mr. Martinez second by Mr. Green. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott MacNeil 420 Ohio Ave Folsom Pa.

Mr. Green you are not a Sharon Hill Resident.

Scott MacNeil I don't have to be a Sharon Hill Resident. Show me in the Sunshine Act that I have to be a Sharon Hill resident to make a comment please.

Councilperson Cavalieri that would actually not be a part of the Sunshine Law that is up to the discretion of council if council wants to...

Scott MacNeil I own a house in Sharon Hill so I'm a tax payer.

Mr. Green just say the address that's all.

Councilperson Cavalieri that's all you have to do but it is up to the discretion of the council.

Scott MacNeil no it's not but I gave you my address where I live at do you want my address in Sharon Hill its 752 Elmwood Ave. Sharon Hill Pa.

Mr. Green see that was easy.

Councilperson Cavalieri proceed with the comment please.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. I understand that there was a meeting held with council on Monday night. Was that advertised?



Councilperson Cavalieri no it was not it was a meeting with our legislator and council, the police were invited and the fire department was invited and our solicitor was present so it was not an advertised meeting and we were invited by our legislator.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. There was more than 3 council members present it's considered a meeting.

Councilperson Cavalieri we were invited by the legislature because he was interested in the business of Sharon Hill which is part of the district that he covers as if Governor Wolf invited the councilmembers of any part of PA to meet it doesn't have to be advertised. We are going to a meeting that the governor requested just like any other of our legislators would do that. No it was not advertised.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. Did you discuss council business at this meeting?

Councilperson Cavalieri we discussed the interest of Sharon Hill Borough as was the request of our legislator.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. So with the Fire Chief there and A Fire trustee there along with their attorney saying that you were in violation of the Sunshine Act.

Councilperson Cavalieri they can say anything that they want they certainly did say that but I'm telling you what happened. You are asking me what happened so that is what I'm sharing. They certainly did suggest that there was a violation of the Sunshine Act as Chief of the Fire Department as a Senator, Senator Williams advised that it was not a violation and what his intention was the meeting with borough council, our government so yes sir you Are correct they did say that and anybody can say whatever they want but I'm just advising you that we were not in violation of the Sunshine Act.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. What part of the Sunshine Act states when you have a meeting amongst friends with more than 3 present members of council you can conduct council business and talk about a resident and a member of the volunteer fire company where is that covered in the Sunshine Act?

Councilperson Cavalieri Mr. Schleigh would you like to address Mr. MacNeil's concerns?

Mr. Schleigh the meeting was requested by Senator Williams to discuss concerns by members of council about public safety issues that involved them. No matters were taken up by council for discussion and no business was conducted.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. Ok well I guess when the charges are filed against the 6 council members that was there we will leave that up to the ethics committee. My next question is I sent in 3 Right to Know Requests and I had to file appeals with the State of PA. Why are... Last week you were stating that you were a transparent council. Why are public documents not being given to the public when they are requested?

Councilperson Cavalieri to answer what I can answer is 1. You know why. 2. It is my understanding is the documentation that you have requested has already been provided. Outside of that I cannot answer anything.



Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. The solicitor can answer that question.

Mr. Smith we are currently working on one request from Mr. MacNeil and it should be done hopefully by tomorrow or Monday. We had a flood in the building earlier this week so it slowed us down.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. It was supposed to be provided within 5 days and 5 days was last week and despite the library documents I asked for I submitted the documents to the Right to Know Officer... The Borough of Sharon Hill only has 1 Right to Know Officer. The documents in the library that are paid by borough taxes are public record so again why was I not provided information that the taxpayers pay for. Its public documents... Its public records. Why are they not being provided to the public and we got to waste time to get involved in this.

Councilperson Cavalieri Mr. Schleigh do you have another answer for Mr. MacNeil?

Mr. Schleigh my understanding is that a number of the requests that were addressed to the borough have been answered or in the process of being answered. I cannot speak to the request that was made to other entities.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. they were not made to other entities. They were made to the Sharon Hill Borough. You have 1 Right to Know Officer that covers the whole entire borough. Why would...

Councilperson Cavalieri thank you for your comments Mr. MacNeil.

Scott MacNeil 752 Elmwood Ave. You're welcome. You guys say you are transparent but you are not being transparent so you are hiding something I just want to let you guys know that.

Councilperson Cavalieri thank you for your comments you have exceeded the time allotment for public comment for one citizen or person speaking. Are there any other public comment?

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilperson Cavalieri read the statement that President Oliver read at the last meeting. See attached:

Councilperson Cavalieri while we are having this I just wanted to address a statement that was made outside of this after he read this at the workshop it was stated that it was said that no laptops were purchased and then some other receipts were presented about laptops but I hope that everyone heard what the statement said. It clearly says that laptops were purchased for use at the library and not for council members. It seems that there was some misunderstanding about that particular part of the statement so for anyone who righted the misunderstanding or did not get a clear understanding to just pause and recognize that part recognized that the laptops were purchased for the library. Thank you for your attention on that.

Councilperson Felder the library computers I believe was purchased out of library funds and not from the borough.

Councilperson Cavalieri yes that is what the statement says that it was purchased out of the funds that was budgeted to the library.



Library Report was read by Councilperson Cavalieri see attached:

Councilperson Cavalieri gave an update on the Chester Pike Improvement Project and the survey is still open to take the survey and Sharon Hill is still trailing as compared to the other boroughs that are involved in the improvement project. She will share the survey as asked that you share it with your friends and don't forget the youth in the community. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey.

Councilperson Cavalieri gave an update on the May Cleanup Day on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Maybe we can do some planting and maybe visiting our community garden and also the borough manager is going to be working on this but we would like to also incorporate an electronic recycling day. I know people have questions on how to get rid of TV's and hopefully we might be able to roll that into that day. More information will be rolled out.

Councilperson Cavalieri We do have some 4<sup>th</sup> of July events being planned right now. Our wonderful borough secretary has been really helping so that will be coming out and I just wanted to share that the borough is trying to plan events and try to get us back to normal so we can have some 4<sup>th</sup> of July events on the horizon for our citizens.

Councilperson Cavalieri We were in the works for doing a vaccination event in the borough at present it is paused because the vaccinations that were available were the J&J and as you have seen that the FDA has issued a pause on the distribution of that vaccine so as soon as we have more to share we will let you know when the vaccination date is in the borough.

Councilperson Green has nothing to report on the Ramblers or the Recreation Board.

Councilperson Martinez read the police and fire reports see attached:

Councilperson Felder read the trash and code reports see attached:

Mr. Smith/Ramona Petty gave an update on the flea Market that SHACC is hosting on Saturday 4/17/2021.

Mr. Smith read the treasurers report and accounts payable reports see attached:

A motion was made to accept the treasurers and the accounts payable bill list by Councilperson Martinez second by Councilperson Green. Any questions? All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 4-0.

#### OFFICIALS REPORTS

Mayor Dunfee read the Police Chiefs Report. See attached:

Councilperson Cavalieri thanked the police department for all that they do to keep us safe with everything that is going on.

Lots of feedback in recording

Mr. Smith I don't have a report other than to put out there that if council is able to approve the collective bargaining agreement for our Teamsters Local we should do that this evening. I spoke to the



Teamster president this afternoon and they are good to go with this and I spoke to our highway crew earlier so it has been signed and ratified by them.

Councilperson Cavalieri asked if there were any questions regarding the contract? No questions. Can I get a motion to approve the agreement?

Councilperson Felder is the contract in total agreed to by the members?

Mr. Smith it was agreed to and ratified on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the union president has signed it and again I had a conversation with him again about this contract and he said it is good to go so...

Councilperson Green can we have an executive meeting about this or not?

Councilperson Martinez I think prolonging this is a bad idea.

Councilperson Cavalieri asked Councilperson Green are there concerns that we need to go into executive session?

Councilperson Green wants to be clear about the... It's some wording in it that I think is a little off. Its some dates that don't match up. I just want to make sure.

Councilperson Cavalieri say no more. If you have concerns and because it's a personnel matter I don't want you to speak out of turn.

There was a discussion as to how they could go to executive session.

Mr. Schleigh advised all appointed and elected officials that their statement of financial interest is due at the end of this month if you need Assistance filling it out please contact me and I will walk you through it. They need to be filed with the borough secretary by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Councilperson Cavalieri reiterated that the library is only open for curbside service. The library has never been open at 9pm and there have been reports of residents attempting to enter the library at night so in the event that someone thought that the library was open at 9pm it is not so I just wanted to state that publically that we have reports of people that have tried to enter the library after hours for business probably not for getting books but just to put it out there the library is only open for curbside service and I did want to take a moment to address a concern that was raised at the workshop that we had last week about the ISO rating because the resident that brought it up did reach out to me and I do want to address it publically. The question was had council considered ISO ratings when choosing to change the funding to the fire department. As I understand the ISO is the rating given to the fire department. The concern is that the trickledown be that the homeowners insurance could be potentially higher if the fire companies ISO rating went down. I have said that for us to determine if we had an impact on that we would probably have to see what the ratings had been in the past so that we can see which way we are trending and as I thought of it further which would probably help us is to learn if that is truly the concern if I understand it correctly to learn what our neighboring volunteer fire companies ISO rating are so we can see if the decision that we made to change their funding could



impact that. I want to compare ours to the other volunteer fire companies that are 100% volunteer. Because it was sent to me and addressed to me I did want to circle back to it.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. I have a question about a purchase that was made December 14, 2018. Library children's furniture from Burgeon Group for \$18,597.26. Was a bid put out publically for this?

Councilperson Cavalieri I can't answer that question. Mr. Smith do you know anything about bids?

Mr. Smith I don't recall off the top of my head but I do know that the vendors that we used were already certified under Costars under the state program and this purchase may have been a part of that but I would have to take a look.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. Yes could you possibly take a look for me and if it was under the Costar program is it possible to provide a copy of that receipt and the contract number. I can do a right to know request but...

Mr. Smith I have a lot of those I'm juggling so if you would send me an email that would be sufficient.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. That's perfect and I also need to address this. WE are going to go back to the letter that was announced this evening which was the same letter that was announced last time. I keep hearing about these CVS gift cards but where I'm really confused here because it was not CVS gift cards. I don't know where that is coming from. It was CVS Pharmacy. You guys are saying that it is for seniors or something I think you said so I asked for the receipts for that ok I got provided with receipts for AA batteries for \$17.46 not for flowers, not for gift cards. I don't know where the gift cards came from. If in deed CVS purchases were whatever you said it was I need the receipts for that because CVS receipts were given to me for batteries for \$17 that was it. So that is one thing and the laptop that you guys keep reiterating about it was Sharon Hill not Sharon Booker I still haven't got an answer from nobody why the other laptop receipt says Latina Dean. That doesn't represent Sharon Hill. I have asked you guys... I have sent every single person the email yesterday. You were all extended the offer. This is the third time now twice publically and once in an email that I asked all of you guys to sit with me and go over all of this stuff but you guys sit on here and say that Tracey is saying stuff and not coming to you guys is simply untrue so if in fact that nothing is going on what is the issue in having a meeting about all of this reckless spending that is going on. I don't get it. And you brought up something about the library that threats were made to somebody in the library was there a police report filed about that and also about somebody going to the library after hours? That was me. I was at the library. I was on camera. I waived to every camera you guys have but emails that are circulating around council that me and Tom are planning on breaking into the library when Tom was not with me. That is an issue. That library parking lot I can walk around and look into the windows all night. Nobody tried to break into the library so please stop sending emails amongst council with my name in it because I'm going to be the one who is going to speak to the chief of police and press charges next. So like I said if there is a video going around with Tracey and Tom trying to break into the library I want to see it.

Councilperson Martinez If I may chime in I have never received an email stating that at all.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. From what I've heard you all got an email yesterday about this video going around with me and Tom trying to break into the library. I mean come on now.



Councilperson Cavalieri thank you Mrs. Turner I can address some of your concerns and questions. I'll start top to bottom. I'm not certain and if you are going to refer to the statement that I read for Mr. Oliver earlier I'm not sure where else you might be talking about but there is literally no mention of a CVS gift card in this statement so I'm not sure where that came from. The reference in this statement is that there has been criticism of borough funds used to purchase gift cards at a store. That is all it says. I'm not sure where you are getting the reference and you don't have to further your claims at this juncture but I just want to clarify that in this particular statement there was no reference to a CVS gift card that you are trying to align with your battery receipts. The other thing if I may I would like to respond because you did get your allotted time and you asked questions so in this forum we are encouraging people to bring their questions because we want to at best give them answers not just hear questions so if you will allow me I would like to try to address some of your concerns.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. Yeah go ahead continue.

Councilperson Cavalieri I appreciate the approval. As for the receipt that said Tina Dean I can't speak to that specifically because it is a larger matter but I can tell the public that is listening that has concerns I have used for myself and for my employer for different things and I have used my funds and get receipts for it and turn it in and reimbursements so I am not sure what the circumstances is around that but for people that are just hearing questions that are put out there under guise of mismanagement there are potential other possibilities other than mismanagement and misappropriation and we don't know so the circling of questions for what we have answers they are for everybody to have but I did want to address that because you said it. As far as the library threats. One thing that and this will circle to the next remark you made about requesting a meeting. As far as library threats it was stated in here that the library director has received threats of... I'm looking to see. It states in here that any abuse or threats that she has received as a result of her performing employment related duties is completely unjustified so what I have observed is that Mrs. Turner is that if you don't believe it it's a lie and what is stated here I have not had the opportunity to as Ms. Lee what the threats have been but it was somehow communicated that she had been inappropriately accused of mismanagement and therefore it was addressed in this statement so whether you believe it or not we are all able to believe what we want but that is why Mr. Oliver felt that he needed to address it because the suggestion that she just rented a car just nilly willy was just completely false so your remark about meetings and emails. I received your email either last night or today. For your information I do work a fulltime job so while the entitlement is apparently abundant that we should stop drop and roll and meet at any given time. I welcome a meeting but it would have to be a public meeting because what I have observed there is a huge gap between what is said here and what is relayed later so for me personally I do not have a problem meeting with you Mrs. Turner but it would have to be a public meeting where all ears can hear for themselves what the council is sharing that's for me I'm not speaking for any other member of council and I would like to open the floor to other council members to clearly address the questions that you have raised about wanting a meeting. I also did not receive an email and I have also not seen a video of you circling the library at night time but thank you for sharing that you did. I did hear that there were people outside. I did not see the video and I did not receive the email. So for anyone that Mrs. Turner has communicated to that... and I don't know how Mrs. Turner would know what council emails are going around, however I'm on council and I must not be on that thread because I did not receive an email suggesting that she was circling the library or a video of her at the library.



Councilperson Martinez I have not either and I am more than open to sit down and have a meeting as well. Thank you Councilwoman Cavalieri the meeting needs to be advertised. I am more than open to sit down.

Councilperson Cavalieri you have a lot of councilmembers names and have the public in just a general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence towards this council so if council members mention...

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. Nobody's name was put on anything so don't try to twist it.

Councilperson Cavalieri I'm not twisting it. You don't have to say the name to imply things.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. I don't post names on Facebook. Never going to happen don't twist it.

Councilperson Cavalieri no Ma'am I don't have to twist it. I apologize if you think that I'm suggesting that you put names out there but you have been circulating a lot of information without answers to the public which has raised a lot of uncertainty around this council. You have submitted Right to Know Requests so for council to respond to something from Tracey Turner would be us handling the business that you put forth so to your comment about no one saying your name. How should we go forward in handling your requests? I don't know how we would do that.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. When you are accusing me of doing something that could potentially be criminal.

Councilperson Cavalieri I didn't accuse you of anything.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. I'm not saying you. That is when my name was brought up in an email. I did not say you. Ok so the point is I'm saying that you guys are always saying address your issues, your concerns or questions. I have asked you all to meet with me. Where ever y'all want to meet we can meet. I just want answers they are not going to go away.

Councilperson Cavalieri ok understood but if you would allow council some time. We do work, we have business of Sharon Hill to attend to in addition to your requests so your request, I'm not certain if it came through today or last night but if you could show some grace and allow people an opportunity to respond to you that would be greatly appreciated. I know I can't just stop, drop and roll when you send an email. Try to respond when I can or as soon as I can. I know we were having this meeting so if you could show some grace and give people a reasonable time to respond that would be appreciated.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. It's been a couple of months since I have extended the offer. How much time does it take to get together a meeting to get the answers? What I'm putting out here every citizen has a right to know period and like I said the reason I would like to have a meeting with you guys is because I guarantee you don't know what I see so you all can back one another if that is what you do it's what you do but I'm not going to do that I pay taxes we work hard for our money for it to be blown on stuff it's not going to happen. I'm not going to allow it to happen anymore.

Councilperson Cavalieri ok thank you Mrs. Turner for your comments. Mr.....



Councilperson Martinez if I may add so that the public knows my schedule is very limited until the end of May so Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's I am not available but on Thursday and Friday I am available to meet.

Councilperson Green and If I may. I am willing to meet and sit down with the rest of council as well whenever it seems fit for everybody.

Councilperson Martinez I don't want anybody to think that I am trying to avoid or shy away from having a meeting but until the end of next month my schedule is limited.

Councilperson Cavalieri and what I can say is as an individual councilmember I can say that when I hear things or when these accusations of reckless spending are made should they be proven then it is my duty as a councilperson to share that with the public and if there are none I would admonish those people making those accusations to go ahead and go back on that microphone and say that to the people who the questions were raised to in all fairness. I do not see everything so that does not mean that it didn't happen but this statement from Mr. Oliver clearly addressed the implication that Mrs. Booker had purchased a laptop for her and that was resolved and I do not remember seeing that but I don't see everything so that doesn't mean that it didn't happen but once we get clarification and we get answers if they are not the answers that people are expecting in all fairness please share those answers and I promise to do the same. If we get answers that suggest misappropriation and mismanagement then we will go ahead and address the public and share that information.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. Tanya when was it resolved?

Councilperson Cavalieri I'm not certain what else and we can certainly and I don't want to hold everybody for this particular matter but President Oliver told you that it was purchased for the library.

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd that is what he told me I need proof of that. I need a different receipt of that then that doesn't have her name on it.

Councilperson Cavalieri with that being said unless it's the answer you want...

Talking over each other

Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. The president scheduled a meeting with me at my home and decided not to show up because he was having a meeting at borough hall on Monday but that is ok so I will be her later for any of your guys... Whenever y'all want to get back to me and let me know. Keith and the Mayor is fine with me. You can reach out to me and let me know when you are available.

Councilperson Martinez absolutely.

Councilperson Cavalieri any other public comment?

Yes Tom Hendrick 1415 Melrose Ave. I want to know if you guys can preserve this video that you so called said that Tracey and myself was on the rear of the building or trying to do something.



Councilperson Cavalieri is there a councilmember that knows of this video because I just told Mrs. Turner that I never saw the video and I do not know of the video but... Anyone else have an answer for his question? I would suggest...

Tom Hendrick 1415 Melrose Ave. I just want to know if you could preserve this video.

Councilperson Cavalieri well here is the thing. You and Mrs. Turner know of the emails and you know of the video so maybe you have access to it that we don't. I just don't have it.

Tom Hendrick 1415 Melrose Ave. Wow.

Councilperson Cavalieri whoever told you it was there maybe you should ask them for answers. I haven't seen a video.

Tom Hendrick 1415 Melrose Ave. Alright I would just appreciate it... Just don't put my name in anything. Thank you.

Councilperson Cavalieri any other public comments? If there are no other public comment at this time we can suspend the council meeting for the executive session.

Meeting was suspended and went to executive session. It is 8:05pm we will reconvene at 8:20 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Green second by Councilman Felder to suspend the regular meeting until 8:20pm. All in Favor? Opposed? Motion carries 3-1, Councilperson Martinez opposed.

Meeting reconvened at 8:20pm

Motion made by Councilperson Martinez to approve the Teamsters Contract second by Councilperson Cavalieri. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 4-0.

Mr. Smith I will inform them all in the morning that it was approved. I'm going to throw the question out there since it wasn't asked. I would love to go back to in person meetings. It would be a heck of a lot easier for at least the administrative end of it and it would elevate some of the technology. I think we are kind of getting the hang of it but that is up to you all. Thank you.

Councilperson Cavalieri I'm ok with going back to a public meeting as long as we can insure the proper social distancing and remain safe I'm for it.

Mr. Schleigh if you have a change of location for the meeting you should move to advertise it.

Councilperson Cavalieri if we move to do that can we explore a way to hybrid way to meet just because I do not want to lose the engagement of any of our residents who for whatever reason is unable to come out. I don't know what the technology is where ever we are going to meet so we would have to find that out but we can explore that I think that would be good for some residents. Would someone like to make a motion to have meetings in person?

Motion made by Councilperson Martinez second by Councilperson Green. Any questions?



Mr. Smith I would make it contingent on mapping out the couple of details that was just mentioned. The next meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup>. If you establish the dates now we can hit that.

The motion was amended by Mr. Martinez subject to time to advertise it.

Councilperson Cavalieri so it has been moved and seconded to return to in person meetings providing that we can advertise and we have the necessary conditions met to actually do that.

All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 4-0.

Councilperson Cavalieri so at this time if there are no other business we can adjourn this meeting. Our next council meeting will be our caucus meeting on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the council meeting is on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm possibly in person. Can I get a motion to adjourn? Motion made by Councilperson Martinez second by Councilperson Green.

Councilperson Felder before you close I want to say you did a great JOB!! All of council agreed.

Councilperson Cavalieri all in favor? Opposed? Motion carries. 4-0 meeting adjourned.