# Sharon Hill Borough Council Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 19, 2021

**Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance,** 7:01 pm. Moment of Silence for SHFC member Mary Ellis. Councilman Keith Martinez read SHFC Chief Joe Bourgeois' notes about her passing and the details of the funeral procession, road closures and the SHPD assistance for this event.

Roll Call: present: Council President Terrence Oliver (TO), Vice President Sharon Booker (SB), Councilors Tanya Cavalieri (TC), LaTina Bedford-Dean (LBD), William Felder (WF), Keith Martinez (KM), Mayor Harry Dunfee (HD); excused absence, Councilor Hykeem Green (HG). Also present are Borough Solicitors Sean Kilkenny (SK) and Courtney Richardson (CR), Borough Manager Barbarann Keffer (BK), Office Administrator Celandra Rice-Adeloye (CRA) and Code Officer Jeon Foley (JF).

## Introduction of Jeon Foley, Code Enforcement

Public Comment: none

Motion to Approve July 15, 2021 minutes. It was agreed, at LBD's suggestion, that a specific portion of the Public Comment include a threat made towards Council.

#### **Committee Reports**

### Councilor Tanya Cavalieri

CPCIP update included the July 20 meeting at Borough Hall with members of the Delaware County Planning Department and the possible historical designation of Chester Pike.

Regarding the SH Library, TC directed people to the reports available on the back table regarding events. September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Food distribution will continue at the library at 11 am on Wednesdays until August 25.

TC also discussed the upcoming "Culture Day" event this Saturday, August 21.

#### Councilor LaTina Bedford-Dean

LBD stated that the annual book bag giveaway is on August 25 at 11 am, the same time as the food distribution.

#### Councilor William Felder

WF read the June and July reports on permits and U&Os.

#### **Councilor Keith Martinez**

KM read the Police Chief's and the Fire Chief's reports. He also suggested paying the firefighters for the last pay period.

#### Vice President Sharon Booker

SB discussed the need of creating a Sharon Hill Arts and Culture Commission (SHACC) 501c3 regarding funding and the sustainability and expansion of the programming. SB/LBD: motion to allow the borough solicitor to handle the SHACC 501c3 process; 6-0, motion passes.

SB announced that the Flea Market and the Culture Day will happen this Saturday at Memorial Park.

#### **President Terrence Oliver**

TO read the July Treasurer's Report. SB/LBD: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; 6-0, motion passes. L-BG/KM: Motion to accept the bill's list; 6-0, motion passes.

## Official's Reports

Mayor Dunfee: read the SHPD monthly report.

**Borough Manager:** gave an update on administrative staff and projects including but not limited to a written job description for the Highway Foreman position and the Delaware County Parks and Open Space grant application.

**Solicitor:** discussed the state-wide changes to the Sunshine Act which go into effect August 31, 2021. The immediate impact of this is that motions, resolutions and introductions of ordinances that do not appear on the publicized agenda have a more detailed and formal process to allow for councilmanic action.

### **Public Comment**

Chuck Burk, 205 High Street, spoke about the importance of public safety, the role of the SHFD and the service of Mary Ellis.

Charles Snyder, of Elmwood Avenue, spoke about the speeding problem on Elmwood Avenue.

Sandra Holcombe, 115 Brainerd Boulevard, had questions about the Sewer Fund, the police pension funding and unpaid borough bills.

Michael Galli, President of the SHFC, requested that the borough continue to pay volunteer firefighters.

Rodney Hill, 326 Laurel Road, thanked the police department for the removal of the eyesore on Poplar Street.

**Executive Session:** around 8:20 pm, Council paused the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss personal and legal matters and re-opened the meeting at 8:45 pm.

SB/LBG made and seconded Motion to Approve the Property Tax Assessment Appeal Stipulation in Delaware County case #2020-009840, 123 Felton Avenue; 6-0, motion passes.

Adjournment: 8:59 pm

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**Terrence Oliver, Council President** 

Barbarann Keffer, Interim Borough Manager

Celandra Rice-Adeloye, Interim Office Coordinator