

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE SHARON HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 20, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by Vice President Booker

Pledge allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Roll call was answer as follows:

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

Vice President Booker asked for a motion to approve the council meeting minutes from December 17, 2020.

Motion made by Mrs. Bedford-Dean second by Ms. Cavalieri.

No questions on the motion. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Day asked the following questions see attached:

Mr. Smith addressed her concerns and will address them with the code official/zoning officer and get back to her.

Other questions asked:

- Establishing a chain of command if borough manager get sick
- Create a constant contact system of email or txt messages, robo calls, Post on the digital sign, Sending letters to residents

Mr. Smith will also get her the meeting minutes she requested.

Mr. Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd asked the following questions:

- No parking spaces available at the library
- Old books at the library, other libraries have newer books

Mr. Felder stated the following:

- You can go online or call to request any book as all 26 libraries in Delaware County share books.
- Our library is the #1 in Delaware County that has the most borrowed books and we have been recognized for that.

Mrs. Dean added the following:

- You can go online and see the whole catalog of books.

- We have spent thousands of dollars on new books and they are all in the catalog.
- We have NY time's bestselling books.

There was further discussion on this matter.

Ms. Johnson 93 Burnside Ave. Street sign is missing and speed limit is 15mph. Also requested a speed bump.

Mr. Smith has ordered the street sign and the 15mph will be installed. He will also look at the lighting and possible speed bump.

Mr. Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel: talked about his neighbor dispute and that he has contacted a lawyer.

There was further discussion on his neighbor dispute and his permit issue.

Ms. Johnson 93 Burnside Ave. had a school board question she was referred to the school board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library Report-Ms. Cavalieri read the library report see attached:

Recreation/Rambler Report- Mr. Green has nothing to report at this time.

Police and Fire Reports- Mr. Martinez read the Police and Fire reports see attached:

Personnel Report: Mrs. Bedford Dean there will be discussion on the highway department's contract with the Teamsters Local 312.

Highway and Code Reports- Mr. Felder read the code report see attached:

Mr. Felder also noted that we have a new company picking up our trash and there might be a slight changes in scheduling but everything is a go.

Sharon Hill Art & Culture Report- Vice President Booker there are no current activities but we are trying to do some zoom activities in the next month or so and posting activities on the TV station. They are also working on a drive in movie and community garden this spring.

Treasurers/Accounts Payable reports- Mr. Smith read the treasurers report see attached:

Vice President Booker asked for a motion to approve the accounts payable. Motion made by Mr. Martinez second by Mrs. Bedford-Dean.

Ms. Cavalier had the following questions on the bill list:

- Arthur J. Gallagher- pollution liability – that is a 3 year rider that we have on our liability policies in the event that we have an environmental claim.
- The \$431 for the web design services- That is for the items that we have posted each month.
- Do we have an idea when the website will be functional- next month

- I do not see the Chester Pike Corridor check on the bills list- That will be taken care of I missed putting that on there.

Vice President Booker asked for a motion to amend the bill list to include the \$1,000 for the Chester Pk. Corridor invoice.

Motion made by Mrs. Bedford-Dean second by Ms. Cavalieri.

All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0.

Mr. Smith asked to get a motion to authorize the sale of the 2 trash trucks. We are going to put them on Municibid.

Motion made by Mrs. Bedford-Dean second by Mr. Green.

Questions on the motion:

- Mr. Felder if both trucks are sold what would the borough have as back up if they need to dump something- Our black dump truck has a dump sticker so we can use that vehicle at the dump as well.

All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0

Mr. Smith we never made a motion to approve the treasurers report.

Vice President Booker asked for a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion made by Mr. Martinez second by Mr. Green. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0.

Solicitors Report- Mr. Schleigh has nothing to report. I have items that we can discuss in executive session.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Dunfee red the Police Chief's report see attached:

A moment of Silence for Officer Brian Niedleman

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Cavalieri gave a briefing of the Chester pike Corridor and you can get more information on Chesterpike.org.

There was an update on the grants:

- We filed the CDBG grant application
- Also looking at any grant opportunities sent to him by Vice President Booker and Mrs. Bedford-Dean pertaining to fire service grants.
- The next round of DCNR grants is due on April 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eileen McBride 215 Laurel Rd. asked about speed bumps - We are going to start installing them soon. We have 4 on hand. There was further discussion on speeding on Laurel and cars are being damaged.

Nancy Day 932 Elmwood Ave. discussed her concerns further about Executive Tree Service.

Mr. Smith replied with the following:

- The code enforcers have been sent there again because of the information that Ms. Day sent him of the posting of the property owners Facebook page.
- They are also looking at tee other issues. The log storage, the noise and the vibrations.
- We are not able to access the property if the gates are locked.
- They have viewed the property from the bridge and Woodland Ave.
- Mr. Schleigh is looking into it as well as some are legal matters.
- We have to respect the owners property rights while we are attempting to enforce the zoning stipulations.
- He is just not a very good neighbor.
- We are trying to get him to abide by the zoning stipulations.
- We are investigating the posts on his Facebook page from the last couple of days.
- He apologized to Mrs. Day if she feels like he is not responding to her however you and I talk to each other 2-3 times a week on the phone especially the last couple of weeks.

There was further discussion about the wording of the zoning that was done under the prior borough manager's regime. The zoning board and the zoning solicitor makes these decisions. They are an autonomous board that is appointed by the borough council and this decision was made by them in April of 2018. A copy of the 3 page zoning document will be delivered to Mrs. Day.

Charles Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd. Asked when the sewers were going to be fixed.

Mr. Smith we have not obtained any grants for the sewers.

There was further discussion on sewer maintenance, cleaning and relining. There is 73% of the sewers of Sharon Hill are relined. There will be a report at next month's meeting.

Vice President Booker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Mrs. Bedford-Dean second by Mr. Green. All in favor? Opposed? Motion carries 6-0. Meeting Adjourned

finance@sharonhillboro

From: Nancy Day <nday38@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 2:17 PM
To: finance@sharonhillboro; Sharon Booker; finance@sharonhillboro
Cc: Ed Whitaker
Subject: Council meeting

I am submitting the issues I want to discuss at tonight's meeting.

Executive Tree Service - what are the findings of the Code Enforcement inspections?

What is the specific language drawn up by the Borough Solicitor & Mr Sirkin's attorney re the agreement prior to approval of the zoning request.

What is the Borough's course of action?

The office has been closed due to an employee testing positive. Mr Smith advised he is only one working in office. What happens if Mr Smith becomes ill? What is the Borough chain of command?

The budget meeting had broken down. The residents were told another budget meeting would be scheduled. To my knowledge this didn't occur. The budget was passed without further public discussion. How did this happen?

Other municipalities release information to the media to keep residents informed. Why does Sharon Hill not do so? Not everyone uses computers. The Sharon Hill website is not used effectively as a communication tool.

Who has responsibility for keeping the residents aware of what is being done by the Borough? What is the communication plan/protocol?

I had requested a copy of the minutes of a Council meeting months ago. Upon question by Mr Oliver as to whether residents can request the minutes, Mr Smith advised that they can. I have had no response to my request.

Is there an official protocol & if so why was that not communicated at that time.

For tonight's meeting, will you consider these to be my questions or will I need to ask each during the public discussion period.

I trust that there will be opportunity for follow up comments during the meeting.

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Sent from my iPhone

The Sharon Hill Public Library Report

The Sharon Hill Public Library building is CLOSED due to COVID-19, however, the library is open for curbside pickup ONLY!

Hours of Operation are:

Sunday & Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 10:00AM-2:00PM
Wednesday & Friday: 2:00PM-6:00PM

24/7 WIFI Availability, Technical Services, Hot Spots & Resources:

- WIFI is available outside of the library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Hotspots are available for checkout.
- Copying and printing is available. Please email information to sharonhill@delcolibraries.org. For now, cash will be accepted at curbside pickup. **NOTE:** (see flyer)

Ebooks & E-Resources :

- On **Overdrive** you can check out ebooks & audiobooks using your computer, tablet or phone.
- **Hoopla** gives you access to FREE streaming of ebooks, audiobooks, movies & music.
- On **RB Digital**, you can download hundreds of magazines.
- On **Brainfuse, FREE** live homework tutors, career coaches and a new veterans navigator are available. Go to www.delcolibraries.org. All you need is your **FREE** library card, which you can apply for online.
- Questions regarding technical services, please call 610-586-3993.

FOOD GIVEAWAY:

The Sharon Hill Public Library is distributing meal kits. The Food Program is available until the end of the school year. Giveaway day is every Wednesday at 11:00AM. The boxed kit includes:

- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 10 cartons of milk
- 800 meal kits were distributed in the month of December.