

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE SHARON HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL  
February 18, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

Meeting called to order by President Oliver

Pledge allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Roll call was answer as follows:

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

Motion made by Mr. Martinez second by Mrs. Bedford-Dean to approve the council meeting minutes from January 21, 2021. Motion carries 5-1 Ms. Cavalieri.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ms. Kathleen Stuckey Barker Ave. requested speed bumps on Barker Ave.
- Elmwood Ave. residents asked several questions regarding Executive Tree Service behind their property.
- Mr. Charles Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd. asked about why the Fire Department is getting paid when they are a volunteer Fire Department. President Oliver explained how the paid firefighter staff came about to help staff the department temporarily during the day time hours. Mr. Pearson-Bey asked that we put something in the Newsletter asking for volunteers for the fire company.
- Mr. Ed Whitaker 834 Elmwood Ave. requested answers to the questions he sent in email regarding Executive Tree Service. Mr. Smith stated that the email was just sent this afternoon and he immediately asked our code enforcers to give us an answer for this evenings meeting. Some of the questions will take a little time so we have to get back to you. President Oliver will share the email with all of council.
- Ms. Nancy Day 832 Elmwood Ave. asked if Executive Tree Service had permits according to the zoning plans. Mr. Smith left a copy of the zoning order with Ms. Day a few weeks ago. Ms. Day and I speak a few times a week.
- Jeremy Sirkin 174 Calcon Hook Rd. He is trying to work with the neighbors and the borough to make the necessary corrections. He would like to set up a meeting so everyone can get on the same page.
- Teresa Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd. asked if there was any information on where to get COVID 19 vaccinations and testing. Mrs. Booker stated that you can contact the County Health Department and also contact the Chester County Health Department. She also thanked the streets department for the snow removal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Library Report Ms. Cavaliere** -see attached report:

**Recreation Report/Ramblers Report Mr. Green** - the Ramblers will start their workouts on 2/27/2021 from 12-2pm for all kids. Football registration starts March 1<sup>st</sup>. Recreation Board is putting together an Easter Egg Hunt. More details to follow.

**Police and Fire Reports Mr. Martinez**- see attached report:

**Personnel Mrs. Bedford-Dean**- We will be reviewing the Highway Departments Contract in executive session.

**Trash and Code Report Mr. Felder**- see attached report.

**Sharon Hill Art and Culture Vice President Booker**- There will be a zoom meeting to get started on the community garden in March.

**Treasurers/Accounts Payable Reports President Oliver**- read the Treasurers and Accounts payable reports see attached:

Motion made by Mrs. Bedford-Dean and second by Mr. Martinez to accept the treasurers report. Motion carries 7-0.

Accounts payable list has been changed to add The Chester Pike Corridor Improvement Project. The new total is \$288,681.26.

Motion made by Ms. Cavaliere second by Mrs. Bedford-Dean to accept the accounts payable report. Motion carries 7-0

## **OFFICIALS REPORT**

**Chief of Police and Vehicle Report Mayor Dunfee**- See attached report:

Chief Herron added to the Mayors report see attached:

**Borough Manager/Treasurer report Mr. Smith-**

- We need to approve the auditor's report next month.
- I need to get approval for a new door lock system. 3 proposals were submitted.
- Executive session on a personnel after the meeting.
- The DCED applications will be resubmitted for sewer projects and need another resolution.
- The street sign on Burnside has been replaced and the speed limit sign is on the block.
- The lighting looks adequate.

Motion made by Mrs. Booker for resolution 354 to resubmit the DCED applications for sewer projects within the borough. Second by Mrs. Bedford-Dean. Motion carries 7-0.

**Solicitor's Report Mike Schleigh-** There has been a number of tax appeals by residents. There is also tax appeals by the school district to raise the valuation on properties in order to generate more revenue. He is looking to see if it is appropriate for us to join them in order to gain more revenue. There would be a cost split between the School District and the Borough. Council agreed to join with the School District.

You should appoint someone to the vacancy board at the first meeting of every year. Council will come back in March with nominations.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

All contact information is listed on the back page of the calendar including email and phone numbers.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Ed Whitaker 834 Elmwood Ave. spoke about the order given on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the guidelines of the order signed by Robert Jarrell. He also spoke about a letter requesting a meeting but due to COVID 19 that meeting never happened. He requested a virtual meeting. President Oliver has the letter he sent last year and COVID 19 so he did not take any meetings. We can do a virtual meeting now.
- Mr. Smith the Zoning officer is endeavoring to enforce the zoning order from 2018.
- Jeremy Sirkin 174 Calcon Hook Rd. Has been in contact with the Code Enforcer to rectify the issues and President Oliver would like to have a Zoom meeting with the neighbors and council to resolve the issues.
- Nancy Day 832 Elmwood Ave. asked for a copy of the minutes from the zoning meeting. Vice President Booker stated you can request those minutes from the Zoning Board directly. Mr. Smith there are no minutes. It should be a court stenographer but he will see what he can find.
- Mike Ropski 844 Elmwood Ave. asked what the status of his Right to know request was. Mr. Smith stated that you asked that you did not want documents you wanted to come in and review the file. You can come in anytime to review the files. Mr. Ropski also asked where containers comes into the building codes. Mr. Smith will have the Code Official look into the buildings and if there are issues with it they will get it rectified. Mr. Smith will show Mr. Ropski whatever is in the property file that he requested.
- Charles Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd. asked who his council person for his area is. President Oliver stated that there are 7 councilpersons and everyone is his council person. He questioned the library hot spots. Mrs. Bedford-Dean there are 100 hotspots available. He also asked if the code book is online for the public to view. Mr. Smith

stated that he can go in the L&I state website. He asked if the bills list was monthly, quarterly etc. Mr. Smith explained that the bill list is monthly unless they are billed quarterly or annually.

- Nancy Day 832 Elmwood Ave. Asked about the bright lights that are shining on her property. She also asked about the Weiderwax field grant Mr. Smith stated that the grant was extended until June 2021. Vice President Booker stated that we can probably get another extension due to COVID19
- Jeremy Sirkin 174 Calcon Hook Rd. Lighting was a part of the zoning. Neighbors complained that there was no lighting.
- Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd. She expressed her appreciation for the new trash company. Also the highway department they were great with the last snow storm. She is planning to give away Easter baskets for the kids. She will work around the date the Recreation Board is doing their Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Martinez thanked her for doing that.
- Charles Pearson-Bey voiced his concerns about the Ramblers playing football with COVID 19. Mr. Green stated that they follow the CDC guidelines. Last year they had zero cases of COVID 19. The kids have new face guards for their helmets. They have to leave after their event is done. They cannot linger all day like they used to.

President Oliver reminded everyone of the executive session that they are having after this meeting.

The next council meeting will be held Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Meeting Adjourned

## 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 pick ONLY!

### Hours of Operation are:

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

4082 patrons have visited the library since reopening for curbside services to present.

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

- WIFI is available outside of the library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Hotspots are available for checkout. Go to [www.delcolibraries.org](http://www.delcolibraries.org) to order one.
- Copying, printing & faxing are available. Please email documents to [sharonhill@delcolibraries.org](mailto:sharonhill@delcolibraries.org). For now, cash will be accepted at curbside pickup.

### E-books & E-Resources:

- On Overdrive you can check out e-books & audiobooks using your computer, tablet or phone.
- Hoopla gives you access to FREE streaming of e-books, 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](http://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 7- day meal kits. Distribution day is on Wednesdays at 11:00am The boxed kit includes:

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 14 cartons of milk

400 meal kits were distributed in the month of January.

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### *TEEN ART CONTEST*

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Once again it's time for our **Teen Art Contest**, inspired by the **2021 Longwood Gardens Community Read** book selections! All artwork should be inspired by the Community Read theme of birds. Entries must be an original artwork depicting a bird; either real or from the student's imagination. Entries may be hand drawn or painted. No photography or 3D. Original artwork must be 9x12 or smaller. (If submitted electronically, we will print it out at 8 1/2 x 11)

#### **How to Enter:**

Go to **[www.delcolibraries.org/Teen-Art-Contest](http://www.delcolibraries.org/Teen-Art-Contest)** and fill out the entry form and artwork can be submitted to your local library or submit your artwork online.

#### **Contest Dates:**

Artwork will be accepted online and in person through 2/22/21 at 5:00pm. Local library winners will be announced March 12th. Winning pieces from each local library will be displayed at Rose Tree Park Story Walk and on this webpage for voting from March 22nd through March 31st.

#### **Winners:**

Each local winner will receive a pastel set and a ticket good for up to 4 people for entry to Longwood Gardens. The County-wide winner will be announced April 1st and will receive a teen book basket and recognition on the County website and social media channels.

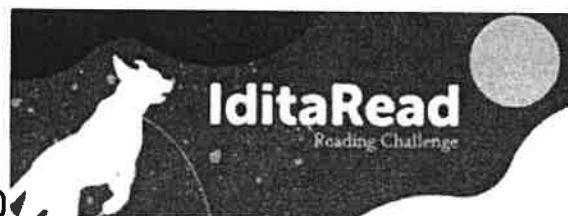
## 2021 Mock Ezra Jack Keats Award

Now celebrating it's 35th year Anniversary, The Ezra Jack Keats Award honors illustrators and writers who create extraordinary books that reflect diversity. This year, Delaware County Libraries will be participating in a Mock EJK Award and we need your vote!

Here's how to be a judge:

1. Visit your local library to pick up a judge's booklet and official judges pin or go on-line at [www.delcolibraries.org/Ezra-Jack-Keats-Award](http://www.delcolibraries.org/Ezra-Jack-Keats-Award) to print out a copy of the booklet.
2. Read at least three of the nominated titles between January 11-February 28 and evaluate each book using your judge's booklet as a guide.
3. Vote for your favorite book on-line at [www.delcolibraries.org/Ezra-Jack-KeatsAward](http://www.delcolibraries.org/Ezra-Jack-KeatsAward) or drop off your paper ballot to a local library.
4. Vote for your favorite book by dropping off your ballot (last page of the booklet) to any local library or by casting your vote below between January 11th and February 28th.

### READING CHALLENGES



Coming February 2021

Mush - Let's go! Follow the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome by logging 1 minute for every mile of the race. Earn a new set of colorful canine badges along the way! For all ages! This challenge is from 2/20/21-3/20/21. To Pre-register, go to [www.delcolibraries.org](http://www.delcolibraries.org).



**February is....**

- Black History Month
- National Wild Bird Feeding Month
- Friendship Month

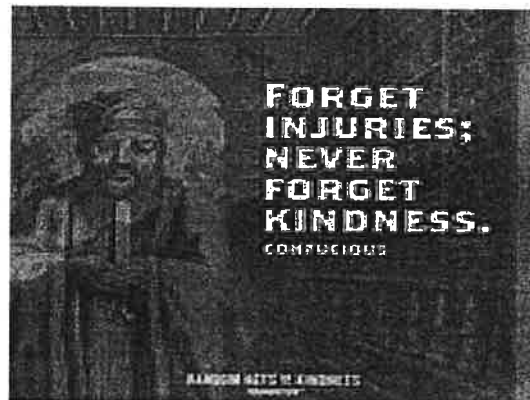
**Dates to Remember:**

2/13/21: Chinese New Year

2/14/21: Valentine's Day

2/15/21: President's Day

Week of February 13<sup>th</sup> is Random Acts of Kindness Week



Thank you to the community for their support and kindness!!!