

Sharon Hill Borough
Legislative Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20th, 2023

Quote of the Meeting

Warm April showers
Morning dew coating the earth
in the mist of spring

Call To Order: 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: President Allen (P), VP Keith Martinez (P), Councilor Sharon Booker (P), Councilor Edward Booker (P), Councilor Rodney Hill (P), Councilor Sandra Holcombe (P), Councilor William Felder (P), Mayor Hykeem Green (P), Chief Herron (P), Solicitor Colleen Marsini (P) Borough Manager Nafis Nichols (A), Secretary Roneisha Bost (P), Code Official Chris McSween (A), Treasurer William Morgan (P)

Swearing in of new part time Police Officer Kyle Humphrey conducted by Mayor Green

Public Comment:

Susan Lee 31 High Street expressed concerns about several properties on High Street. **Code Official Chris Mcsween issued violations to residents.**

Donna Hunter 1026 High Street and **John Lafferty** expressed concerns with the code of conduct for council members.

Committee Updates:

President Allen: CPCIP / Finance / Library

- Confirmed neighborhood cleanup will still take place on April 22, 2023.
- Open office hours for Mayor Green have been postponed until further notice.
- Going forward borough website will only promote borough and government related events.

CPCIP: Chester Pike Corridor Improvement Partners conducted a traffic study which included over 100 crosswalks and stop lights. PennDot has plans to resurface Chester Pike over the next three years.

Discussed the economic development project to change the borough from a “Dry Town| to a “Wet Town”; In the time given the borough did not collect the required amount of signature

needed from residents to get referendum added to the ballot. This will not be included in the May ballot.

President Allen put forth the idea about creating a Small Business Association in the borough to drive economic development for new business. **Councilwoman Sharon Booker advised that the borough also create a forum for business owners to have open discussion about new opportunities for business in the borough.**

Library: Reported by Ariana Walker (Youth Service Coordinator). Highlighted upcoming events.

Finance: March 2023 treasurer report present by Treasurer Will Morgan. Approved motion for all bills and invoices to be paid prior to the next council meeting.

Vice President Keith Martinez: Public Safety, DCJA

- Presented Police Chief report.
- Presented Fire Chief report.
- Advised smoke detectors are available for residents free of charge.

Councilwoman Sharon Booker suggested for the Fire Department hold an information session on fire safety and the importance of fire extinguishers.

Junior Council: Updates for the Public

- **Secretary Roneisha Bost** presented updates on the next Junior Council meeting which will take place at the borough hall mid-May (Date TBD)

Councilor Rodney Hill/Sandra Holcomb: Recreation Board

- No reports.

Councilor Sharon Booker: SHACC

- Inquired if the Recreation Board will be hosting any Juneteenth events. Advised SHACC would like to apply for a grant for a Juneteenth celebration. Would like to partner with the recreation board.
- Discussed recent and upcoming SHACC events.
- Discussed plans for "Period Poverty" initiative with the Delaware County Women's Commission. **More information to follow.**
- Postponed symposium for domestic violence initiative (Date TBD)

Councilor Will Felder: Public Works

- Presented code report.
- Advised that the borough is out of compliance with Emergency Management.

Councilor Edward Booker: Public Health

- Discussed neighborhood met up with residents.

Official Updates:

Mayor Hykeem Green:

- Presented Police Chief report.
- Inquired about Crime Watch App and Bus Patrol

Borough Solicitor Colleen Marsini:

- No Report

Borough Engineer, Lighthouse Engineering: Susan Lynch

- Advised that the borough received an extension to apply for Septa bus shelter grants.
- High Street project will enter a re-bid

Code Official Chris McSween: Excused

Police Chief Richard Herron:

- Advised that Crime Watch App will be running and the end of May.

Borough Manager Nafis Nichols:

- Addressed the Borough Safety Measures and recommendations for outstanding items. 10 of 12 items have been addressed.

New Business:

- a. Motion to approve the of plans for improvement to Wiederwax Park: **“Motion Passed”**
- b. Motion to approve solicitation of bids for improvement to Wiederwax Park
- c. Motion to hire Ariana Walker as the full time Children’s Program Coordinator for the Sharon Hill Public Library: **“Motion Passed”**

Old Business:

- a. Economic Development
Councilor Sharon Booker is opposed to making Sharon Hill a “wet” Borough.
Councilor William Felder inquired about enforcing parking permits.
Councilor Rodney Hill inquired about ads with Viacom on Chester Pike.
Borough manger Nafis Nichols will investigate what is owned by the Borough.

Adjournment: 9:02 pm

BY: _____
Tanya Allen, President of Council

BY: _____
Hykeem Green, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Roneisha Bost, Secretary