

**Sharon Hill Borough
Legislative Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2026**

Quote of the Meeting

“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.” — G.K. Chesterton

- **Call To Order at 7:03 p.m.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call – President Tanya Allen (P) Vice President Rodney Hill (P) Councilor Deidri Brabham (P) Councilor William Felder (P) Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming (P) Councilor James Patrick III (P) Councilor Mimi Smith (P) Mayor Edward Booker (P) Borough Solicitor Kyle Miller (P) Borough Engineer Susan Lynch (P) Interim Chief Sean Johnson (P) Code Building Official Anthony Tartaglia (E) Code Officer Gary Collins (A) Borough Treasurer Will Morgan (P) Borough Manager Joy Taylor (P)**

A special resolution presentation was read and given by President Allen to Dr. Tammi Fleming in memory of Mr. Robert Edward Pollard, beloved father of Councilor Fleming.

There was a presentation and swearing in of the Interim Police Chief Sean Johnson; and, with his family by his side, Interim Chief Johnson was sworn in by Mayor Booker.

May is military appreciation month, and a Proclamation was read by President Allen honoring all members of the Military active and past. In addition, Council members William Felder, James Patrick III, and Diedri Brabham were personally recognized by Council with special commemorations from the borough.

Committee Updates:

President Tanya Allen: Library, CPCIP

- **Library Report: Mr. Ashby** – Mr. Ashby thanked everyone who spoke about their military service and also thanked them for their service.
- The Library is partnering with an organization called My Work Program which gives a paid experience for people with disabilities. The library will have 4 interns to help around the library. They will be accompanied by Workplace Development employees who will be working with them. Another young man doing intern work on IT, will be working through DCIU.
- The Library received a \$200.00 grant for the reading program.

- **CPCIP:** - On May 30, we will be having Bike the Pike. We have received grants, including a grant from America 250, and want the public to know that we have helmets to give out if anyone needs one along with other giveaways. The event will begin at Memorial Park on Saturday. We have elected officials coming as well as residents and we are excited that the event will be kicked off from Sharon Hill Borough.
- Dr. Strauss has opened another resource center in Chester. They have provided copies to us of a resource guide for homelessness in Delaware County. The pamphlets will be in the office if anyone would like one.

Vice President Rodney Hill: Recreation

- The annual Juneteenth event will be on Saturday, June 20. We will have everything available to celebrate, including giving a community service award to one of our businesses. Also, if anyone knows of anyone in our community you feel should be recognized, please let us know.
- The basketball Skills and Drills Clinic begins Sunday, July 19, and ends on August 22, which is Jalen Duren Day. It will be a festive family event. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the event.
- Fire Chief Bourgeois was recognized and presented with a check from V.P. Rodney Hill in the amount of \$1,200.00 from Runtouchablez Inc. V.P. Hill stressed that we should ban together to support our Fire Department, Police Department, and Borough. He mentioned the possibility of having additional fundraisers to help the various departments.

Junior Council Report: – No report

Councilor Deidri Brabham: SHACC

- Councilor Brabham spoke about their event, a Sisterhood Celebration, which was about celebrating women, particularly Sharon Hill Borough women. They had tea and refreshments as well as open discussion about things going on.
- The Flea Market will be on June 6, 2026. SHACC is also looking for vendors, and everyone is welcome.
- The SHACC June monthly meeting will change to June 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Please take a look at the Historical Society on the website. We are looking for items from 2017 to present day that we do not have recorded. There was a question as to where things can be brought if there is something for the Historical Society and Councilor Brabham said an email to her notifying her of the items should be sent and then the best way to get the items to her will be decided. She can be reached at dbraham@sharonhillboro.com or through the Historical Society at hsc@sharonhillboro.com.

Councilor William Felder: Fire Department – No report.

- President Allen shared that cold patch is available free of charge to residents.

Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming: Public Health –

Councilor James Patrick, III: SE Delco School District – No report.

Councilor Mimi Smith: Personnel Liaison – No report.

• Officials' Updates:

Mayor, Edward Booker: Police, DCJA

- Mayor Booker read the Police Department response calls made during the month of April.
- Mayor Booker attended the DCJA meeting yesterday and there was a follow up about the quarterly payment details.

- One Saturday, May 23, 12:30-2:30 p.m., we will have a Memorial Day Salute for our fallen veterans and civil servants who have lost their lives. If you have a family member who is a fallen veteran or civil servant and would like them to be included in the memorial, please let us know by contacting the borough to submit their information.
- Mayor Booker will attend a Darby Creek informational meeting on May 29 and will report on it at the next meeting.

Borough Solicitor, Kyle Miller, Kilkenny Law – No report.

Borough Engineer, Susan Lynch, Lighthouse Engineering –

- The engineer emphasized Mayor Booker's mention of the meeting on the 29th which will be at John Hines Wildlife Refuge and announced that any municipal member from Council who would like to come is welcome to attend the meeting.
- Regarding the Delcora work done last year, the engineer received information from them; however, they didn't send much more than they gave us previously. She did mention something she found in the report which was that there was a variant identified as high priority for Sharon Hill.
- There is a Resolution on tonight's agenda where the engineer is working with the Borough Manager to apply for a grant to help off-set the expenses for upgrades to the parks.
- V.P. Hill said he is curious about areas where the engineer can help find grants for Sharon Hill Borough and the engineer responded yes they can help in a variety of ways. He asked about beautifying the wall on the bridge and would like the engineer's opinion on getting a grant to do something with the wall. The engineer said she will look into some ideas and advise everyone.
- President Allen asked who is responsible for painting the lines back when work is done on the street. The engineer said the lines should have been redone by the vendor. The engineer will look into it and get back to us.

Building Code Official, Anthony Tartaglia – No report.

Building Code Officer, Gary Collins – No report.

Interim Police Chief, Sean Johnson

- Corporal Attix reported for Interim Chief Johnson and reminded everyone that there will be strategic police patrolling on Chester Pike.
- Speed studies are continuing to be conducted for the borough.
- Reiterated for residents that 911 is for both emergencies and non-emergencies and said residents can remain anonymous.

Treasurer, Will Morgan

- The treasurer reviewed the Treasurer's report balance on hand, deposits and receipts, and the Bills and Invoices report totals.
- Councilor Fleming reported that the Treasurer's report looks better but she would like monthly and ytd information to make sense of the #s. President Allen suggested that Councilor Fleming put an example together of what she has in mind for the Treasurer.

Borough Manager, Joy Taylor

- As mentioned, there is a resolution to get support to apply for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used to rehab Weiderwax Park. While the previous upgrades to Weiderwax were made and there was a pavilion installed, the playground equipment is in disrepair. The grant will be used to for playground improvements at borough parks.
- The Borough Manager advised residents that she hears all of the complaints and encouraged residents to continue to leave voicemails or emails.
- The Borough Manager advised of an agreement supporting the local charter school for children to have a field day at ABC Field.

- The Borough Manager acknowledged that she reached out to the trash vendor and received a report from them due to some of the concerns from our Caucus meeting. She is also looking forward to scheduling an opportunity for the vendor to come out to meet residents and discuss some of the concerns as well as some of the challenges they face. She acknowledged the report is lengthy but read some examples of calls that came in and how they handled. Regarding comingling, she gave some examples of why you might see comingling of the trash and recycling, and noted the vendor said it is not a frequent thing. They also said they are required to do a recycling report which gives details of recycling.
- Regarding the signage on the ground and the painting on High Street, the manager said she will follow up with the engineer. In addition, she has driven around and witnessed vehicles parking too close to the corner making it difficult for the trash trucks to make the turn to get down the alley.
- There was a question regarding the nuisance property near the apartment complex. It seems they picked up some of the trash but did not get everything. The manager responded that we had an extensive conversation with code to make sure Commonwealth Code knows exactly where it is. In addition, there is an approval of the ordinance for nuisance violations which should facilitate a faster turnaround. Also, regarding if the alleyway is a street or alleyway, the manager will follow up with the engineer to see how it is identified.
- Councilor Felder mentioned the congested traffic around Barker and Coates streets. President Allen suggested traffic remediation times with Mayor Booker. He also added that they go against the traffic during school dismissal.
- On Laurel Road, at the inlet, there are leaves piling up at the sewers. V.P. Hill asked if we could have Highway go there since the street sweeper is down. The Borough Manager will make sure that we have more focus on the inlets and streets being cleaned. She also offered supplies if any residents would like bags or to borrow available equipment.

Public Comment –

- **Sandra Holcolm 115 Brainerd Blvd.**—What is being planned for the 4th of July. While I understand the 3-minute rule, I think we should ask council to be more patient and give residents more time.
- **Council** – In regard to 4th of July, the fireworks will be on Friday the 3rd and our parade will be on the 4th. There will be more forthcoming. We are seeking partnerships and will be sharing more in terms of participating in certain activities. Councilor Felder added that there are a lot of committees that need people from the community to participate.
- **Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd** – Where is code enforcement. There needs to be more visibility by Code.
- **Council** – Councilor Hill mentioned we are working for consistency and updating the ordinances to get things cleaned up. Mayor Booker asked everyone to continue to report everything. Councilor Fleming suggested that it is a collective responsibility for the community.
- **Donna Hunter 1026 Coates St** – On primary day we had 2 people lift the printer and put it on the stand. Plus, the stand is very heavy and dangerous to put together. You have to have at least 1 man at the polls and I’m suggesting at every precinct there should be one man. I would like more details on the comingling of trash and recycling. Where is the Code Officer.
- **Council** – Thank you for being a poll worker. The council does not have anything to do with poll workers. It is the responsibility of the Bureau of Elections of Delaware County. We will however collect names if they come through the Borough and send them to the Bureau of Elections.
- We have a valid recycling program, and you can go to the Delaware County website and see the totals of tonnage collected which they have to report annually. We cannot tell you how much because we do not have a recycling coordinator at the Borough. Any credits gained will go back to the hauler as they manage that for us.
- Regarding Code, it is a personnel matter, and we won’t be able to answer any questions. Mr. Tartaglia is out sick, but he can respond to nuisance code concerns.
- **Theresa Pearson-Bey 339 Laurel Rd** – I am a member of the Friends of the Library group along with Sandra Holcombe. The community is asking Council and everyone to support a number of fundraisers they will be having in support of the library. Mrs. Pearson-Bey went through several of the different fundraisers. She also thanked Mr. Ashby and President Allen for doing a great job and for their support. In addition, the owners of Sunoco, who are here at the meeting tonight, said they are willing to help and we want to recognize them and thank them for giving back to the community.
- **Council** – President Allen thanked everyone for the modeling that we are seeing in this meeting and thanked the community partner present from Sunoco for their modeling how businesses can take part in the community.
- **Felton White 505 Twin Oaks Ave** – I want to address the 3 minutes again. In light of tonight, you need to address it.
- **Council** – Councilor Hill mentioned once you give more minutes to explain yourself, and we expand the 3 minutes, where does it end to get to resolution. Mayor Booker suggested a post-meeting recap to get resolutions. Councilor

Felder mentioned The Sunshine Law which is also meshed in with time. The Borough Manager mentioned we should use the Block Captains to facilitate some of the concerns.

- **Monica Doyle 327 Sharon Ave** – Questioned why her taxes were being raised by 19% for Sharon Hill.
- **Council** – The 19% could have been for County taxes not Sharon Hill. Another possibility could be the assessment value for the home. The Borough Manager will take it offline to try to help the resident look at the issue. There was also a suggestion to make sure that seniors are aware of additional rebates they may qualify for. There was a question raised regarding having a workshop for seniors to understand the different types of taxes with the tax collector Ms. Felicia Coleman.

New Business –

- **Resolution to Approve Bank Transfer**

Moved **M.S.** Seconded **R.H.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to Adopt Property Maintenance Ordinance Updates**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **D.B.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to Approve Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application Resolution**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **J.P.** Motion Passed

- **Approval of Military Appreciation Month Proclamation**

Moved **J.P.** Seconded **R.H.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to approve the April Treasurer Report as presented.**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **D.B.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to approve the April Bills and Invoices List.**

Moved **M.S.** Seconded **R.H.** Motion Passed

- **Approval of April 16, 2026, Legislative Meeting Minutes**

Old Business –

- **Traffic Calming** – There is an initiative that Sharon Hill Borough will be doing in partnership with the school district.
- **The Delaware County Planning Department** has what they call Quick Build. The formal information was read out by President Allen. The meeting was also attended by our engineer and borough manager. In the meantime, there will be street studies over the Summer with actual work scheduled in the Fall. The intersection chosen is Coates and

Calcon Hook Road. There will be more information to come as we have been talking about making our streets safer for pedestrians.

- **Regarding the Land Bank, we voted to join the Land Bank and the school board also joined because nothing can happen without the school board as a partner. They did approve joining the Land Bank and we had 2 properties that we wanted removed. The one on Coates Street was removed from the list. The property on Laurel Road was removed for the Borough of Sharon Hill, and we will have further discussion regarding the property. There will be more to come.**
- **Dr. Fleming – Updated Council on the Sharon Hill Borough Public Health Community Committee. After our April meeting we reconvened and as a result we organized, and participants identified 3 primary areas for the fair. There are about 15 residents serving on the 3 committees. The date will be August 29, and some work is already happening with the committees.**
- **Public health and wellness, in regard to mental health, Dr. Fleming wanted to thank the mayor for his support for the sewing meetings on Wednesdays. It is helpful and is going really well.**
- **One recommendation was mentioned that we have clarification on our meetings and the time we spend at the meetings. Can we cut a lot of the duplication out.**
- **On Saturday, May 26th there will be a Block Captains Virtual meeting from 5:30-6:00 p.m.**
- **The sewing club is being extended and the next Meeting will be May 27 from 6:00-7:30.**
- **Shout out to Mayor Booker’s daughter Lillie for her prom.**
- **Dr. Fleming’s daughter, Diana White, is Ms. Sharon Hill, and is running for Ms. Pennsylvania’s in the statewide pageant.**
- **The homelessness resource guide and Delaware County entry system information is at the back of the room and will be on the website for anyone who needs it.**
- **Adjournment – 9:42 p.m.**

Upcoming Meeting: Caucus Thursday, June 4, 2026

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Resolution to Appoint Commissioners to the Historical Commission.

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- **Resolution to Authorize the Execution and Submission of a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application**
- **Motion to adopt Honorary Street Sign Ordinance**
- **Motion to approve Honorary Street Sign for Jalen Duren**
- **Motion to approve Honorary Street Sign for Dr. Strauss**
- **Motion to advertise Bids for Alleyway Repaving Project**
- **Motion to Approve the May Treasurer Report**
- **Motion to Approve the May Bills List**
- **Approval of May 21, 2026, Legislative Meeting Minutes**