

**Sharon Hill Borough
Legislative Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2026**

Quote of the Meeting

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- **Call To Order at 7:00 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 (P) Borough Treasurer Will Morgan (E) Borough Manager Joy Taylor (P)**
- **The meeting began with a special presentation honoring Corporal Michael “Mike” Attix for his 35 years of service upon his retirement. Interim Police Chief Johnson delivered a formal tribute to Corporal Attix for his 35+ years of service as a police officer and volunteer firefighter and presented a plaque to him on behalf of the Borough. Mayor Booker emphasized Mike’s integrity and deep community ties and Councilor Felder acknowledged his role as Constable. Corporal Attix then expressed his gratitude, confirmed his career timeline, and reiterated his intent to remain active with the fire company, as a constable, and to support the police department. The special presentation concluded with photos and a brief recess to allow attendees to depart.**
- **Community Events and Announcements**
Extensive planning was detailed for several upcoming community events, including the Jalen Duren League Championship Day (August 22), the Healthy Communities Expo (August 29), a back-to-school drive (September 4), the SHACC Flea Market (September 5), and Jazz & Art in the Park (October 3).

Committee Updates:

President Tanya Allen: Library, CPCIP

- **Library Report: Mr. Ashby** – Librarian Richard Ashby highlighted strong summer engagement, youth workforce programs, and participation in a national DEI conference. August metrics showed 2,025 patron visits and 432 programs.
- **CPCIP:** - Municipalities are to vote on standardized park furnishings (benches, trash receptacles, bike racks) to ensure corridor continuity. They will proceed with the coordinated selection process for Chester Pike corridor furnishings and will review and submit top two choices for corridor furnishings.
- Board changes were also announced.
- The Office of Sustainability was awarded a ~\$5M recycling grant, plans a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility in Marple, and is exploring a 5-year trash collection reprieve program for some municipalities.

- President Allen will monitor sustainability grant/program opportunities and notify council when Sharon Hill can apply.
- The Borough Manager will review the single-sheet fact documents on sustainability grants.
- Fall Cleanup is proposed for October 24.
- Former junior council member Moses Mali was recognized for his service in the Air Force as a crew chief on a combat rescue helicopter.

Vice President Rodney Hill: Recreation

- V.P. Hill detailed the Jalen Duren League championship events scheduled for Saturday, August 22, starting at 10:00 AM.
- The day will include championship and All-Star games, a community festival with free food for kids, vendors, and entertainment.
- A parade featuring a marching band will precede a street dedication on Chester Pike honoring Jalen Duren. A future dedication for Dr. Strauss is also planned.
- Numerous sponsors were acknowledged, and donations from council members were noted for helping cover player fees.
- Road closures are planned from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- The event received a positive shout-out on a Fox 29 news segment.
- V.P. Hill will proceed with the event plan for August 22, with adjustments for weather if needed.

Junior Council Report:

Councilor Deidri Brabham: SHACC

- Councilor Brabham announced that ongoing yoga/strengthening programs are open to the public.
- The next SHACC flea market is the first Saturday in September.
- Jazz & Art in the Park is set for October 3, with a vendor registration deadline of September 1 for inclusion in flyers.
- The Historical Commission reported significant progress on the train station cleanup and its landmark application. They will update and submit the landmark application and continue outreach for memorabilia.

Councilor William Felder: Fire Department

- The code/permits report detailed inspection and permit revenue totaling \$36,511 for the month.
- The July 2026 report included 58 incidents.
- The supply of free smoke detectors is low, and CO detectors are out of stock. The Department will monitor and restock smoke and CO detectors as needed.
- Councilor Fleming proposed exploring collaboration with Darby Township (precincts 1 and 2) due to service call alignment. President Allen directed the topic to the fire company to align with existing regionalization talks and Councilor Felder to engage the Sharon Hill Fire Company on the status of regionalization efforts and report back to council.

Councilor James Patrick, III: SE Delco School District –

- President Allen announced a new School Board appointment, a back-to-school drive on September 4, and the Fanta Bility Foundation's event on August 27.

Councilor Mimi Smith: Personnel Liaison

- Councilor Smith noted her return to regular participation after an absence.

- **Officials' Updates:**

Mayor, Edward Booker: Police, DCJA

- Mayor Booker presented the July 2026 police report (612 calls, 6 arrests).
- The next Darby Creek Joint Authority meeting is on September 16.

Borough Solicitor, Kyle Miller, Kilkenny Law

- The Solicitor to finalize shared facilities agreements, include inspection/cleanup protocols, bring tax assessment appeals to Council, and finalize trademark applications.
- The Solicitor announced the agreement with the school district is nearly complete. Coordination with Folcroft and Collingdale is underway to clarify maintenance roles. The solicitor also noted the start of tax assessment appeal season and that trademark applications for the borough logo are ready.
- The solicitor read the resolution to honorarily designate Burnside Avenue (between Sharon and Barker Avenues) as "Jaylen Duren Way."

Borough Engineer, Susan Lynch, Lighthouse Engineering

- The alley repaving project bid opening is August 26. The engineer to provide a recommendation for the alley repaving contract at the next council meeting.
- A decision on the \$100,000 playground grant for Ramblers Field is expected in Oct/Nov.
- George Street does not qualify for liquid fuels funding, but other grants will be researched. The engineer noted George Street is listed as federally owned and Borough Manager Taylor confirmed the area qualifies for funding from the Center for Dirt and Gravel Roads, and a Public Works staffer is now certified. There is also collaboration with a neighboring municipality is being explored, The Engineer will research CDBG grant opportunities for paving George Street.
- The PennDOT permit for the Jalen Duren Day street closure was successfully obtained.
- The Engineer and Borough Manager to work with PennDOT to utilize county aid funds (\$5,700).
- The DELCO Planning Dept. presented a county-funded "quick build" traffic calming project for fall near Sharon Hill Elementary School (Calcon Hook Rd/Coates St) involving new crosswalks and bump-outs. President Allen suggested students could help choose the street art.

Building Code Official, Anthony Tartaglia – Absent

- The Starbucks opening is now anticipated around Thanksgiving. A new multi-step ticket enforcement process is in effect to improve compliance before court action. The borough requires "remove and replace" for damaged sidewalks/driveways, not patching.
- The Zoning Official announced Zoning Hearing Outcomes for 1308 Chester Pike: A special exception was granted for an auto repair facility with several conditions (sidewalk replacement, handicap parking, restricted dumpster hours). Also, a variance was granted for a mixed business/residential property, which will now proceed to the land development phase. The owner of 1308 Sharon Avenue to submit plans and escrows to begin the land development process.
- The urgent enforcement of the repair shop on Chester Pike was discussed. Councilman Hill raised severe fire risk concerns about a shop hoarding tires. The Code Official confirmed multiple tickets were issued and an order of abatement was requested. The Borough Solicitor will pursue injunctive relief in the Court of Common Pleas to compel cleanup. The BCO to send all documentation on the repair shop to the solicitor. The Borough Solicitor suggested filing for injunctive relief against the repair shop.

Interim Police Chief, Sean Johnson –

- The police department reported on staffing challenges for crossing guards, the status of a new camera system at ABC Field, and ongoing enforcement of abandoned vehicles. Significant discussion occurred around escalating legal action against a noncompliant repair shop with a severe tire-hoarding issue ending with the solicitor being authorized to seek injunctive relief.
- Chief Johnson provided an enhanced year-to-date incident report and offered to help council interpret the data.
- ABC Field Cameras: The new camera system will be installed within weeks and operational before October. It includes night vision, live feed, DVR, and unlimited cloud storage.
- Enforcement of abandoned vehicles is showing improved compliance. Illegal dumping is a rising issue, and the public is urged to report it. The speed radar trailer is down for service due to a heat-related issue.
- Recruitment of Crossing Guards is active, but only one application has been received. Police will cover critical intersections at the start of school. The Borough to ensure the crossing guard job is posted on the borough's website. Chief Johnson to provide Councilor Patrick with the number of crossing guard positions needed.
- Chief Johnson & Councilor Fleming to review domestic/medical incident trends to identify prevention/referral opportunities. The Chief agreed to a collaborative follow-up.

Treasurer, Will Morgan

- The Treasurer's report was approved. President Allen noted Treasurer Will Morgan was absent, and questions should be sent to him directly.

Joy Taylor, Borough Manager

- The manager highlighted the extensive scope of Public Works activities, including road repairs, park maintenance, event support, and storm drain management. The team expanded from two to three full-time staff but remains strained. Councilor Felder noted pre-COVID staffing was higher (~5 in PW) and suggested hiring more staff. The Manager committed to reviewing the budget to increase staffing in both Public Works and Police.
- The Borough Manager will reschedule a meeting with Mr. Matt Morello to conduct a streetlight checkup.
- Borough Manager & the Engineer to follow up with the Dirt & Gravel team and provide an update at the next meeting.
- Public Works to coordinate table/chair drop-off for the Expo on Friday, August 28.
- The Healthy Communities Expo Team to secure additional tables, a pop-up tent, and continue fundraising.
- Updates were provided on the alley repaving project, a playground grant application for Ramblers Field, and funding opportunities for low-volume roads like George Street.
- Borough Manager to proceed with pursuing low-volume roads grant funding.

Public Comment –

- **Sandra Holcomb 115 Brainerd Blvd.** - expressed appreciation for the Jalen Duren event but noted communication about the road closure could have been better.
- **Tracy Turner – 200 Laurel Rd** - Reiterated concerns about the road closure notification process.
- **Council** The Borough Engineer explained the permit was issued on August 7, but they missed a final step of notifying PennDOT's communications office, calling it a "lesson learned."
- **Felton White 505 Twin Oaks Ave** - spoke about his group, "Men of Delaware County," helping seniors and veterans.
- **Monay Williams – 67 Frances** – Community Health Expo Announcement.
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New Business –

- **Public Health Working Group Update (Councilor Fleming):** The group is building regional partnerships and secured sponsorship for the upcoming Expo. The public health ordinance is expected on the September agenda.
- **Healthy Communities Expo (Monay Williams, Bishop Lester Threadgill Jr.):** The Expo is on August 29, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. The team detailed the four resource zones, confirmed sponsors, and noted a funding gap for the children's zone. Logistical needs include more tables and a pop-up tent.
- **Resolution to approve Honorary Street Designation for Burnside Ave. as Jalen Duren Way**
Moved J.P. Seconded R.H. Motion Passed
- **Motion to Approve the July Treasurer Report**
Moved J.P. Seconded R.H. Motion Passed
- **Motion to Approve July Bills List**
Moved J.P. Seconded R.H. Motion Passed
- **Approval of June 4th Caucus Meeting Minutes**
- **Approval of June 18th and July 16th Legislative Meeting Minutes as submitted.**

Old Business –

- **Councilor Fleming suggested that shorter meetings might increase community engagement.**
- **President Allen agreed and encouraged the council to recommit to more efficient meetings.**

Adjourn: 10:23 p.m.

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Upcoming Meeting: Caucus, Thursday, September 3, 2026