

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING -MINUTES- for July 10, 2023, at 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm for Public Hearing. No one was in attendance. Regular Council meeting held at 7pm. Those present: Mayor Nicole Perkins; All Councilmembers Mayor Pro-tem Herschel Browne Jr, Skylar Grant, Brooke Glenn and Margarett Parrish, Town Administrator Tina Davis, and Fire Chief Oliver Dowdle.

INVOCATION:

1. Moment of Silence was held.
2. Tina began with a prayer.

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: No one from the public at the meeting.

MINUTES:

1. **Minutes:** Minutes for the regular Council Meeting of June 12, 2023, have been recorded – if anyone needs a copy of the minutes, just let us know.
2. **Financial Reports:** Available for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 0002-1-9 Review of the Budget for 2023-2024** – This is just a recap; we had our second reading to raise the revenue and adopt the budget for the Town of Sharon. We approved that at the special called meeting in June.
2. **4th of July Event** – Everyone should have a list of all the money that was spent on the event. We would like to do this again in the future. We did learn some lessons, like starting a little bit earlier. We had a great turnout; people were really excited about it and we have a lot of positive feedback. Fireworks location probably needs to be moved or where we set up people. The event was busy, Nicole helped Johnny with snow cones, per Tina they sold 202.

Oliver made the point that with the food - there was some confusion about who paid and who did not. With the different vendors selling different items, we did not want to make people stand in 3 different lines. This was our first time doing it. People were supposed to get people's names and put it on the order to keep things straight but that did not happen on all of them. Also, the amount of money collected was written on some ticket's others were not, so there was some guess work on that. At 9:15 there were only 2 hamburgers left.

3. **Registration & Elections** – we are working on the staggered year for elections ordinance.

4. **Water – CCR** Water reports have been sent out to all town residents. The report had to be sent in before June 30th to the state. So, everyone should have them – also posted at Town Hall, US Post Office and on the Hickory Grove website.

5. **York County Council** – Reminder that the Pennies for Progress meeting is next month. Everyone needs to get on there and look at the website and prepare for this meeting. Nicole attended the York meeting, and it was very intimidating. There were lots of people from the community talking about their roads. York had videos and a whole speech about their roads. The meeting lasted an hour and a half. York asked if they could bring the rest of the roads that needed attention to the Sharon meeting, and they were told they would see. There are 4 towns that will be in attendance, so Nicole does not see that as an option. It is supposed to be citizens putting in their ballots for what they want or suggest.

We need to have a list of roads as well as outreach to the community to let us know of roads that need attention. It was asked if it was just state roads. Nicole thinks it is all roads since Pennies for Progress.

A question was asked about what type of technology may be needed for this meeting. Tina has a meeting set up with Patrick and they can discuss it. Browne offered to help, with microphones or any other type of equipment.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Water Tank Inspection**

- a. Water Tank Sanitary
- b. Leary Construction
- c. Southern Corrosion Company came out, they are local. Family run business. Great report from him compared to what Leary gave us. They are highly recommended and just got the contract for York as well as highly recommended from our MASC group. We are thinking about going to them. Leary quoted \$10,900 and Southern Corrosion quoted \$10,400.

This is a ten-year contract, we just need to sign the contract and return.

The water report was fine and DHEC came out and everything went well with them. They did ask for something a little different in our notebook but that is just paperwork.

The report per Southern Corrosion is that the indicator cable was stuck to the side and it can be pulled lose, it needs to be replaced. The float on the inside that connects to this cable is no longer connected. It is not tracking the water flow. Inside does look good but with a small amount of sediment that needs to be washed out

every five years. No one loses water during the cleaning process; they use the pressure valve to let the town have water.

Whomever we decide to go with we do need to let them know. Browne made the motion to change vendors to Southern Corrosion, Skylar second the motion. The council voted, all in favor – Aye. Motion granted for change of vendor.

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: Council to discuss any issues concerning the following:

1. Ballfield: We have been doing a lot of painting at the ballfield. The electrician we use, Mike Falls, has said that before he did any work at the ball field that the wiring out there needs to be corrected. Alan Faulkner was going to dig up the lines and bury cables and hook up the scoreboard correctly. It is not hard wired. As a safety issue it needs to be done correctly. The scoreboard needs its own switch, so they are not touching the main breaker. Will check with Mike to see when he is available to do the work.

2. Community Center: We are possibly going to have a new tenant there. She is going to need two breakers for 60 amps so that she can have her equipment run. Mike Falls looked at that as well. We need to look at some signage over there. There are doors that need to be replaced, they open in and need to open out. There are walls in there that need to come out as well.

Also, we need to make other arrangements for larger groups that rent the Community Center to remove their own trash. A change should be made to the contract making people aware of the fees associated with renting the space. The last group (McKnight Reunion had 15-20 bags that needed to be hauled off).

3. Fire Department: Steve with Browns Heating and Air Conditioning is coming on Tuesday, work to be done on the return and supply. Also, Joey knows where the leech lines are – he is to come by.

4. Rental Buildings: Lawson Building, the gutters have been added, the VFD needs gutters. Grady fixed the toilets today at the daycare (plastic in the toilet). There is a urinal that needs to be replaced with a toilet. The price does need to be renegotiated for the daycare.

5. Rainey Park: Sign says “No Dogs”, may need to change the sign to allow for dogs and add a dog station with bags.

6. Parks Scout Hut, Concession Stand: Phase I is complete, Phase II to be completed.

7. Streets: Edging, need equipment.

8. Sidewalks: Burri Building parking lot has a lot of grass growing in it. Will get with Brad about taking care of that.

9. Town Hall:

10. Water: Matthew advised that the drain line for the water tank needs to be rerouted. Wiring can be found by calling 8-1-1, then Duke will come out. Matthew also mentioned, DHEC wants a key to match the well house on the Shillinglaw Well, Tina has already discussed with Kenny Jones.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns:** this is a section that anyone from the Mayor, Council, Staff or Public can bring an issue to the Council that was not on the agenda. Please limit your comment to 5 minutes or less.
 - a. A Golf Tournament was held and \$100,00.00 was raised, Matthew Glenn gave a special thanks to the VFD for using their ice machine.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded
2. **Financial Reports:** Available for review upon request

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** will be Monday, August 14, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

ADJOURN:

1. **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment – Margarett Parris made a motion to adjourn. Skylar Grant second. Council all in favor, adjourned meeting at 8.40pm.

*Special note: the recording was FULL of static – will use the old recorder next month to see if it is a tape issue or a recorder issue.