

SHARON CITY COUNCIL

Purpose: Regular Council Meeting
Date: Thursday, January 19, 2017
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: Sharon Municipal Building Council Chambers

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

TIME: 6:33 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council:

X President Connelly	X Mr. Lucas
X Mr. James	X Mrs. Bundrant
X Rev. Trambley	

News Media:

X Robert Fiscus – City Manager	X The Herald
X Attorney Madden – City Solicitor	
X Lori Merolillo – City Clerk	

Dept. Heads:

X Gerald T. Smith - Chief of Police
X John Cave - Street Dept.
X Jason Tomko- Finance Director
X Janet Thomas- Community Development

Bob Fromm wanted to discuss the North Sharon Little League field renovation and thank Council for their letter of support so they can move forward with grant applications. Mr. Fromm explained that they have started fundraising and are applying for numerous grants to replace bleachers, update fencing, dugouts and hopefully with larger grants add lighting and restrooms.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Fiscus met with the lowest bidder for Ewaste and will discuss more at the workshop meeting. Mr. Connelly asked if Tri County starts February 1st and Mr. Fiscus replied that yes but there are 6000 accounts and only 3200 have registered with Tri County so far.

Mr. Fiscus also met with the GSA and offered the City's support. Mr. Fiscus explained that the Community Corrections Facility is becoming a concern for residents because of the location. Mr. Fiscus requested an executive session to discuss the Fire Contract.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:

ORDINANCES

MOTION that Ordinance #01-17 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Sharon, Part two, “Administration Code,” Title two, “General Provisions” Chapter 209, “General Fee Schedule,” Section .04, “Schedule” to increase a fee for issuance of a copy of tax bills from \$1.00 to \$5.00. **Pass FIRST reading by title.**

Motion: Mr. Jamees

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

**Vote: Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Rev. Trambley**

**Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. Connelly**

RESOLUTIONS

MOTION that Resolution #05-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, awarding the 2017 COG Bids under the Joint Municipal Purchasing Program. **be adopted**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

**Vote: Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Lucas**

**Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #06-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the proper City Officials to sign and execute a Salt Participation agreement with the PA Department of General Services for the period of August 2017 through July 2018 for the purchase of up to 5,000-7,000 tons of salt. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mr. Lucas

**Vote: Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #07-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a bond request for Jason Tomko in the amount of \$500,000 and Robert Fiscus in the amount of \$35,000. **be adopted**

Rev. Trambley asked why the amounts were different and Jason Tomko replied that he handles more money as the Finance Director.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. James

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant**

**Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #08-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a lien forgiveness for the property located at 1100 Sharpsville Ave. with the stipulation of any and all property taxes to be paid in full and \$4,000.00 to be paid toward the existing lien. **be adopted**

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

**Vote: Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Rev. Trambley**

**Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #09-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the trade/sale of (7) Police Vehicles and the purchase of (2) Ford Police Utility Command Vehicles for use in the Police and Fire Departments from Preston Ford of Sharon. **be adopted.**

Motion: Mr. Lucas

Second: Mr. Lucas

**Vote: Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Lucas**

**Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #11-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City Sharon Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the release of loans under the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Be adopted.

Rev. Trambley asked what the address was for the rehabilitation and Janet Thomas explained that the map number is on the actual Resolution and Rev. Trambley asked if the address can be added to it. Mrs. Thomas explained that they usually use the map number but she can email Council prior to meeting with the address and more information.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Lucas

**Vote: Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Mr. Connelly**

MOTION that Resolution #12-17 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, supporting the field renovation project for the Sharon Little League Program. Be adopted

Motion: Mr. James

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

**Vote: Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant**

**Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Connelly**

CONSENT AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE CITY BUSINESS AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION AND ONE ROLL CALL VOTE. ANY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OFFICIAL OR CITIZENS WISHING CLARIFICATION OF AN ITEM MAY ASK A QUESTION BY RAISING THEIR HAND AND IDENTIFYING THE ITEM BEFORE ADOPTION OF THE ITEM.

MOTION that Resolution #10-17 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania, authorizing, in accordance with Section 915 of the Home Rule Charter, The City Manager, or in the absence of the City Manager, the Tax Collector, to pay the bills submitted on Schedule A to Council" **be adopted.**

MOTION to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2016 Special meeting, **be adopted.**

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mr. Lucas

Vote: Yes Rev. Trambley
Yes Mrs. Bundrant
Yes Mr. James

Yes Mr. Lucas
Yes Mr. Connelly

COMMENTS:

NEWS MEDIA: Melissa Klaric asked why the public could not know the address for the Rehabilitation Loans and Mr. Madden explained that the public can know but Council chose to use the map #'s for the Resolution but anyone can look the map #'s up in the map room which is located on the second floor.

CITIZENS: Carol Swartz from Loraine St. asked what the bond request is for from Resolution 07-17 and Jason Tomko stated that if the City Manager or himself stole money or were accused of stealing the bonds would cover the City which is like insurance.

Carol Swartz asked where the property was from Resolution 08-17 and Mrs. Bundrant explained that it was right before the bend on Sharpsville Ave after Tamplin St. and Carol asked if the property would be renovated then Mr. Fiscus replied yes.

Carol Swartz stated that she thought the trash was not allowed to be left on the curb after pickup and Mr. Fiscus said that starting February 1st the code department will start citing residents.

Carol Swartz wanted to thank John Cave and the street department for keeping the streets clear from ice.

Danny a resident asked why he had to pay for garbage service while a property is vacant. Mr. Fiscus explained that Tri County bid the contract with the contingency of the original Ordinance from 1990 which states every property will have garbage service. Danny spoke with Tri County and they said the City is making them follow the Ordinance but Mrs. Bundrant added that the City doesn't have the manpower to check every property when service is terminated and Danny requested that Council consider another solution for vacant properties. Mr. Lucas suggested a meeting with Jerry Bowser from Tri County and suggest a case by case look at these situations just like the utilities do. Mr. James agreed and requested Mr. Fiscus to invite Tri County representative to the next workshop meeting. Mr. Fiscus explained that he did meet with Jerry Bowser and they are not willing to offer any exemptions so Rev. Trambley said they need to find ways to address these issues since there are approx. 1100 vacant properties in Sharon then Mr. Connelly invited Danny back to the workshop meeting next month.

Chief Smith passed out folders to Council and spoke about the statistics in the Police Department and thanked Council for all their support. Chief Smith added that there were 14 awards given to officers for saving lives.

MR. FISCUS:

MR. JAMES

MRS. BUNDRANT: Thanked Chief Smith and said she is excited for the Little League

MR. LUCAS:

MR. JAMES:

REV. TRAMBLEY: Told John Cave good job and thanked Chief Smith

MR. CONNELLY: Reminded everyone of the Council meetings on the road starting in March at West Hill Elementary

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Motion: Rev. Trambley

Second: Mrs. Bundrant

Vote: **Yes Mr. Lucas**
 Yes Rev. Trambley
 Yes Mrs. Bundrant

Yes Mr. James
Yes Mr. Connelly