



**Mr. Andrejchak and the Finance Director will review those proposals and plug them into a plan so they will have a draft of a Capital Improvement Plan in August.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA:**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearing for Ordinance 10-13, introduced May 16, 2013- SECOND AND FINAL READING**

Authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 2692 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017

**ORDINANCES**

**MOTION** that Ordinance #10-13 entitled “An ORDINANCE of the Council of the City of Sharon, County of Mercer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing a collective bargaining agreement with AFSCME Local 2692 for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017. **Pass**  
**SECOND reading by title.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski  
Yes Mr. Connelly  
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke  
\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**MOTION** that Resolution #38-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon approving a request for Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$19,064.59 to SET, Inc. for the Sharon Streetscape Project. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. Connelly**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Burke  
Yes Mr. Palanski  
Yes Mr. Connelly**

**Yes Mr. James  
\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #39-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve a request for Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$25,154.37 to SET, Inc. for the Sharon Streetscape Project. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

**Vote: Yes Mr. James  
Yes Mr. Burke  
Yes Mr. Palanski**

**Yes Mr. Connelly  
Yes Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #40-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to enter into an agreement with Kurtanich Engineers & Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the 2013 CDBG Street Paving Improvement Project. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Connelly**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Connelly  
Yes Mr. James  
Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #41-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to authorize an amendment to its 2013 CDBG Annual Action Plan Budget due to an increase in the allotment of funds from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski  
Yes Mr. Connelly  
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #43-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the City to accept financial responsibility for any construction costs that exceed \$531,804.00 with regard to the renovation of the Parking Garage. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Burke  
Yes Mr. Palanski  
Yes Mr. Connelly**

**Yes Mr. James  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #44-13 entitled “A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to approve an easement request from Aqua Pennsylvania for a City owned property known as Lot 111A. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. James**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

**Vote: Yes Mr. James  
Yes Mr. Burke  
Yes Mr. Palanski**

**Yes Mr. Connelly  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

**MOTION** that Resolution #45-13 entitled "A RESOLUTION of the Council of the City of Sharon authorizing the proper City Officials to accept the 2013 DOJ Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department in the amount of \$10,438.00. **be adopted.**

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

**Vote:**    **Yes Mr. Connelly**  
          **Yes Mr. James**  
          **Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Heutsche**

<b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b>
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*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 #42-13 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 May 16, 2013 Regular Council Meeting. **be adopted.**

**Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda:**

**Motion: Mr. Connelly**

**Second: Mr. Burke**

**Vote:**    **Yes Mr. Connelly**  
          **Yes Mr. James**  
          **Yes Mr. Burke**

**Yes Mr. Palanski**  
**Yes Mr. Heutsche**

<b><u>COMMENTS:</u></b>
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**NEWS MEDIA:** Asked if there were any changes from the original introduction of the Ordinance 10-13 and Mr. Andrejchak replied that there were no changes. Also, Mr. Wiercinski asked what the Byrne Grant for the Police would be used for and Chief Menster answered that the funds would be used to purchase a scene scope imager which can be used at crime scenes that will detect fingerprints with an ultraviolet light. Chief Menster explained that it also has a high resolution camera that can photograph those prints and then be emailed to the crime lab as opposed to using powder. Also, included in the price is training for the officers on how to use the device. Mr. Wiercinski asked if the crime lab was the State Police and Chief Menster replied yes. Mr. Wiercinski also wanted to know if there was a match and Chief Menster said there was no match required and no strings attached and it was a standard allotment that they receive every year for the past 5-6 years. Mr. Wiercinski inquired about the time frame to receive the new equipment and Chief Menster explained that it depends on how fast the funds are received which typically it takes 3-4 months.

**CITIZENS: Patricia Messina resides at 607 WoodWay in Sharon and explained that in December 23, 2012 there was an assault on her son and one of the men was charged and there is a warrant for his arrest but Ms. Messina was wondering what the status of the second man was and did he get charged. Chief Menster explained that he is not at liberty to discuss a criminal case in a public quaram but they could meet tomorrow in Chief Menster's office.**

**Carol Swartz- Lorain St.- wanted to personally thank John Cave for sending his crew out to cut a couple lots near her because she knows there are hundreds of lots with high grass but when she called he sent his crew. Ms. Swartz also asked how the City was doing on all the vacant homes and landlords that are not taking care of their property. Mr. Andrejchak explained that they use a multi prong strategy and this is a blight problem that they know exists and sometimes they are lucky with the market and people buy some of those properties and fix them up but when that doesn't happen they have a code enforcement program that tries to hold the property owner accountable providing there is a property owner around. Mr. Andrejchak feels that they are somewhat successful with that but know that there can be some improvements with that approach. The other option he explained is demolition if a structure becomes unsafe and CD funds that people can access to rehabilitate their property, but in 80% of the situations it seems to be a code issue with the vacant properties. Ms. Swartz commented that she 6 homes in her area that have been vacant for years and the grass is high but how many homes in Sharon are like that and is it ever going to get better. Mr. Andrejchak replied that one of the properties in her area is on the demolition list but explained that unfortunately they can only do one demolition per block. Mr. Andrejchak added that they try and look at the property and see what they have done with code so far before adding it to the demolition list. He also said that when it is a grass issue they try to get it cut but it may not happen as fast as they would like but they have a list which prioritises the properties that need cut and there is a staff member that dedicates most of her day to that. Mr. Andrejchak also said that in terms of getting a house turned around and getting someone in it is a big challenge but feels that they are making head way.**

**Mike Messina- Wood Way- Mr. Messina wanted to add that there are lots in his neighborhood that have not been cut in 2-3 years and some are empty lots where the City tore down houses but now the lots have grown in the past couple years to wait high. Mr. Messina also wanted Council to know that he has been cutting some of the lots in his neighborhood because he is a good citizen and never asked for any money for gas or anything but he cannot continue to worry about all these properties and wants to know what the City is going to do about it. Mr. Messina added that Grant Street is horrible and the wall never gets cut and it is a safety issue. Mr. Andrejchak explained that they know there are more lots that need cut and doesn't want to make excuses but they know they will not get to all of them and in some cases they may only get cut once in the summer but they try to respond to the high grass complaints instead of going and looking for high grass in neighborhoods. Mr. Messina said he has called on a property across the street from him and nothing was ever done with it so he cut the front of it and there are tires stacked up and have been for 2 years. Mr. James asked what the address was of that property and Mr. Messina thought it was around 619 WoodWay and he said he will not call this year because it doesn't seem to help. Mr. Cave wanted to add that the Street Dept has a staff of 5 part time employees cutting grass and over 200 lots to cut but he would make sure it gets put on the list to be looked into.**

**MR. ANDREJCHAK:**

**MR. CONNELLY:**

**MR. BURKE:** Wanted to know how Code was prioritizing the complaints because he has also received calls and emails regarding bad properties. Mr. Whalen explained that when calls are received one of the Code officers will go check it out and then there is a whole process to contact the owners of the property and a time line they have to follow. Mr. Cave added that with the grass complaints they have to prioritize based on the complaint and condition. Mr. Cave said it would take 20-30 full time employees to keep up with all the grass.

**MR. JAMES:**

**MR. PALANSKI:**

**MR. HEUTSCHE:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

**Motion: Mr. Burke**

**Second: Mr. James**

**Vote: Yes Mr. Palanski  
Yes Mr. Connelly  
Yes Mr. James**

**Yes Mr. Burke  
Yes Mr. Heutsche**