

Sharpsville Borough Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 1 S. Walnut Street, Sharpsville, PA.

Mayor Gill offered a brief prayer, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Roll call showed the following present: Patty Cardwell, Kim Fryman, Len Grandy, Chris Combine, Tom Patton and Bob Piccirilli

Also present were: Solicitor, John Alfredo, Mayor, Mark Gill, Public Works Supervisor, Geno Guerino, Police Chief, Frank Joseph, Matt Harper, EADS, Kyle Fritz, EADS and Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Robertson
Absent were: Nick Hanahan

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to approve the minutes of the Regular Session Meeting Minutes on August 13, 2025. Motion Passed.

Correspondence:

Letter from Kurt D. Toth regarding rental properties

Comments from the Audience:

None.

Monthly Department Reports: A motion was made by Councilman Fryman and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to accept the Monthly Department Reports from the Code Office, Fire Department, Police Department, Health Office and Public Works. Motion Passed.

New Business:

EADS Group Invoice #248213-2025 Retainer: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$7,448.05. Motion Passed.

EADS Group Invoice #248214-Water Tank Rehabilitation: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$13,879.88. Motion Passed.

EADS Group Invoice #248215-Flow Monitoring: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to authorize payment in the amount of \$12,950.00. Motion Passed.

2065 MMO-Sharpsville Borough Pension Plan: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Combine authorizing Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Robertson to sign the document and submit in the amount of \$228,779.00. Motion Passed.

2026 MMO-Sharpsville Police Pension Plan: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Fryman authorizing Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Robertson to sign the document and submit in the amount of \$168,811.00. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2131-Authorizing the Submission of an Application for the 2025 CDBG Program: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to read the resolution. The resolution was read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to adopt Resolution 2131. Motion Passed.

Authorization of the Citizens Participation Plan 2025: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize the approval of the plan. Motion Passed.

Authorization of the Model B Agreement for CDBG 2025: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize the approval of the agreement. Motion Passed.

Authorization of the Signing of the General Application Certifications for CDBG 2025: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize the signing of the application. Motion Passed.

Waltz Invoice #1478-Woodland Road Preliminary Plan Submission Review: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$320.00. Motion Passed.

EADS Group-Civil Engineering Services Proposal for the Mercer Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project: A motion was made by Councilman Fryman and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to approve the proposal in the amount of \$16,000.00 Motion Passed.

Woodland Road Subdivision Plan: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Fryman to authorize the plan pending receipt of all required permits. Motion Passed. Ken informed them that both the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission and the Sharpsville Planning Commission had also approved the plans.

Authorization to Advertise for Quotes for a New Police SUV: Chief Joseph advised Council that his car is up for inspection and he has been advised that it will not pass. A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Combine to authorize advertising for a new Police SUV. Motion Passed.

Councilman Grandy mentioned to Chief Joseph that the Fire Department is looking for a used SUV and would appreciate it if the Police Department is going to be getting rid of any to consider letting them know first. Chief Joseph agreed and also stated that he will speak with Jared Grandy, EMS Coordinator regarding this.

PumpMan Service Quote #SR00005964 for Check Valves and Air Release Work: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to table this at this time. Motion Passed.

Hackett's Tree Service Invoice-655 S. 9th Street: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to authorize payment in the amount of \$3,200.00. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Home Notice on Line Street: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Patton to approve the payment in the amount of \$71,926.00. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2132-Increasing the Water Deposit: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to read the resolution. The resolution was read by the Secretary. A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to adopt Resolution 2132. Motion Passed.

Agreement with EADS Group for Engineering Services for the Thornton Run Stream Improvement Project: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to table this. Motion Passed.

Approval of the Paving Changes: A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Patton to approve the changes that were submitted by Matt Harper, EADS Group. Motion Passed.

Trick or Treat : A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to authorize the date and time for trick or treat to be on Friday, October 31, 2025 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Motion Passed.

Final Lot Consolidation of Tessa R. Fountain-Bagzis: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to approve of the consolidation. Motion Passed. Ken informed them that both the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission and the Sharpsville Planning Commission had also approved the consolidation.

No Parking Ordinance: A motion was made by Councilwoman Cardwell and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize a No Parking Ordinance for the following locations:

- 3rd Street—Milliken to Oak East Side
- Oak Street—3rd Street to 2nd Street South Side
- Blue Devil Way—Milliken Street to Oak Street-West Side
- 2nd Street—Pierce Avenue to Blue Devil Way—East Side

Supplemental Items for Consideration:

1. Engineers Report: Matt spoke on each item below and answered questions as they were asked.
 - a. Engineers Report-September 2025
 - b. Waterline Replacement Project
 - c. Sanitary Meeting
 - d. Thornton Run
 - e. Water Tank Project
 - f. Lead and Copper Update
 - g. 2025 Paving Project
 - h. USVWPCA Sanitary Sewer Meeting

Kyle Fritz from EADS reviewed the map provided to each Council member regarding the flow monitoring project. He discussed each location, highlighting both peak and dry flow levels, and informed Council of the available options.

For the Thornton Run area, Kyle recommended maintaining the existing line while installing a new one. He mentioned that they have several potential approaches for this, which can be discussed in more detail at a later time. He also advised that addressing inflow and infiltration issues in the 6th Street and Thornton Run areas is feasible, but recommended postponing this work until grant funding can be pursued, as the project would involve significant costs.

2. Police Department—Frank Joseph

Frank reviewed his report and touched on a few additional items:

He supports the No Parking Ordinance passed earlier this evening because emergency vehicles cannot get through when events are held at the football stadium.

They are currently investigating a series of break-ins targeting the feed mill area and several foreclosed homes. Progress is being made, and it appears that juveniles are likely responsible.

He brought up the need for a new police SUV again, noting that the vehicle he currently drives is unlikely to pass inspection this year. As a temporary solution, he will be switching to another vehicle, but that one is already seven years old and not in ideal condition.

He addressed the current overtime issue, explaining that it stems from the recent departure of a part-time officer from the Police Department. As a result, the department has returned to staffing the 7 PM to 3 AM shift, due to limited manpower. While the team has been stepping up to cover shifts, upcoming scheduled vacations still require additional coverage, which will lead to an increase in overtime. Despite the extra hours everyone is putting in, department morale remains high.

3. Public Works Department—Eugene Guerino—He went over his report and answered questions.
4. 2026 UC Plan Rate Notice
5. Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Audit
6. Police Pension Plan Audit
7. Eugene Guerino—Certificate of Achievement
8. Sam Combine—Certificate of Achievement
9. Sharpsville Homecoming Parade
10. Thank you note from Shirley and Gary Valenly
11. Black, Bashor & Porsch—Mercer County Regional Planning Commission Audit Confirmation
12. Mercer County Head Start Annual Report
13. Commonwealth of PA—Liquor License Fees Remittance
14. Annual MS4 Status Report—July 2024 to June 2025
15. EPA-Safe Drinking Water Act Requirements
16. Mercer County—Planning for the Future
17. Walnut Street & Mercer Avenue Intersection Project
18. Letter of Support for ATV Trail Study Application
19. PA DEP Emergency Permit for Thornton Run Work
20. Tri-County Industries Performance Bond
21. 2025 Staid Aid Unit Value
22. Special Event Permit—Homecoming Parade
23. Notice of Cancellation—Sunwise Energy
24. Boroughs Association Fall Dinner Meeting
25. Electric Scooters
26. SVATS MPO Meeting—September 9, 2025
27. Spotted Lanternfly
28. Woodland Road NPDES Permit Application
29. Woodland Road Subdivision Exemption
30. Assessment Appeal Hearing—October 2, 2025
31. Parade Dates

Council Comments:

Councilman Patton: He asked Ken if anything could be done at the corner of Hazen and S. Mercer Avenue, as overgrown trees and shrubs are obstructing visibility. He's concerned that an accident might occur, since drivers have to pull out too far to see oncoming traffic.

Approval of Payrolls: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Combine to approve the payroll of August 7, 2025, from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	39,786.66	
Water		10,647.78	
Sewer		6,175.67	
Health & Sani		<u>2,179.21</u>	
Total	\$	58,789.32	Motion Passed.

Approval of Payrolls: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilwoman Cardwell to approve the payroll of August 21, 2025, from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	36,146.08	
Water		9,355.26	
Sewer		8,411.90	
Health & Sani		<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$	53,913.24	Motion Passed.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Combine to approve the bills from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	58,073.05	
Water		10,250.18	
Sewer		10,908.50	
Fire		1,012.78	
Highway Aid		0.00	
Street Lighting		122.65	
Health/Sanitation		<u>30,847.89</u>	
Total	\$	111,215.05	Motion Passed.

An Executive Session was called at 8:06 PM.

Councilman Hanahan entered the meeting at 8:10 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Combine and seconded by Councilman Fryman to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

