

Sharpsville Borough Council met in Regular Session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers at 1 S. Walnut Street, Sharpsville, PA.

Chairman Protem Piccirilli offered a brief prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Roll Call: Roll call showed the following present: Tom Patton, Nick Hanahan, Bob Picirilli and Len Grandy
Also present were: Solicitor, John Alfredo and Borough Manager/Secretary Ken Robertson
Absent were: Casey Anglin, Chris Combine, Kim Fryman and Mayor, Mark Gill

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting Minutes on March 9, 2026 and Regular Session Meeting Minutes on March 11, 2026. Motion Passed.

Correspondence:
None.

Comments from the Audience:

Paula Cain, 222 High Street: She attended the meeting to follow up on the status of the ordinance and to inquire when it will go into effect. She again noted that the neighbors have now added two (2) turkeys. She also raised questions regarding how the permitting process will be handled, stating that individuals who are not homeowners should not be eligible to obtain a permit. The Solicitor will review this matter and advise Council on how it should be addressed.

She thanked Council for their time and effort in developing the ordinance and expressed appreciation for their patience.

Heidi Marshall, Greenways Trails & Recreation Grant: Ms. Marshall introduced herself to those in attendance and provided background on her professional experience. She stated that she worked in the education field as both a teacher and principal for 30 years before retiring, and that she now works as a grant writer. She explained that a former colleague brought to her attention a kindergartner with physical limitations who is unable to fully participate in recess activities due to the playground not being inclusive. Her colleague asked for assistance in securing grant funding to develop an inclusive play space on school property.

Ms. Marshall advised that the School District is not serving as the applicant. She attended the meeting to determine whether Borough Council would be willing to act as the signing authority. She discussed the Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant in the amount of \$250,000, which requires a 15% match. She also indicated that she is pursuing the LSA Grant in the amount of \$400,000, which does not require a match.

She informed Council that she has received a bid from Jeffries Industries totaling \$507,000. Members of Council suggested the possibility of phasing the project. Councilman Hanahan recommended contacting the Buhl Foundation regarding potential mini-grant opportunities. Councilman Piccirilli also suggested reaching out to the PNC Foundation for possible funding support.

Ms. Marshall noted that the Greenways Trails and Recreation Grant application is due by May 31, 2026. Mr. Ken Robertson stated that the matter will be discussed at the May meeting. She further advised that a resolution will be required as part of the application process. For the LSA Grant, a letter of commitment indicating the Borough's willingness to own and maintain the facility would be required.

Mr. Gary Pinkerton was also present and has been assisting Ms. Marshall with this initiative. He stated that he is retired but previously served as a Director for Butler County, where he gained experience with lease agreements and grant administration for similar projects.

Mr. Pinkerton noted that Borough involvement would strengthen funding opportunities. It was also stated that Senator Brooks and Parke Wentling have been contacted and are supportive of the project.

Chris Yencsik, CPA-Black, Bashor & Porsch: Mr. Yencsik provided an overview of the audit he conducted on all Borough accounts and reported that a “clean” opinion was issued, with no findings or evidence of fraud identified. He also advised Council that no single audit was required or performed for the current year.

Mr. Yencsik stated that there were no disagreements or difficulties encountered with management or staff during the audit process.

He further recommended that, with the implementation of the new billing software in August 2025, the Borough consider establishing a separate account dedicated solely to ACH transactions. He noted that doing so would improve tracking accuracy and facilitate proper allocation and disbursement of funds to the appropriate accounts.

Monthly Department Reports: A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli 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 #251968-Mercer Avenue Sidewalk Improvements: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,500.00. Motion Passed.

EADS Group Invoice #251969-2026 Retainer: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Patton to authorize payment in the amount of \$4,348.96. Motion Passed.

Accept the Resignation of EMA Coordinator, Jared Grandy: A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to authorize the acceptance of Mr. Jared Grandy’s resignation. Motion Passed.

Ordinance 1185-No Parking Regulations on N. 11th Street: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to have the Ordinance taken up for a first and final reading. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to accept the reading as the first and final reading. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Patton to adopt the Ordinance. Motion Passed.

Ordinance 1186-Regulating Female Chickens within the Borough: A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to have the Ordinance taken up for a first and final reading. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Patton to accept the reading as the first and final reading. Motion Passed. A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to adopt the Ordinance. Motion Passed.

Authorization to Re-Advertise for the 1997 Caterpillar Backhoe: A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to authorize the re-advertisement. Motion Passed.

Authorization for the 2026-2027 Salt Request from Costars: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to authorize the request be approved by Ken Robertson. Motion Passed.

EADS Proposal for the Oak Street Waterline Project: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to authorize payment in the amount of \$49,000.00. Motion Passed.

Approval of Change Order #1-Daniel A. Terreri & Sons-N.Mercer Avenue Sidewalk Project: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to authorize the change Order #1 in the amount of \$33,853.50. Motion Passed.

Authorization for Payment Application #1-Daniel A. Terreri & Sons- A motion was made by Councilman Piccirilli and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to authorize payment. This payment will be paid using CDBG Funds. Motion Passed.

Approval of the PennDot Offer to Purchase a Right of Way from the Borough: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to authorize the selling of the property at SR518 project in the amount of \$1,800.00 along with authorizing Borough Manager, Ken Robertson to sign all necessary documents. Motion Passed. The property in question is along Oak Street & Walnut Street (the corner lot).

Waltz Invoice #1482-Backyard Poultry Zoning Ordinance Amendment: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to authorize payment in the amount of \$650.00. Councilman Hanahan abstained. Motion Passed.

Supplemental Items for Consideration:

1. Engineers Report
 - a. Engineers Report—April 2026
 - b. Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation
 - c. Thornton Run Hydraulic Analysis—Per Matt Harper, EADS the grant deadline is May 2026-this may be a possibility for next year
 - d. Shenango River Secondary Sewer Crossing
 - e. Mercer Avenue Sidewalk Improvements
 - f. Oak Street Waterline Improvements
 - g. Lead and Copper Update
 - h. Water Reporting
 - i. Water Allocation Renewal
 - j. Sewer Testing Ordinance
 - k. Canoe Launch
2. USVWPCA-March 23, 2026
3. SVATS Meeting-March 10, 2026
4. Mercer County Utility Coordinating Committee
5. Mercer Avenue Sidewalk Project Pre-Construction Meeting
6. 2025 Audit
7. Issued Governance Letter
8. DCED Submission
9. 2025 Liquid Fuels Audit
10. Draft Mercer County Comprehensive Plan for Review
11. Coronavirus Recovery Funds Closeout
12. 2026 CJIS Security and Privacy Training
13. Confidential Administrative Assistant—A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Patton to re-advertise for the position. Motion Passed.
14. Tax Assessment Office-Building Permit Inspections
15. Thorn Bankruptcy
16. Police Pension Plan Portfolio Review
17. MCRPC-Letter of Support
18. The Buhletin
19. Sharpsville School/Sharpsville Borough/South Pymatuning Township Visioning Meeting
20. Home Monitoring-July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025
21. 20th Annual National Button Accordion Festival-A motion was made by Councilman Hanahan and seconded by Councilman Patton to sponsor a \$100.00 donation to the National Button Accordion Festival. Motion Passed.

Council Comments:

Nick Hanahan: He provided an update on Phase 1 of the Data Center in Sharon, PA.

Ken Robertson: He wanted everyone in attendance to know that it was tough accepting Jared Grandy’s resignation as the EMA Coordinator. Jared poured his heart and soul into the position. He also mentioned that he has been speaking with Andy Totin, Fire Chief and they are exploring their options.

Approval of Payrolls: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to approve the payroll of March 5, 2026 from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	45,925.82	
Water		6,956.60	
Sewer		8,488.03	
Health & Sani		<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$	61,370.45	Motion Passed.

Approval of Payrolls: A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Hanahan to approve the payroll of March 19, 2026 from the following accounts, in the following amounts:

General	\$	39,675.15	
Water		7,461.14	
Sewer		8,542.68	
Health & Sani		<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$	55,678.97	Motion Passed.

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

General	\$	53,898.76	
Water		11,301.64	
Sewer		10,358.49	
Fire		544.69	
Highway Aid		0.00	
Street Lighting		3,601.17	
Health/Sanitation		<u>0.00</u>	
Total	\$	79,704.75	Motion Passed.

An Executive Session was called at 7:54 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. A motion was made by Councilman Patton and seconded by Councilman Piccirilli to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.


