

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~MINUTES ~ May 13, 2024, at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION:

Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding, Council Members Present: Herschel Browne Jr (Mayor Pro-Tem), Brooke Glenn, Jay Gorley, Margarette Parrish, Town Administrator, Tina Davis. Also in attendance are George Ward, Asst Fire Chief, Don Kropp and First Responders: James Whites, Miles Johnson, Hunter, Kasey Hoffman, Robert Hoffman.

Moment of silence/prayer from Tina Davis

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK:

Doug Cunningham – There are a few signs knocked down – 1. Curve Ahead, York St, 35 PMH Sign 2. Stop Ahead on Warmoth Av going ahead towards York St. 3. Speed Limit Sign (Dr Saye Ln – 15 mph). Doug wondered if those had been reported, Tina advised that she was not aware. Doug expressed his appreciation for the trees being cut on Dr Saye Ln.

Don Kropp - He stated Dr Saye Ln had some eroding-away that looks dangerous, needs to be fixed ASAP (road erosion, ditch erosion). Nicole indicated that the town is looking for alternatives to repair our roads. With the large trucks that come through our town it is affecting our main highways as well.

Nicole expressed a thank you to our first responders and shared the Proclamation to First Responders from May 6 - 12, 2024, to those in attendance. As a town, we just wanted to recognize you and the sacrifices you make for us each and every day.

MINUTES: **Minutes** of April 8, 2024, Regular Council Meeting recorded, ready to sign for approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal and Grant Opportunities

A. ARPA - funding. Funds must be spent by EOY 2026. It is important that we spend this grant money in the time frame indicated. There are no guarantees that we will see other grants.

1. Town/Building Improvements in progress

a. Community Center Annex - Electrical, Fire Doors, Drainage, Walls – almost all the electrical is done, most of the fire doors are up, the emergency fire signs are up, we are waiting on brick masons. Bathrooms - in process. What are vision is to rent our rooms at the annex. We already have one renter.

b. Town Equipment – We purchased a Massey-Ferguson Tractor with a

4-N-1 bucket, it is in really good condition. We still need a grabber to put on the back side of it. We can use it to clean the streets and sidewalks. If we want, we can sell the old tractor.

c. Pump Station/Sewer System behind town hall - protection of Sewer System from water overflow, retaining wall/regrading – is complete, only thing that needs to still be done is fixing the fence line.

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss – Town Upgrades

(List of Grants applied and approved)

- a) **Paid** off the Bank of York Loan for the Community Center roof
- b) Community Center Annex - Building Upgrades/ HVAC -in process. There are drainage issues that still need to be addressed getting into the electrical room. Browne put up some pipes to redirect the water.
- c) Fire Department – HVAC Quote in process, that is going to be a big process. We are going to have to put signs up “No Parking” in the parking lot during the project. Will need to do a notice to EMS also. We can ask the Masonic Lodge if staff can park over there.
- d) Fire Department – EMS Bay HVAC
- e) Fire Department - Harmon Park Rerouting, has encountered rain delays, should be by EOM. Collaboration-w/Bolin/Benfield
 - 1. Grading Fire Dept- Culverts, redirect water, Sewage lines/catch basin.
 - 2. Harmon Park – Bathrooms, New Park Equipment, ElectricalWe have had lots of delays due to the weather but hopefully things can start getting done. From Tina, Adkins has the replacement unit and is waiting to be notified.
- f) Park Equipment - Options for mulch beds: Kids Cushion or Rubber. Decision in process with Scott Stone for him to do the work.
- g) New Well – Need to contact Sharon ARP Church, email for interest/help - David Duncan/Gil Martin
- h) Lawson Building HVAC
- i) Burri Building HVAC

3. New Website - [Home | Town of Sharon \(municipalimpact.com\)](http://Home | Town of Sharon (municipalimpact.com)) Under construction

A. Welcome page ideas - Photo Head shot/Bios of Council Members and Fire Dept

B. Waiting on gWorks for the “Pay on-line” option.

C. Town Domain – The sharonsc.gov domain has been submitted, Mar 15th - in process, no new updates on name approval.

Tina advised we have a very few pages to be revised before we are ready to go. Our trainer has recommended not going live until we have the .gov site because John Q Citizen is going to be using the host site unless we indicate to the public to start using the .gov site.

Brownie and Nicole agreed that it would be better to wait. Tina advised that the status of our domain still shows processing. No progress shown at all. Per Michael Thompson at Municipal Impact (website host), he said we are not the only ones waiting. Tina also asked Michael for a third-party payment option. Amanda Foster contacted us with information on PayStar, this is who Municipal Impact recommended. Nicole looked at a PayStar flyer and stated they have a payment online system that may be good. Per Tina, it will take a little work in the beginning to get it all set up, but it may be worth it. She will contact PayStar for a more detailed conversation. Tina also asked the council, who wanted their picture taken for the website? Everyone is to send a head shot to be used on the council page.

4. Sharon 4th of July event - Saturday June 29th - Planning

a. Budget/Food Vendors/Activities/Fireworks/Band

b. Swag items for sales – Sharon, SC hats/travel mugs/shirts – Nicole has started looking at cups and different vendors. Whatever we get we want to advertise Sharon on it. Even if we do not get the items in time for the 4th of July, we will get it soon. Browne asked about the building caricature being used, Nicole told him anything with lots of detail is expensive.

5. Sharon Pride Initiative//Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB) – Yard of the Month to help promote sidewalk edging/Cleaning of town/Yards – **April** winner Gil and Betty Martin 3248 York, St. From Nicole, she and Tina were checking on roads and noticed the Martin’s yard and that is pretty much where the program got started. A yard sign will be placed each month and a letter sent to the resident with a \$20 gift card from Lowes.

6. Audit in Process - Budget reviews in process 2024/2025, we are finalizing the previous year but now we are starting to work on budget.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation First Responder Week May 6th - May 12th – Snacks provided - During this week, we would like to honor and express gratitude to the dedicated firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and all other first responders who tirelessly serve and protect communities throughout York County. We recognize “you” our local first responders’ commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our community – We want to express our deepest appreciation to the brave men and women who selflessly dedicate themselves to the service of others.

2. Meet and Greet Western York County Sheriff – Tuesday, May 21st or Thursday, May 23rd at 7pm at the Sharon Community Center 3722 Woodlawn Street. Nicole advised she would really like to see this happen. Beth Tolson is not available for either date. All other candidates are available so Nicole is thinking May 23rd is going to be the date. Nicole advised if anyone knows

any of the candidates to tell them they need to put some signs in our area, seems like all the signs are in Rock Hill.

3. Town Ordinances - Property issues

A. 3249 York Street 15 acres with 100 ft road frontage in question – details: this is the property between the Russell house and the Stephenson house. It does not meet the requirements by several feet. Tina actually took the measuring tape and the measurements are 7 – 10 feet off. Per Nicole, she has heard that the owner wants to develop it. From Tina there is an easement granted off York Street for the driveways. They do not have any road frontage off Sexton. This property has sold three times, Robbie Workman was the original owner. The previous council denied the request – not 100 ft road frontage. Nicole advised that the York Co GIS is not 100% accurate on their webpage.

B. Solar Panels - same as electrical permit, letter from town to York County - add to Ordinance?

C. Camper Ordinance - York County - back of property storage only - review ordinance **(B and C were not covered in this meeting, will put it back on agenda)**

D. Ordinance 2021-3 – dated Aug 2021, establishing a Town of Sharon Planning Commission and Initiating Development of a Comprehensive Plan as authorized in South Carolina Code of Laws section 6-29-780, again the original signed copy is not in the office, only the pc copy with no signatures. This ordinance was to be reassigned as **Ordinance 0001-9-1** in Jun 2022 (first reading) / Jul 2022 (second reading). We need to review and present the new numbering scheme. Tina is looking for clarification on ordinances. Dates need to be reviewed as well as the number of people on the Planning Commission and for a Board of Zoning Appeals. There is no documentation that has been located to date. A work session will be scheduled to discuss this issue at length.

E. Ordinance 2021-4 – dated Aug 2021, establishing a Town of Sharon a Board of Zoning Appeals as authorized in South Carolina Code of Laws section 6-29-780, again the original signed copy is not in the office, only the pc copy with no signatures. This ordinance was to be reassigned as **Ordinance 0001-10-1** in Jun 2022 (first reading) / Jul 2022 (second reading). We need to review and present the new numbering scheme.

4. Events:

A. Fresh Farmers Market – Saturday, May 11th, behind the Sharon Grill, at 3040 Pratt Street – (8) vendors registered.

Nicole gave report that she visited the Farmers Market, everyone seemed happy. We do need to work on some signage for the event.

B. Mother's Day - Sunday May 12th, honor mothers and Mother figures in your life. Nicole wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

C. Senior Birthday List - Collecting Birthday data for seniors in town, we really want to show them that they are loved and appreciated.

D. Senior Luncheon - Sharon Methodist **Friday, May 17th**, free meal, and entertainment provided by Browne and the Sawmill Road String Band.

E. H.O.P.E - Helping Others Progress through Education - Sharon Methodist Parking lot **Friday, May 17th** – first 100 boxes given out are FREE - establish partnership - grant funds to provide fresh fruits and vegetables at a discounted cost - \$5 EBT \$20 Others. Tina advised that the goal is to hand out boxes to the seniors leaving the luncheon and then hand out the rest of the boxes to the community afterward. This produce is from local, fresh produce stands.

F. Hillcrest Baptist Church – Block Party - Saturday, May 18th, 5pm – 8pm at Harmon Harris Park 3334 York St – everything is FREE, BBQ, hamburgers, hotdogs, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, bouncy houses - Contact is Adam Nestlehutt 404-583-9670

G. Memorial Day – Saturday, May 25th - Honoring & Mourning US Military personnel who died serving United States Armed Forces. **Memorial Ceremony in York Sunday, May 26th 4pm.** Nicole attended this event last year, it was a beautiful ceremony with Mr. Chason as the Grand Marshall.

H. Mini-Grant- Keep York County Beautiful - Freshen up Sharon Welcome sign area on Highway 49 coming into town. A date has not been set for this just yet.

I. PATH Family Resource Charity Auction – Saturday, June 1st - 10am until at Sharon Baptist Church located at 3850 York St, Sharon SC. Any questions regarding the event contact Vickie Lee at 803-984-7625. Per Tina, this will be an actual auction of items, with hotdogs for lunch if anyone is interested.

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

1. **Ball field:** Working on electrical issues, spring games are ending, - Scott Stone to help with field prep and maintenance, chalk has been ordered. All electrical in concession stand is complete, cable still needs to be buried.
2. **Community Center and Annex:** Electrical and brick work to separate areas for renters. Electrical room issue - re-route water away from back of building - remove grass, gutters reworked, install drain lines, and gravel. A brick worker has been hired – Otis Neely.
3. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)** - 4 new tires have been purchased for the town truck; George thanked the council for the purchase.
4. **Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown, Jr)** Lawson Bldg., new address 3340 York St. - Clean-up needed, Heating and Air unit has been ordered. Per Nicole, the previous occupant left lots of stuff on the walls that needs to be taken down. It probably needs to be painted as well.
5. **Parks: (Jay Gourley)** - Mulch samples - wood chips/rubber/borders - Selection of new Park equipment. Scott Stone is going to do some of the work in the park to get us ready for putting down mulch. A skid steer will need to be rented at \$250.00 to dig down around the park equipment before the mulch is put down. Nicole has looked at Little Tikes Park equipment.
6. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand:** Scout Hut - Trim, paint door, new roof. Check window a/c unit – on Friday had filter error, Electrical.

7. **Streets: (Margarette Parrish)** – Potholes EZ Street?
 - a. Dr Saye Ln - backfill roadside, waddles, Pine tree has been removed.
 - b. Trouble St
 - c. Pratt St and 3247 York St - SCDOT Michael Sandifer
8. **Sidewalks: (Brooke Glenn)** – **Edging-** Keep Sharon Beautiful **#KSB //** Keep York County Beautiful **#KYCB**
9. **Town Hall:** Update - paint walls, door separation from Town employees and town files
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system. SC Rural Water Assoc - grants Shannon St & Rainey Av. Southern Corrosion Tank Inspection being scheduled. Per Tina, DHEC will not be here until September to do our inspection.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. **Citizen Concerns/FYI:** 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.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded
2. **Financial Reports:**

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, June 10th, 2024, at 7:00 pm

ADJOURN: **Adjourn:** Council to vote on adjournment

Motion: Margarette Parrish

Second: Brooke Glenn

Time: 8:40 pm