

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~MINUTES ~ August 12, 2024, at 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION:

Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding, Council Members Present: Herschel Browne Jr (Mayor Pro-Tem), Jay Gorley, Margarett Parrish, Town Administrator, Tina Davis. Also, in attendance George Ward (Asst Fire Chief)

1. Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding
2. Moment of silence/prayer - Tina

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: none

MINUTES: **Minutes** of Jul 08, 2024, Regular Council Meeting recorded, ready to sign for approval. Passed around for signing. Minutes have been approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

A. ARPA – funding - Funds must be spent by EOY 2026

1. Town/Building Improvements in progress
 - a. Community Center Annex - Electrical, Fire Doors, Drainage, Walls
Bathrooms - in process
 - b. Parking Area - Bell Av

Nicole advised that work continues at the Community Center. We have had an issue come up with the brick mason starting the work needed and then not showing back up. He has left all his equipment behind, not returning phone calls or message. Al is going to check with his neighbor to see if he may be interested in finishing what started. Not sure if there is a health issue or what may have caused him not to return.

2. State Grants - Dennis Moss – Town Upgrades – contact for State Roads

(List of Grants applied and approved)-applying new grants-water lines

- a) Park Equipment - Options for mulch beds-Kids Cushion/Rubber-in process-
Scott Stone

Nicole visited Lansford Canal State Park over the weekend, they have a nice piece of playground equipment that is for 2 – 12-year-olds. Nicole took pictures and has gathered other information about the equipment, it is about \$90,000.00. There are some items that have been marked to 50% off right now. The salesperson is from Chester, SC. There are some items that are \$20,00 to \$40,000. They did a 2-foot-high plastic barrier around the equipment as a step up and filled it with mulch with some rubber but more cypress like that helps with drainage. It takes about 6 years before mulch must be replaced. They also place mats at the

end of each playground slide, etc. It looks nice; Nicole does have pictures if you would like to see them.

Nicole also attended a County Park meeting; they had the guys coming around from Clemson Engineering talking about planning for York County's Parks and Recreation. What they want to do is like what Clemson did is to raise our tax rate by 1% across the board. Nicole does not see where we would benefit from that tax increase because we are often low on the totem pole. But what they want to do is combine areas together using the old railroad tracks. The goal would be to connect all the trails from Charlotte, Rock Hill, and all areas around us to be connected somehow via a trail of some sort. There are a lot of big plans for York County. Nicole said we do still have the railroad here, but it is very grown up. Browne brought up that the surrounding area is owned by private citizens, and it would be up to them to allow it.

Nicole asked if anyone saw the Facebook posts that she found of Sharon that were online. There were some very good articles featuring Sharon.

- b) Harmon Park – Bathrooms, New Park Equipment, Electrical
- c) New Well - Contact Sharon ARP Church, email for interest/help David Duncan/Gil Martin
- d) Burri Building HVAC

3. **New Website** - [Home | Town of Sharon \(municipalimpact.com\)](https://www.municipalimpact.com) - Live as of Aug 1st

A. Town Domain - www.sharonsc.gov

B. Welcome page – Mayor Page, need an address from her and Fire Dept, Oliver, need an address from you - Nicole reported that the website is up and running, it is cool. Nicole needs to provide us some information to post on our page from the mayor. Nicole would like for Oliver to write up something as well.

C. GWorks (Water Billing System) - "Pay on-line" option – postponed – Old system will expire Dec 31, 2024, New water billing system going live, soon, after demos - GWorks is making some changes to their platforms. We are postponing adding them as our pay solution until we do some more homework and find a better solution. Tina has been looking at what gWorks has to offer but it is not going to be a cheap solution with them or any of the four (4) other options that they are looking at. Everything is an iCloud solution therefore more costly.

4. **Town Ordinances-Property issues**

A. Ordinance 2021-3 & Ordinance 2021-4 - Does Council wish to REPEAL? Per update from MASC representative, Charlie Barrineau and Don with Hickory Grove - most small towns do not have additional Commissions to make town decisions.

1. Ordinance 2021-3 - 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.

2. Ordinance 2021-4 – Establishing the Town of Sharon a Board of Zoning Appeals as authorized in South Carolina Code of Laws section 6-29-780.

Nicole asks does the council wish to repeal. Charlie said lots of towns do not have other commissions. Don with Hickory Grove does not have commissions either. With small towns, it is difficult to have at least 12 people that are not affiliated with each other within town. Browne believes the council should be the deciding board. Tina advised we do not have any land to annex, not much more to come to town. Introduction and first motion made to repeal above ordinances by Browne, Jay made second motion. All was in favor. Second and final reading will be in September.

5. Trupani - LCRR (Lead Copper Rule Revisions) Status Update - Our water system inventory is compliant at 20% complete, however all 162 unknowns must be notified - August 1, 2024 – Tina and Matthew completed the Truepani LCRR inventory, sent to Daniel at Truepani, he is forwarding to the state for the town, deadline for project Oct 16, 2024

Report has been submitted to Truepani, we are now 100% compliant, with no lead inside the town limits. Truepani said they have submitted it to the state. “Great job” given to town from Truepani.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Blocked Drainage areas - Town Roads, Culverts, Ditch lines. July 9th, met with Todd Cook District Maintenance Engineer and Jason Johnston with DOT - we visually reviewed blocked drainage areas throughout town. Follow-up to previous conversations with Michael Sandifer. On schedule, approx. one month delay on scheduling, Nicole followed up with Todd on Aug 8th.

Tina and Nicole rode around town showing the areas with problems, there is a culvert in the park, so they are making us a box, so kids do not play around it. When water comes through the culverts there is no ditch line anymore. Once you get to personal property there is supposed to be ditch lines for the water to flow through. People are throwing debris in the ditch lines. Construction debris, old shrubs, big rocks. No water flow to the pond resource. They are going to come back out and clean out the ditches.

Tina brought up Trouble St (town road) road, lines, ditches are awful. They are completely blocked. Brad tried to blow out the line with no luck. We need a maintenance plan to blow

out the town drains. Who can we get to do this? We could use some equipment, maybe add some screens. If the residents do not do what they need to do on their end, it is going to be a problem.

Barnette Rd ditch line needs to be cut. Old Depot Rd drainage runs to the end into the Turrell property.

DOT should be in the area at the end of August or the first of September.

Margarette asked once it gets fixed what keeps it from happening again? Tina advised continued maintenance. Jay asked if the fire department could blow it out? Nicole advised Brad tried, but it is too clogged up.

Nicole is trying to build a relationship with the state for assistance with some of our issues. Tina stated that there are legalities with the state working on a town road.

We have some issues with areas that need to be cut or sprayed not being done, we are having conversations about that.

2. Events:

A. August Back to School Month

B. Senior Luncheon - Sharon Methodist, Fri, Aug 16th 11am -12:30 pm - free meal and entertainment (Browne providing entertainment)

C. Sharon Farmers Market - 2nd Saturday of Month, August 10th,

Tina advised it was very hot, there were a good number of vendors but few attendees. It was the slowest Saturday yet. We are having new vendors show up. Hopefully September will be a good month.

Vendors did express that they would like to be on the main thoroughfare, and to maybe ask the Masons if we could use their parking area. Nicole suggested using the park with the two (2) pavilions that we already have. People can park at Bell Av or at Rainey Park. Vendors do want to be more visible.

Nicole suggested more signage. Randall asked why it was not in the town parking lot? Tina told him it was just so hot on that asphalt. Tina is going to ask the lodge about parking and use the park for the next Farmers Market. George does not think people will use the lodge parking lot then walk across the street; they are going to park near the fire department which will create an issue if they get a fire call.

D. Cars and Coffee - 1st Saturday of Month, August 3rd, September 7th

3. Senior Birthday List – Collecting Town Birthday data - August Birthdays - Aug 6 Tina Davis, Aug 7 Margarett Parrish, Aug 12 Dawn Helms, Aug 17 Sally Ferguson, Aug 18 Dorothy Douglas

4. Keep Sharon Beautiful (#KSB)! - Yard of the month 3624 Ramsey Rd, Ms. Rose Cacciabarne Tina said she was so excited that she won!

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

1. **Ball field:** Sign Cable still needs to be buried. Cable in front of stands. Nicole reached out to Al to check the status with getting work done at the ballfield. Tina reported that the season starts August 26th.
2. **Community Center and Annex:** Electrical and brick work - to separate areas for renters. Parking issues - designate parking. Electrical room - Plan to reroute water. July, Jimmy Gregory, original installer of the roof – reviewed, added caulk, still leaking Aug 8th Tropical Storm Debby, called Jimmy, will come back out. **Previous roofer** - noted roof leaking around screws in roof, current roof screws have guards, recommended to replace screws, starting price \$\$\$ for 250 screws per bag.

Nicole stated when she started there were padlocks all over the town. They are getting messed up, dropped, run over, etc. Mr. Kenny can make us some key locks instead of gate codes. Does not want to give keys to coaches. Keyed locks can be expensive. Margarett does not think you will ever get keys back if you give people keys. Nicole said maybe will try combination locks.

3. **Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)** cleanup Fire Area at community center, take out what they need to keep. George said that they took out a bunch of stuff from the old classroom. George asked about the bollards also, Nicole said cannot pay \$12,000 for that. Heating and air work was done Thursday and Friday. The kitchen is almost done, waiting on counter tops. One bathroom is finished. One bathroom still needs to be worked on. Lastly, George has meat sticks for sale, did not bring with him. They are \$1.50/\$3.00. George has sold over 700. Did ask that we continue to support the scouts.
4. **Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown, Jr)** Lawson Bldg - Heating and Air replaced, cleanup walls, re-paint interior - Advertise for Rental, Adrian Bryant coming on Tuesday, Aug 13, Flower Shop business, this will be her third shop (one in York and Clover). Tina asked if the council approved of a flower shop. All approved.
5. **Parks: (Jay Gourley)** Mulch samples - wood chips/rubber - Selection of new park equipment.
6. **Scout Hut, Concession Stand:** Scout Hut - Trim, paint door, new roof. Check on the Internet. Cameras. Tina is going to work on this. We must have internet at the community center for the system that reports who is using what electricity. We would like it at the ball field also.

7. **Streets: (Margarette Parrish)** Spray Overgrowth - Trouble St, Green St, Old Depot, Shannon Street, Bolin Rd, Ball field / and tree line. Nicole has spoken to Brad and Cameron about the importance of maintaining the areas where they are spraying.
8. **Sidewalks: (Brooke Glenn)** Edging - include letters to residents. **Keep Sharon Beautiful #KSB // #KYCB.**
9. **Town Hall:** paint inside walls, storm door.
10. **Water: (Matt Glenn)** Update status of water system.

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.

Jay asked about the old Ford Tractor that the town owns. Just curious as to why we do not sell it. Nicole said something keeps killing the battery. The battery was taken out of the old tractor and put in the new tractor.

DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Recorded

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Sep 9th, 2024, at 7:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarette Parrish Second: Herschell Browne Jr. Time: 8:16 PM