

SHARON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Aug 11th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER and INVOCATION: Mayor, Nicole Perkins presiding, Herschel Brown Jr (Mayor Pro-Tem) Council Members Present: Jay Gorley, Margarett Parrish, Town Administrator Dawn Helms, Fire Chief Oliver Dowdle, Asst. Fire Chief George Ward, Scott Stone

1. **Mayor:** Nicole Perkins presiding.
2. **Moment of** silence/prayer
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK: Ronald & Erica Huss (HWS Sanitation), Christopher Sain (property off Sexton Rd),

Ronald Huss: * New sanitation business in the area *Proposing to pick up trash at the ballfield free of charge *Will have company logo on trash barrels for advertisement * In future do proposal for providing services to the town * Dawn will add to monthly newsletter

Christopher Sain: * Providing documents to the town for consideration of placing a business/residence on 1.16-acre parcel off Sexton Rd. *Would like to move forward with perk tests, septic inspection, etc.

Council: Is this property being proposed as a business or a residence? If we are mirroring what the county does it would need to be rezoned. Council suggests getting the opinion of town attorney. No intentions of holding up the process but we do need to look into it.

Christopher Sain: The neighbors are familiar with what is being done on the lot. The goal is to live there eventually but if we need to use storage buildings for our equipment to keep it residential, we can do that.

MINUTES: Minutes of Jul 14th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting recorded. Minutes have not yet been transcribed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Town Funding - Local, State, and Federal and Grant Opportunities-ARPA EOY 2026**

2. **State Grants - Dennis Moss - Town Upgrades** -2022 meeting with Dennis Moss state grant. Applied Grants 02/15/2023.

Grants applied and approved-

- a) **Park Equipment- Harmon Park –New Park Equipment-Complete**
- b) **New Well - \$66K** Open location search in process. Open

- c) **Community Center Annex-HVAC/electrical-\$42k complete**
- d) **Burri Building HVAC & upgrades-\$71k-Review quotes -open**
- e) **Lawson Building HVAC -26k – Complete Flower Shop/Clothing Store.**
- f) **Sharon VFD Water Overflow \$60K- Water Overflow complete.**
Outside New Restrooms on hold. Open- Paint, Soffit donation/purchase.
- g) **Sharon VFD HVAC- \$30k HVAC Complete**
- h) **Bank of York Loan community Center Roof -\$111k paid off loan. Complete.**
- 3. Town Tractors and Town Storage building cleanup.**
 - A. Backhoe County -at community center. **Repair in process** -quote
 - B. Massey tractor with 4 in 1 bucket- Quote Hydraulic Maint
- 4. Town Maint-**
 - a. **Pump Station Maintenance-** McCall Brothers-pump replacements? hold
 - b. **Water Tank Maint Southern Corrosion. Inspection collection completed.**
Washout scheduled Fall 2025. Contact Mark.
- 5. Ordinance 9- Filling of pools is not allowed on Town Water system. Consider changing rates. Discuss Fee & Increase fee structure?**
- 6. PMC/Tenet EMT Rental-** Local leadership and Corp approval Increase to start Sep.
 The monthly rental rate increase from Tenet has been approved in the amount of \$1400. As a part of the increase we have agreed to put down new flooring in their area. Oliver proposed that we use something other than carpet since it is a high-volume area.
- 7. Sharon Farmer & Artisan Market** added to the Visit York County website: <https://www.visityorkcounty.com/things-to-do/farms-farmers-markets/>
- 8. Budget 2025- Millage Rate formula 47.00- Budget Folder-Fire Phone Reimb**
 Second reading of Budget for 2025/2026 approved. Margarette made motion to approve, Browne made second motion, all approved. Matthew Glenns pay increase as well as cell phone reimbursement for Oliver Dowdle and George Ward were approved.
- 9. Ordinance Letters mailed to residents-Property Cleanups-Junk cars**
 Letters sent to Cheeks, Chambers and Bradham
- 10. CD First Citizens-maturity- By Aug move to South State higher rate**
 Nicole and Browne are going to South State on or by August 26th and moving CD from First Citizens to South State.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Comporium Grant-Wifi at Community Center-Contract.**
 Comporium is giving us a grant for wi-fi at the community center for one year, after that the rate is \$499 per month. The contract needs to be read thoroughly and confirm we can afford it. Contract to be emailed to council for review.
- 2. Lawson Building-List of tenant items to address.**

A list of items that need attention has been provided to town hall for review. Parking spaces do need to be looked at. There are parking spaces behind the flower shop that are not being used, fire department/EMS curious why they cannot use those spaces if the flower shop is not. Fire department would like to utilize spots when flower shop is closed from 7 pm - 7 am. Per Nicole, she encouraged them to use spaces during those hours only.

3. **Harmon Harris Park-** Bell Avenue increase sidewalk for better wheelchair accessibility \$1100. Quote \$1800 to add additional wheelchair accessibility from tennis court to Shelter 2 sidewalk 40ft by 5ft. Allow us to receive more state or county grants.

Mayor has received a complaint about there not being any wheelchair access to the park. A concrete company has given us a quote for work giving access from Bell Av to Shelter 2 instead of going along tennis courts. The quote is for \$1800.00; this may open opportunities for other grant money since it will be handicap accessible. Browne made the motion to accept bid for concrete work, Margarete second the motion. All in favor.

4. **Events: Save the Date**

A. Sharon Farmers and Artisan Market & Cars for Coffee Combined event- Contact Dave Ladish at Sharon Grill. Produce and Craft Vendors needed.

Event cancelled too many vendors unavailable.

B. Senior Luncheon Sharon Methodist -Fri-Aug 16th at 11am -12:30 pm-free meal and entertainment.

C. Community Center-Rentals

D. Keep Sharon Beautiful (KSB!)

E. Sharon Methodist Splash Saturday-Event August 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm.

5. **Christmas Decorations-**

A. Feedback on Vendor list of Christmas Decorations

B. Contract with Duke-status

REPORTS/COMMITTEES: **2025 Think of area below you would be best to serve.** Council to discuss any issues concerning the following: Which area? List of responsibilities.

1. **Ballfield:** Condition field, new poles and light Installation, Electrical wiring from lights. Tree removal/cutbacks quote - Lewis Tree Service
Scott reported getting ready for the season.
2. **Community Center and Annex:** Browne – talked to Al Bell who will look at Leviton system once internet up and running. Also, most electrical work is completed in town, he will work on getting trash moved out of the annex. Browne and Scott will be
2.looking at the sound system provided by York Electric. Oliver said it was working when they gave it to us. It will need some speakers. Council asked if it was possible for each tenant to have their own electric meter, the answer to that is no per Oliver. Also that is reason for Leviton system.

3. Fire Department: (Oliver Dowdle)-update. Septic issue Jamie Sandifer update.

Nicole is having Jamie Sandifer check the situation at fd, ground is not soaking up the water. He is getting a quote together for us. It is possible that more drain lines may need to go in.

It was asked if the new concrete poured at the park would prevent drain lines being put in park. The answer was no should be fine. Jay advised we need to make this a priority for the bathrooms to be functioning.

George noted that EMS has been complaining that they have to be posted at the York location when bathrooms not working. He also pointed out if EMS is staged in York we have no coverage in our area. Oliver asked that we move forward as soon as possible.

4 . Rental Buildings: (Herschel Brown)

5. Parks: (Jay Gourley) Request for additional swings.

6. Scout Hut, Concession Stand (see Parks):

7. Streets: (Margarette Parrish):

8. Sidewalks: Keep Sharon Beautiful KSB

9. Town Hall: Safety Ideas due to recent accident. Revamp Office for safety. Move desk and equipment away from front windows. Update-paint inside walls, storm door.

10. Water: (Matt Glenn) Update status of water system.

Dawn advised there has been no response from the newsletter regarding a town mural. She mentioned suggestions sent in from Margarette regarding local businesses. Also, the Vassey house is on the market that is located behind the hardware store.

Browne let everyone know that the new pastor at the Methodist Church is interested in a senior get together.

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

SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. **Next Council Meeting:** Regular Town Council Meeting Monday Sep 8th, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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

Motion: Margarette Parrish Second: Herschel Brown Time: 8:33 pm