

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular meeting June 12, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Partridge
Ed Dailey
Gary Gardner
Lucy Getz
Paul Mumford
Matt Simmons
J. René Waltz

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
George W. Lane, Treasurer
Janna Colechio, Secretary

Mr. Partridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Dailey and seconded by Mr. Simmons, the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The May 2017 Treasurer's Report previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane explained that the insurance premiums had been allocated to designated categories this month. It was questioned what type of expenditures were reserved for payment from the Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Lane clarified that capital equipment purchases were financed through this fund.

Mrs. Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2017 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Barry Duncan	16 West Green Street
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Jeannie Dorsey	322 West Green Street
Ray Geesaman	322 West Green Street
Deneen McCormick	205 West Courtland Avenue
Wisler McCormick	205 West Courtland Avenue
Rick Fry	222 Walnut Circle

Wisler McCormick presented an Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) to the Borough Police Department after teaming up with The Peyton Walker Foundation to raise funds to purchase the AED as a means of giving back to the community. Chief Stoner accepted the AED for the Department and thanked Wisler for his dedication to the community.

Mr. Duncan requested information on the progress in the clean-up efforts at 12 West Green Street. Mr. Sheely explained that through the Duncans' attorney, Steve Miner, updates had been requested. He elaborated that on May 24, 2017 the site had been inspected in the presence of Devin Montgomery, Zoning Officer for the Borough; Shawn Lechene, Building Official for the Borough, and Mr. Bardell's son-in-law, Aaron, and his son, Alan. It was determined that the home cannot be repaired, so it will most likely be replaced by a brick ranch style home similar to others

on Green Street. The exterior of the property was to be cut down and cleared by an outside company, and the home demolished. According to Alan, Mr. Bardell has been returning to his former home to retrieve some sentimental items. Mr. Sheely stressed that currently the insurance company is dictating the timeliness of the clean-up; however, the clean-up and demolition should be complete within the next several weeks. When questioned, Mr. Duncan requested that Mr. Sheely contact him directly with any further information rather than relaying it through his attorney.

Ms. Dorsey expressed outrage that she had been reassured that Oak Alley was a top priority for street repair when the weather improved, yet no action had been taken. Mr. Bretz explained that it was his belief that bids were required to complete the work. Clarification was made that any work over ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) but less than nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00) would require only three (3) telephonic quotes from which Council could authorize the lowest responsible bidder. If costs for a project are anticipated to exceed nineteen thousand (\$19,000.00) the Borough Engineer would be able to assist with providing consistent and detailed specifications to put the project out for bid. However, for emergency repairs and lesser amounts than the ten thousand (\$10,000.00) Council is authorized to proceed with work. It was stressed that if necessary, Council may also set weight restrictions to preserve the Borough's streets. Mr. Gardner stated that he had contacted Mark Breuning approximately three weeks prior to the meeting to request feedback on estimates to repair the Borough's alleys; however, he has not yet heard back from him. He agreed to reach out to Mr. Breuning again. Mr. Bretz was instructed to fill the depression in Oak Alley with binder material as soon as possible.

Rick Fry complimented the efforts on improving the town "square," saying that it is greatly appreciated.

MAYOR'S REPORT

May

Complaints Rec'd	36	Traffic	7
Criminal	4	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	5	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 339.65	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrest
Stoner	198.0	3
Barnes	198.0	1
Shaughnessy	125.0	0
Cyr	0.0	0
Sadler	0.0	0
Hall	24.5	1
Fiala	0.0	0
McCormick	0.0	0
Montgomery	36.0	0
Shifflet	9.0	2
Kitzmilller	0.0	0
Pellman	0.0	0

Citations for the month included two (2) for careless driving, one (1) summary offense, two (2) for speeding, one (1) for expired registration, and one (1) for ignition interlock violation. The non-traffic citation was for disorderly conduct.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Partridge reported the MS4 Pollution Reduction Plan and Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan cost estimate from Barton & Loguidice had been received; however, there appears to be a conflict in the quote with two different estimates, both much higher than previous estimates, within the agreement. Mr. Partridge agreed to contact Mr. Breuning for clarification on these issues.

SHIREMANSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Getz report that the SHS Annual Day in the Park was successful.

Mrs. Getz has been in contact with PPL for approval for a second set of poles for the lighted holiday decorations.

REVITALIZATION

There was no report.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

With the scheduling of COG meetings occurring during normal work hours, Mr. Simmons has not been able to attend. Emails regarding COG activity continue to be forwarded to Mr. Simmons for his perusal.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Family Fun Night is scheduled for June 22, 2017 in Manor Park.

Mr. Simmons will have Speck's Tree Service provide an estimate for removal of dead trees from Memorial Park.

Movie Night in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017. A movie has not yet been determined.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A report was not available from the Shiremanstown Fire Department. Mr. Mumford asserted that since there appears to be no intention on the Fire Department's part to comply with Borough requests for information, that it seems Council should seek other options for fire protection. Mr. Dailey indicated that attitude and treatment toward Council President Partridge at the May meeting was disrespectful and out-of-line particularly considering the accommodations that Council has made in trying to repair the relationship between the Fire Department and the Borough Council. Withdrawal of financial support to the Fire Department until compliance with Council's requests for Treasurer's Reports, Fire Relief Association Reports and certifications of fire personnel was considered a possible option to resolving differences. Because Hampden Township is not interested in providing fire coverage to the Borough, it was suggested that negotiations with Lower Allen Township could be revisited.

A formal written complaint had been received in February 2017 and more recently, the QRS/Medical Assist had arrived on scene of an obvious death call despite their assistance being cancelled at the time of the call to the Police Department and a reminder by the County Dispatcher when it was announced they were responding. Mr. Partridge announced that he had researched past medical assist services to the Borough which indicated that prior to the agreement with Hampden Township EMS, Lower Allen Township had provided services and continues to furnish full service should Hampden Township not be available, thus providing capable medical emergency services to the Borough. He stated that removing the Fire Department from medical assist calls would cause no negative impact to the citizens of the Borough since the Police Department does have the ability and authority to request medical assistance through the County Dispatch if needed. Council authorized the Solicitor to draft a resolution stating who naming the Hampden Township Emergency Medical Service to provide Advanced Life Support Ambulance and Emergency Medical services to any actual or reported medical emergency within the Borough. A letter will be submitted along with a copy of the approved resolution to the appropriate emergency management representatives of Cumberland County and to Hampden Township Emergency Management Services.

Chief Stoner emphasized the seriousness of interference by unauthorized personnel on scene citing the guidance of the Cumberland County District Attorney's Office in preparing correspondence to be shared with Fire Department. The letter in part described the disregard of the canceled call by Mr. Wright as well as a warning that any future response to a scene after being canceled will result in a charge of TITLE 18 5101 – Obstructing Administration of Law or Other Government Function:

A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if he intentionally obstructs, impairs or perverts the administration of law or other government function by force, violence, physical interference or obstacle, breach of duty, or any other unlawful act.

The letter further explained the action was being taken to protect officers responding as well as the preservation of evidence on the scene.

Mr. Wright was handed his letter and entrusted with a copy of the letter to Fire Chief Richard Dayton, Jr.

Chief Stoner thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in an important investigation by employing the Jaws of Life to open two safes.

A committee of Mr. Mumford, Mr. Dailey, and Mr. Simmons was appointed to meet with representatives of the Shiremanstown Fire Department to try to amicably resolve differences. Mr. Mumford will plan for the meeting. It was agreed that legal representation was not needed; however, if the Fire Department desired their Counsel to be in attendance, Mr. Mumford was to be advised so that the Borough Solicitor could also be included.

SANITATION

Mr. Mumford had nothing new to report.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Mr. Dailey, Mr. Bretz and Mr. Breuning have met with representatives of Simply Stated regarding construction plans for a new Borough garage. A bay for washing vehicles was a feature that was considered desirable and two to three configurations will be provided. Mr. Dailey anticipates a proposal by Simply Stated within the next few weeks.

STREETS & PAVEMENTS

Mr. Partridge reiterated instructions that depressions and potholes of all Borough alleys should now be in process since the weather has become warmer. He stressed that the road crew is to begin with Oak Alley.

Mr. Gardner agreed to reach out to the Borough Engineer again to discuss paving projects.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Waltz had previously distributed copies of the Personnel Report as well as revisions to the District's Policy Manual.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

There was nothing new to report.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Wright inquired about the status of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The plan needs to be signed and returned to the County. Mr. Sheely apologized for the delay and explained he had no objection to signing the plan subject to working out procedures and implementation of those procedures. Mr. Dailey recommended that a standing committee be formed to discuss Fire Department and Medical Assists matters and developing procedures. With a second from Ms. Waltz, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wright reminded the Secretary of his new email address and requested that Council be updated with the address as well.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

Mr. Montgomery provided a written report to the Council, which included updates on 417 East Main Street and while some efforts had been made by Mr. Deamer to repair the retaining wall, many issues regarding the exterior maintenance, grass and weeds, and garbage still exist. Multiple citations have been filed against Mr. Deamer.

Mr. Montgomery confirmed the report previously given regarding 12 West Green Street.
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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely reiterated that items included under the Right-to-Know Act for Fire Departments are Treasurer's Reports, Fire Relief Association Reports, and certifications of fire personnel. He explained that because the Borough funds the Fire Department without this documentation, it is blindly spending money each year while an already contentious relationship between the two entities grows increasingly more antagonistic.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Mr. Mumford made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Waltz and carried.

Mr. Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. With a second from Mr. Mumford, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary