

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular meeting May 8, 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. Simmons and seconded by Ms. Waltz, the minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The March 2017 Treasurer's Report previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Dailey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2017 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

The April 2017 Treasurer's Report previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane noted that the invoice for the installation of lighting boxes for the wreaths had been paid from the Capital Reserve Fund resulting in a decrease in that Fund. Mr. Mumford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 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
Earl Foster	1 Forge Road
Jeannie Dorsey	322 West Green Street
Ray Geesaman	322 West Green Street

Mr. Duncan expressed concern at the lack of progress of clean-up efforts on the property ravaged by fire on December 30, 2016, at 12 West Green Street. Stating he has been in touch with an official at the Department of Environmental Protection, a primary fear is the asbestos in the siding and roofing which are airborne and able to spread onto the surrounding properties. Mr. Partridge reported that contact there has been contact between Mr. Bardell's son-in-law, the insurance agency handling the loss, and the Borough Zoning Officer. A decision on the fate of the property had been expected by mid-April; however, updates have not been received. Mr. Partridge requested contact information for Mr. Duncan, so that the Zoning Officer can reach him directly later in the week.

Mr. Foster echoed the concerns of Mr. Duncan and added that the bamboo has already grown to heights between six (6) and eight (8) feet tall. Mr. Sheely will contact the insurance company and/or property owner and ask what their plan is to remedy the situation so that the property is compliant with the Zoning laws of the Borough.

Ms. Dorsey expressed frustration that many alleys in the Borough, including Oak Alley, which borders a property owned by her, are in a state of disrepair, and wanted to know what course of action the Borough would be taking to alleviate the situation. Mr. Partridge replied that Mr. Gardner, Mr. Bretz, and Mr. Breuning, the Borough Engineer, had recently completed a drive-through of the Borough, and that Oak Alley is the first priority on the list for repairs as soon as weather permits. Ms. Dorsey assured Council that she will renovate her property to ensure that the sides do not erode from large vehicle use, such as the trash truck. Mr. Bretz interjected that estimates for this repair is expected to cost between four thousand dollars (\$4,000) and nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000) Mr. Bretz was directed to obtain three quotes for a micro seal project. Mrs. Getz recommended that a complete overhaul of Strawberry Alley, particularly between Railroad and Rupp Avenues be considered. Mr. Gardner will contact Mark Breuning to estimate the cost of a long-term repair to this area.

MAYOR’S REPORT

April

Complaints Rec’d	32	Traffic	33
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	6	Verbal Warn	6
PD Revenue	\$ 1126.95	Parking Tkts	18
		Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrest
Stoner	180.0	3
Barnes	180.0	27
Shaughnessy	80.0	0
Cyr	0.0	0
Sadler	0.0	0
Hall	16.0	2
Fiala	0.0	0
McCormick	45.0	2
Montgomery	0.0	0
Shifflet	9.0	1
Kitzmilller	0.0	0
Pellman	5.0	0

Citations for the month included one (1) for driving without insurance, three (3) summary offenses, three (3) expired inspection, two (2) for unauthorized use of a plate, and twenty-four (24) speeding. The non-traffic citation was for failure to respond to a parking ticket.

A donation of \$150 has been received by the Police Department by Rick and Sandy Fry.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Partridge reported the withdrawal of the Locust Shire Townhomes development plan. The Planning Commission is aware of Mr. McCorkel's decision, and Mr. Partridge requested that the Council accept the withdrawal, so that correspondence may be sent to the developer. Mr. Simmons made a motion for the Council to accept the withdrawal of the Locust Shire Townhomes development plan and authorized the Secretary to notify him of this decision. With a second from Mr. Mumford, the motion passed unanimously.

A meeting is scheduled regarding the development of an Electronic Recycling Center for May 17, 2017. The RSVP date is May 12, 2017. Mr. Partridge requested any member of Council able to attend to please let him know prior to the RSVP date.

SHIREMANSTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mrs. Getz has been in contact with ATS for pricing on placement of the banners and hanging of the flags. A verbal quote of three hundred dollars (\$300) was given. She has requested the quote be submitted via email.

May 20, 2017 is the SHS Spring fun in the Park event. The event begins at 11:00 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. Weather permitting, activities for the day will include a car show, carriage rides, a silent auction, and a cake walk.

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 meet with Mr. Bretz to discuss possible upgrade to the basketball court in Memorial Park.

The next meeting of the Recreation Committee will be June 5, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A report was not available from the Shiremanstown Fire Department.

Allegations were made by Mr. Wright that citizens had been told the Shiremanstown Fire Department is no longer in existence. Council was unaware of any such activity and requested that names be provided. Mr. Sheely advised Council and the public that the Shiremanstown Fire

Department is a separate and distinct corporation from the Borough and expressed dismay that it would be thought not to exist since it is a separate organization. Mr. Partridge pointed out that the Borough continues to pay invoices on behalf of the Fire Department.

SANITATION

The contract with Advanced Waste Disposal expires March 31, 2018. Mr. Mumford will prepare specifications for a new contract with the help of the Solicitor for Council's review for the September of October meeting, with the goal of awarding the bid by January 2018 to avoid interruption of service to the Borough citizens. It was discussed that the option of unlimited bags may not be available by any local provider.

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Four (4) trees in Memorial Park pose a threat to the pavilion and members of the public using the park. The trees will be cut by a professional landscaper; however, the maintenance department will provide the manpower for clean-up of the felled trees. Mr. Simmons is aware of a contractor who may be able to provide a competitive bid for this project.

Mr. Lenker continues to wait on a medical update before submitting a new quote for the work to the sanitary sewer in Strawberry Alley.

New bleachers have been placed in the Memorial Park.

STREETS & PAVEMENTS

Mr. Gardner reported that Mark Breuning had discussed a cold version of a crack-sealing program which may prove beneficial to the Borough.

It is anticipated that PennDOT will possibly review the drainage issue at Railroad Avenue and Main Street in July 2017.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Waltz had previously distributed copies of the Personnel Report as well as the Finance & Facilities Committee Report. The boiler system in the Shiremanstown school building either needs repaired or overhauled. The Committee authorized the Facilities and Maintenance Department to explore suggested options in further detail and provide a follow-up report to the Committee.

Graduation will be held May 30, 2017.

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.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

Mr. Montgomery provided a written report to the Council, which included enforcement action taken at 401 East Main Street. Council requested that updates on the property at 417 East Main Street and 12 West Green Street be included.

Mr. Sheely clarified that Mr. Montgomery is the first point of contact for property complaints within the Borough. If Council members would receive complaints, they were directed to provide Mr. Montgomery's contact information to the complainant with instructions to get back to them if he would not respond in a timely manner.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely noted 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. Mr. Wright agreed to obtain the information for the Solicitor.

The Planning Commission is aggressively working to update the Zoning and Building and Land Development ordinances into an easily assessable PDF version of the Borough's Ordinances.

At 8:03 pm, Mr. Partridge called an Executive Session of the Council. At 8:20 pm, Council returned to announce the purpose of the Session was to discuss potential litigation issues and a personnel matter. The Solicitor was authorized to contact the attorney for the Shiremanstown Fire Department for the purpose of discussing issues that have been raised and discussed in Council Meetings over the past year regarding the Fire Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Because confusion continues over the roles of the Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer and Building Officer, Mr. Sheely will meet with Mr. Montgomery to clarify these roles.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Mr. Dailey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary