

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 August 10, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Getz, President
Gary Gardner
Lucy Getz
Matthew Simmons

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie G. Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
Janna Colechio, Secretary

Mr. Lane was absent due to a family emergency.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Getz and seconded by Mr. Gardner, the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2020 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Gardner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for July 2020 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

There were no citizens present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Animal-at-Large Ordinance was discussed at length. Mr. Sheely provided copies of ordinances in effect in Hampden and Lower Allen Townships to provide models of adopted ordinances that concentrate on a broader overview than the one previously reviewed by Council. Citing that any ordinance adopted needs to be both useful and efficient to the Council and Staff required to enforce the ordinance, it was suggested that basic issues of controlling animals (leash and/or fencing for dogs), safety of the public, proper disposal of waste, and habitual, loud noise/barking for longer than 15 minutes be included. Cats running freely and causing damage to properties also should be incorporated. It was requested that chickens be limited to hens and four per property in proper enclosures. Discussion of a revised ordinance will be continued at the September meeting of Council.

The contract for solid waste will expire March 31, 2021. Mr. Sheely was authorized to prepare a bid package to be distributed before the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Getz provided an update on the request for EMS services. A meeting had taken place with Mr. Metts, Township Manager of Hampden Township. A written response received on August 10, 2020 stated in part:

... the financial burden for operating an EMS Department is being subsidized by taxpayers of Hampden Township. Not all of those costs, in excess of what we are able to recoup for service fees, should be borne by Hampden's taxpayers. Service is being

provided to Shiremanstown Borough and the Township must consider ways to recoup those associated costs. That can either be achieved by an annual contribution from the Borough Council or the Township can consider passing those costs on to the residents of Shiremanstown who benefit when Hampden EMS responds in their time of need. That would be achieved by likely increasing the trip fees for your residents and increasing the membership fees as well.

Because no calculations were provided to verify this cost, the Mayor and Mr. Getz were authorized by Council to seek an estimate from Lower Allen Township for the same services before accepting the terms outlined by Mr. Metts.

An email including six detailed documents had been received from Phil Fraga, an attorney involved in the renewal of the Comcast franchise for COG members. Due to the timing of the e-mail and a clause within the agreement stating that, “the Borough held a public hearing on the subject of cable franchise renewal, including reviewing the cable operator’s past performance and identifying the Borough’s future cable-related community needs;” Mr. Sheely will review all the documents prior to the September meeting and seek authorization to advertise for a public hearing before adopting the agreement.

A rock garden surrounded by timbers has been placed around the Welcome to Shiremanstown sign to avoid any future damage to the replacement sign when received.

MAYOR’S REPORT

July			
Complaints Rec’d	36	Traffic	11
Criminal	2	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	13	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 753.75	Parking Tkts	1
		Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	207.0	1
Montgomery	207.0	7
Shaughnessy	51.0	0
Holley	36.0	0
Hutcheson	77.0	0
Hall	14.0	3
Pidcock	9.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	6.0	0

Citations included 4 (four) for speeding, 1 (one) for driving without a license, 2(two) for expired inspection, 1 (one) expired registration, 1 (one) for driving without a license, 1 (one) summary offense, and 1 (one) for harassment.

Background checks for all Staff, Borough Officials, Council Members, Committee Members, and Volunteers both with the Borough and the Fire Department was discussed. Required clearances include the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Criminal History Background Check. Total cost for these checks is approximately \$50 (fifty dollars) per person. Currently, there is nothing included in the Borough's budget for this expense, so discussion will continue as to how the cost would be funded.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of July had been distributed to Council. One building permit and two zoning permits, had been issued in July for a total of \$94.50 (ninety-four dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

NEW BUSINESS

An article published in The Carlisle Sentinel reported that members of the Mechanicsburg Recreation Committee were close to finalizing an update to the Agreement. The Secretary did email Mr. Tankersly for any updates that he may have received as the liaison for the Recreation Committee. Mr. Lane will be asked if information had been passed along to him as well regarding the potential cost of the Agreement to the Borough.

Mr. Gardner made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simmons and carried.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 P.M. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary