

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting July 13, 2020, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania due to the restrictions of COVID-19.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

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. Simmons, the minutes of the June 8, 2020 Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2020 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary to report, and that the Borough is running close to budget at mid-year. He pointed out that as the year progresses, Earned Income Tax would likely decrease due to those out of work throughout the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2020 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S REPORT**

J. Matthew Secrest

701 South Market Street, Mechanicsburg PA

Explaining that both his maternal and paternal grandparents had lived in the Borough, Mr. Secrest requested permission to make a presentation to the Council. Permission was granted, and Mr. Secrest unwrapped a framed hand-colored 1875 map of the Borough as a gift to the Council. He described his interest in unusual wares and documents, and this particular map had been spotted on a recent vacation in Massachusetts in an antique shop. Council was pleased to accept the picture and thanked Mr. Secrest for his thoughtfulness and generosity. Mr. Secrest did request that should there be a time in the future that the Borough no longer wished to display the map, that it be gifted to either the Cumberland County Historical Society or the Shiremanstown Historical Society.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ordinance 414 to amend the police pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities had been duly advertised for Council's consideration and adoption. There were no questions or comments from the Council or the public. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as advertised. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

A draft of the proposed Animals Running at Large Ordinance had been provided to Council for their perusal. As drafted, the Ordinance covers various provisions of responsible ownership of dogs, cats, and chickens and penalties for any violations of the provision of the Ordinance. Discussion on various sections of the draft were discussed at length, and in responding to questions Mr. Sheely explained that multiple complaints have been brought to the attention of Borough Officials recently, particularly during the COVID-19 stay at home orders prompting a review of the current ordinance. He explained that the current Ordinance is antiquated, and this would overwrite the ambiguities currently in place. Essentially, the provisions are intended to manage pet owners more than the animals. Discussion was tabled until the August meeting to provide the Zoning Officer and the Police Chief a chance to review and collaborate their input since they will be responsible for its enforcement.

Mr. Getz announced that there will be a change in the Zoning Officer's office hours. Beginning August 1, 2020, requested hours will be:

Tuesday	8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon
Wednesday	8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon
Thursday	10:00 AM until 6:00 PM with a break from 3:45 through 4:15 PM

Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the change in office hours for Mrs. Alloway. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to have the hours posted on the Borough's website and Face Book page.

Mr. Getz and several members of Council complained of fireworks getting out of control in the Borough over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. While it was acknowledged that fireworks may be purchased legally, there is a 150-foot setback for setting them off, which excludes most of the Borough. It was determined that warnings had been given, and that any future violations should be cited by the Police Department. Mr. Sheely recommended that since the law legalizing fireworks had been passed by the State Senate and House of Representatives the Secretary address it with both Representative Delozier and Senator Reagan.

Simon Hertzler came to represent the Shiremanstown Fire Department. He explained that former Chief, Richard Dayton, Jr., had resigned effective July 8, 2020. Mr. Hertzler is now the Fire Chief. He explained that it was an amicable transition, and that he will be getting access to the Fire Department records currently stored on the computer, including financial reports. Mr. Hertzler was asked if he was aware of the most recent Firemen's Relief Audit in which multiple findings were cited by the Auditor General. He responded that he is, and the various findings were addressed. He was also reminded that Council is to receive financial reports from the Fire Company and the Firemen's Relief Association each month along with a detailed activity report. The last reports received were November 2019. Mr. Hertzler assured Council that he will update the reports.

Lower Allen Township has advised the Borough that the Sewer Authority will be digging up and repairing the 4-foot section of sewer main in front of 4 and 5 North Stoner Avenue on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. North Stoner Avenue will be temporarily closed to through traffic, and residents in the area will be advised by the Authority.

The Mayor requested approval to attend a virtual conference of the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association. The cost of registration is \$70 for members. Mrs. Getz

made a motion to pay the \$70 fee for the Mayor to attend the conference. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

A complaint has been received regarding traffic in Courtland Alley along with a request to install signage to slow traffic and protect children and pedestrians. It was determined that due to lack of space and signage being in place behind the Children's Garden already that a better solution would be to increase police surveillance and instruct concerned citizens to get license plate numbers and identify drivers when filing offences with the police.

The replacement estimate had not been received by the adjustor prior to the initial refund.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**June**

Complaints Rec'd	39	Traffic	22
Criminal	3	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	4	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 690.41	Parking Tkts	36
		Written Warn	9

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Traffic Tickets/Arrests</b>
Stoner	198.0	0
Montgomery	198.0	22
Shaughnessy	39.0	0
Holley	11.0	0
Hutcheson	45.0	0
Hall	25.0	0
Pidcock	11.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	2.0	0

Citations included 18 (eighteen) for speeding, 1 (one) for driving with a suspended license, 1 (one) for expired inspection, 1 (one) for driving the wrong way on a one-way street, and 1 (one) for harassment.

**CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER**

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of June had been distributed to Council. Four building permits, two zoning permits, and one sidewalk permit had been issued in June for a total of \$303 (three hundred three dollars) collected in fees.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Getz announced the new Welcome to Shiremanstown sign is on order, and that Mr. Bretz will be installing landscaping in the form of decorative stone around the area to protect the new sign from accidental damage again.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary

