

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 October 12, 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
W. Grant Tankersly

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie G. Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
George W. Lane, CPA, 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 Mr. Gardner and seconded by Mr. Simmons, the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

The 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Shiremanstown Borough Police Pension Plan (21-072-3) had been prepared and previously distributed to Council. Mr. Lane explained that Plan is currently over-funded and no additional funding is required for 2021.

Advanced Disposal submitted an invoice with a total amount due of \$411.84 (Four Hundred Dollars and Eighty-four cents) for services connected with disposal of street-sweeping debris. Mr. Getz noted that there was a fee of \$312.00 (Three Hundred Twelve Dollars) for "roll off roundtrip." Mr. Bretz confirmed that a roll-off was used only for the initial collection years ago before he inquired if the Borough could bring the debris in the dump truck. Permission had been granted, and since that time, debris has been deposited into the Borough truck and taken, a roll-off was not supplied by Advanced Disposal. Mr. Lane clarified that he had never been notified of a change in the services, and invoices since that time have included the roll off fee, which was not questioned, and subsequently paid. Mr. Simmons will reach out to Advanced Disposal, explain that the invoice will not be paid until exact services are clarified and, if possible, restitution made for years of over-charged invoices.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Lee Bretz
Jeff Bland
Jared Gasiewski

12 North High Street
200 East Walnut Street
4502 Chestnut Avenue, Camp Hill

Carol Mullen-O'Leary
Veronica O'Leary

115 South Locust Street
15 North Stoner Avenue

Mr. Bland expressed concern for what he considers a dangerous situation where people disregard the speed limit in the area of Spruce and Walnut Streets often ignoring STOP signs as they make their way to Locust Alley. This causes a precarious situation especially for neighborhood children who sometimes wander onto the paved areas while at play. He would like to see additional measures taken by the Borough to ensure higher safety standards. He stated that the area called Locust Alley is included on the property deed of Mr. Thomas Yohe who owns the property adjacent to Locust Alley, making it private property rather than a public alley.

Ms. Mullen-O'Leary agreed that the level of safety lacks, adding that her fence has been hit four times due to drivers either going too fast or unfamiliar with the area. She questioned why, if Locust Alley is private property, it cannot be closed.

Mr. Sheely addressed the issue pointing out that he felt there were multiple concerns the Council may need to address. One issue is the lack of regard for the traffic control devices (Speed Limit and STOP signs) currently in place and suggested that Borough Police patrol the area to underline the importance of obeying them. Another option available may be to limit access by making the area from Locust Alley to Walnut Street one-way. Mrs. Alloway, the Zoning Codes Officer, was asked to research the property deeds for those properties that abut the Alley, and if access has been granted, Mr. Sheely will advise.

Ms. O'Leary objected to enforcement of campers and other recreational vehicles parking on the Borough streets for more than twenty-four hours. It was explained that residents parking large vehicles on the streets violate the large vehicle ordinance which has been in effect for several years in the Borough. It was further explained that these vehicles make private use of a public street and obstruct vision for those driving as well as pedestrians. She further objected to the ordinance which prohibits corner properties from parking a camper or other recreational vehicle in the "side" yard. Mrs. Alloway explained that in the case of corner lots, front yards face both streets, thus the side facing a street is not considered a side street but a second front yard. Vehicles in the Borough are not permitted to be parked in the front yard, thus a resident had been told that parking the camper on the side facing the street was not acceptable due to both portions of the yard having frontages. Ms. O'Leary suggested the Borough survey the general public before making ordinances that she feels infringes on personal rights, and until there is a problem, not pass such ordinances. Mr. Getz contradicted, stating that it easier to deal with issues before complications create more difficult situations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Getz reiterated for the public the status of EMS services. Since the update on August 10, 2020, Mr. Getz and Mayor Dailey had an informal meeting with the Lower Allen Township EMS requesting an estimate for the costs of services if they were to provide to the Borough. The EMS staff explained that Medicare calls do cause a loss of income to the EMS; however if the Lower Allen Township Commissioners are willing, they would recommend providing services and a detailed billing on a monthly basis to the Borough invoicing any calls which were not covered by a resident's insurance coverage. The Commissioners are expected to review this proposition and either accept or amend the terms. For now, the Council is not able to advise residents to

send or not send their memberships and dues to Hampden Township. In 2017, there had been an agreement that Hampden Township would provide services for the privilege of selling memberships to Shiremanstown residents. It was unknown if there is a reciprocal agreement between the two EMS agencies, but it is hopeful that those who do return their membership dues to Hampden Township that Lower Allen would honor that as part of any forthcoming agreement with the Borough.

The Resolution of the Borough of Shiremanstown authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC was reviewed by Council. The renewal is part of a contract between COG and Comcast which is reviewed and renegotiated every ten years. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to accept the Resolution as presented. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

The Joint Recreation Agreement was reviewed and considered by Council. Mr. Lane explained that there is a long history between the members of the Committee with the School District bearing 50% (Fifty Per Cent) of the costs and 50% (Fifty Per Cent) allocated between the municipal members. Expenses are billed quarterly based on population. The new Agreement offers a reconciliation performed on an annual basis to determine if a net profit or loss was generated by the programs. This profit or loss will be allocated back to the partner members in the same proportion as the cost sharing arrangement. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Council President to sign the new Agreement and the Secretary to forward to Mr. Longwell. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Animal at Large Ordinance took place, and Mr. Sheely will incorporate and bring to date suggestions, which will be reviewed at the November meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

August			
Complaints Rec'd	33	Traffic	4
Criminal	4	Non-Traffic	3
Assist. Other Depts.	12	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$1,521.85	Parking Tkts	4
		Written Warn	9

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	189.0	0
Montgomery	189.0	4
Shaughnessy	62.0	0
Holley	30.0	0
Hutcheson	68.0	0
Hall	37.0	0
Pidcock	18.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	9.0	0

Citations included 4 (four) for speeding.

MAYOR'S REPORT

September			
Complaints Rec'd	23	Traffic	2
Criminal	3	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	5	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$ 431.03	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	2

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.0	1
Montgomery	198.0	1
Shaughnessy	51.0	0
Holley	15.0	0
Hutcheson	18.0	0
Hall	7.0	3
Pidcock	33.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	0.0	0

Citations included 1 (one) expired registration and 1 (one) summary offense.

Trick or Treat Night has been posted to the Borough's website and the Face Book page for Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Chief Stoner has requested consideration of hiring Timothy Cox as a part-time patrol officer. Mr. Cox has experience as an officer with Lower Allen Township Police Department and comes highly recommended. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Cox to the position of part-time patrol officer effective immediately. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion was approved.

The Mayor has written an article of commendation concerning the ongoing contribution made by Mrs. Joan Runkle as she tends to the flower containers on Main Street. Once the wording is approved, she requested the article be posted on the Borough's web page and face book page.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of September had been distributed to Council. Five building permits, three zoning permits, and one demolition permit had been issued in September for a total of \$602.50 (six hundred two dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

Mrs. Alloway introduced Jared Gasiewski of Barry Isett & Associates suggesting that quicker responses and better pricing would be two of the advantages over Arro Group. Mr. Sheely recommended that any discussion be placed on the November Agenda giving Council time for consideration of any terms included in the current contract with Arro and proposed terms by Isett.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bretz reported that his helper has resigned after inheriting a business just as leaf pick-up season is about to begin. Council approved the appointment of Crystal Snyder effective immediately.

Mrs. Getz would like to see additional funding for the Main Street Corridor for 2021 which would include solar-powered streetlamps.

The Secretary reminded Council that the Annual Budget Workshop had been advertised for Monday November 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Any Council member wishing input to their committees prior to the workshop should submit their requests to Mr. Lane either directly or through the Secretary.

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

Mr. Tankersly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary