

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 February 8, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Getz, President
Gary Gardner
Cindy Gaumer-Watson
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 Mrs. Getz and seconded by Mr. Simmons, the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2021 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had nothing to add to the written report. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2021 and file it for audit. With a second from Ms. Gaumer-Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Paula Bland
Veronica Kassimou
Daouda Kassimou
Ms. Shenk

200 East Walnut Street
15 North Stoner Avenue
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Representative Cheryl Delozier's Office

Mrs. Bland expressed concern for the planned construction on South Locust Street in Lower Allen Township which abuts the Borough. She had concerns regarding traffic, a proposed walking path that bridged into the Borough, and the type of housing planned for the now vacant lot. The Zoning Officer assured Mrs. Bland that all traffic would enter and exit from South Locust Street, there would be a mix of 8 (eight) single family homes and 16 (sixteen) townhomes with backyards facing Chestnut Street with a 25' (twenty-five foot) setback. It was brought to Council's attention that there is a walking path included on the plans which had previously been discussed and removed in previous years. Additionally, trees had been bulldozed to the ground on the Borough's right-of-way by the contractor on a Saturday. Mr. Sheely strongly suggested that Ms. Alloway be the lead person to deal with Abel Construction and remind them that the plan is limited to Lower Allen Township and has no rights onto or involving Borough property. The grown trees that have been destroyed must be replaced by mature trees valued at \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) per tree razed as an appropriate buffer zone to protect Borough residents from the backyards of the homes to be constructed. He instructed Ms. Alloway to contact Lower Allen Township and request bond information that should have been posted for potential damage. He assured Ms. Alloway that he is available to help as needed.

Mrs. Bland also voiced dismay that many of the Borough sidewalks are being pushed up by overgrown tree roots. She would like to see something done to ensure safety of pedestrians. Ms. Alloway will be addressing sidewalk issues when the winter weather has cleared.

Mr. and Mrs. Kassimou questioned the proper place to park when one has no driveway on a corner lot, particularly when there are snow emergencies, and residents are not permitted to park on their lawns nor the street. Chief Stoner affirmed in the case of the Kassimou's they may not park on Front Street as there is no curb, so parking there would be in the driving lane of the street. Ms. Alloway recommended that a zoning permit to install a permeable drive be requested, so that there is a place for them to park on their property. For now, it was suggested that they park across the street in the area owned by Norfolk-Southern but maintained by the Borough.

Ms. Shenk wanted to ensure Council and the public that Representative Delozier and her staff are available to assist with any questions regarding current matters.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council had nothing new to add to the previously reviewed Ordinance establishing requirements and prohibitions for the running of large or domestic pets. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Ordinance for approval at the March meeting of Council. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

Walter's Services has provided a quote for ADA compliant portable toilets with hand gel sanitizer. The quote is for \$147 (one hundred forty-seven dollars) and includes delivery, pickup, rental, weekly services, and supplies. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to approve the placement of a portable toilet in Memorial Park and Manor Park as weather permissible and park use increases. With a second from Ms. Gaumer-Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sheely requested that the Secretary be authorized to contact members of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board to determine status of the members and to plan to meet to reorganize for 2021. He stressed the importance of a functioning board, so that when zoning variances are requested, issues can be addressed in a timely manner.

Mr. Getz presented a proposal from Gibson-Thomas Engineering for a new maintenance facility and site development of 201 RR East Main Street. The project proposes a site development of the vacant lot to accommodate the approximate 6,000 (six thousand) square foot building and associated parking and driveway. The estimate of probable construction costs is \$89,000 (eighty-nine thousand dollars) and the estimated cost for the pole building would be an additional \$125,00 (one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars) to \$148,000 (one hundred forty-eight thousand dollars) or a total cost of approximately \$237,000 (two hundred thirty-seven thousand dollars). No motion was requested; however, Mr. Getz asked Council to carefully review the proposal and be prepared to discuss and take motion at the March meeting of Council.

As the Borough LEMC, Mr. Getz had opportunity to take part in a Zoom training regarding radioactive material. Most interesting to him is the fact that transport and storage of radioactive materials are commonly unmarked as a safety measure against terrorism.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Gaumer-Watson reported that Dr. Leidy provided a brief update on COVID-19 stating a specific time frame for District staff to receive the vaccine has not yet been determined.

MAIN STREET

The request to have several of the light boxes on the street poles lowered to be consistent with the rest of the outlets has been rejected due to PPL restrictions.

MAYOR’S REPORT

January			
Complaints Rec’d	26	Traffic	12
Criminal	0	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	7	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$ 328.98	Parking Tkts	2
		Written Warn	4

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests	
Stoner	189.0	1	
Montgomery	189.0	11	
Shaughnessy	122.0	0	
Holley	0.0	0	
Hutcheson	18.0	0	
Hall	27.0	0	
Pidcock	0.0	0	
Shifflet	0.0	0	
Kitzmilller	0.0	0	

Citations for the month included eight (8) for speeding, one (1) for no inspection, one (1) summary offense, and two (2) for expired inspections.

Chief Stoner announced that Officer Shifflet has resigned due to his full-time duties as the School Resource Officer and caring for his father currently suffering with medical problems.

Mayor Dailey announced that petitions for council positions are available online line at the Cumberland County website for anyone interested in having their name added to the primary ballot. The final day to circulate and file petitions is March 9, 2021.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer’s Report for the month of January had previously been distributed to Council. One building permit, and one sidewalk and curb permit had been issued in January for a total of \$89.50 (eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

A fire took place on January 12, 2021 at 230 East Main Street. The attached unit located at 228 East Main Street was also damaged. A third unit at 226 East Main received some damage in the attic; however, the tenant is able to continue to reside

in her unit. Ms. Alloway was issued a key for the damaged units by the restoration company to allow tenants in to remove personal belongings. Tenants were given until January 28 to remove all items. The Red Cross has been assisting the tenants.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Committee will meet on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Hall.

SANITATION

The mix-up in billing has been resolved.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Simmons will approach the Shiremanstown Fire Department (SFD) regarding written complaints and allegations received by a former member. He will also advise the SFD that Council expects a full roster of their membership.

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 8:04 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary