

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 January 11, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Getz, President
Cindy Gaumer-Watson
Lucy Getz
W. Grant Tankersly

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Mr. Gardner and Mr. Simmons were absent due to COVID-19 exposure concerns.

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Tankersly and seconded by Mrs. Getz, the minutes of the December 14, 2020 Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2020 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane noted that the fiscal year ended \$13,000 (Thirteen thousand dollars) ahead of the projected budget with Earned Income Tax up from 2019. Real Estate Transfer for December was \$5,800 (five thousand eight hundred dollars). Mrs. Gaumer-Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 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 Ordinance electing to amend the Borough's police pension plan administered by the Pennsylvania Retirement System; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities had been advertised and presented for Council's consideration. Mrs. Getz made a motion to pass Ordinance 414 as advertised. With a second from Mrs. Gaumer-Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2021-01 adopting the Cumberland County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented and reviewed by Council. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

Barton and Loguidice recently made a business decision to exit the municipal engineering market in Pennsylvania. With that decision, they supported the move of Phillip W. Brath, the Borough's current engineer, to another company with existing Borough and Township clients and information to continue serving existing clients in a seamless transition. Mr. Brath selected Gibson-Thomas Engineering for this transition and requested that the Borough reappoint him and his new employer for the 2021 year.

The company profile for Gibson-Thomas as well as the 2021 Fees and Schedule of Charges was also provided. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to appoint Mr. Brath and Gibson-Thomas Engineering as the Borough's engineer for 2021. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A discussion regarding replacing chairs in the Borough Hall, particularly those in the meeting area took place. It was decided to replace the current chairs with the same model sled chair model currently in the Zoning Office. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize the Secretary to order 20 chairs for the Borough Hall. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed.

Mr. Bretz and his road/maintenance crew were thanked for a successful year of leaf collection despite an early snowstorm which interrupted their efforts. The Mayor noted that she has received a compliment regarding the service. Mr. Bretz was also thanked for installing and removing the Christmas lighting throughout the Borough.

Mr. Getz is exploring options for a building to be placed on the empty lot adjacent to the Borough Hall. The Borough Engineer and Zoning Officer will be consulted as size is considered.

Mr. Getz, Mr. Sheely, Mr. Lane, and Mayor Dailey met with Lower Allen Township authorities regarding EMS Services. Additional information will be provided, and further financial review continues.

A problem occurred with the shipping of the backboards for the basketball court in Memorial Park. A full refund was provided through Amazon. Mr. Getz will price other retailers for availability of the backboards for delivery by Spring 2021.

Mr. Tankersly will collaborate with the Secretary to purchase a replacement for the broken spring car in Manor Park.

Dead trees had fallen in the area maintained by the Borough on Chestnut Street, and Mr. Bretz was seeking authority to remove the trees as they were on the border but landed on the Borough's side. Discussion followed with consideration being given to deeding or selling the property to individual property owners abutting the lot. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson expressed her concern as a citizen reminding Council that only several years back the development plan had shown a public walkway between the proposed development in Lower Allen Township and the Borough. If the property is sold to individuals, it is her fear that property could be sold for development that Borough would not be equipped to handle the after effects. Previously, Borough Council had sent a Council representative to oppose the plan on the basis that the developer was representing himself as the owner of public land for personal gain. The walkway was then removed from the plan.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Gaumer-Watson reported that the District had opened full time effective January 11 following COVID-19 safety measures.

MAIN STREET

Light Boxes on the street poles will need a work order to have them lowered to be consistent with the rest of the outlets prior to the holiday season of 2021.

MAYOR’S REPORT

December			
Complaints Rec’d	23	Traffic	0
Criminal	0	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	4	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 404.57	Parking Tkts	1
		Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests	
Stoner	207.0	0	
Montgomery	207.0	0	
Shaughnessy	98.5	0	
Holley	23.5	0	
Hutcheson	5.5	0	
Hall	32.5	0	
Pidcock	14.5	0	
Shifflet	2.5	0	
Kitzmilller	11.5	0	

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer’s Report for the month of December had previously been distributed to Council. Four building permits, and four zoning permits, had been issued in December for a total of \$368.00 (three hundred sixty-eight dollars) collected in fees. Mrs. Alloway announced that Tesla is not interested in placing a charging station at 417 East Main Street. Mr. Deamer has contracted to have the retaining wall replaced. 16 Railroad Avenue is under contract for a possible commercial endeavor. Total permits for 2020: Building Permits-51; Zoning Permits-17; Demolition-1; Sidewalk/Road Cut - 8.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Getz presented distinguished service awards from the Pennsylvania State Associations of Boroughs (PSAB) to Mr. Lane and the Secretary. The awards are normally presented at the annual convention of the PSAB. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, awards were mailed to each recipient’s Borough.

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

Mr. Tankersly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Gaumer-Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary