

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 March 8, 2021, 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

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. Simmons and seconded by Mr. Gardner, the minutes of the February 8, 2021 Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2021 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had nothing to add to the written report. Mrs. Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2021 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Jeffrey Bland
Dana Wilson
Laurene Kohler

200 East Walnut Street
106 West Green Street
107 West Green Street

Mr. Bland presented a Petition to Vacate signed by Jeffrey R. Bland, Paul M. Bland, and Carol Mullen-O'Leary and dated March 8, 2021. The petition requests that the parcel of land between the two abutting properties used as a cartway be vacated by the Borough and divided equally between the property owners. A copy of the Petition will be provided to the Zoning Officer. Mr. Sheely reminded Council and Mr. Bland that action could not be taken at this meeting as there must first be a public hearing regarding the matter, and if approved, must be advertised prior to the Council vacating all public rights before action declaring the Borough no longer liable could be taken giving the property owners the right to block the cartway. It an estimated time frame would be July or August of 2021.

Ms. Wilson requested clarification of the proposed Animal Control Ordinance before the Council for adoption. Mr. Sheely explained that the Ordinance had been drafted and reviewed as increasing number of complaints were received regarding excessive dog barking, unrestrained and loose running dogs, feral and indoor/outdoor cats destroying property by digging, leaving lifeless prey, and defecating, etc. on various properties. The proposed Ordinance gives the Shiremanstown Police Department or the Zoning Officer authority to give notice and cite owners of such animals. Under the Ordinance, those who leave food out and provide care for feral cats, technically, become the cat's owner,

making them subject to possible citations and fines for damage incurred by them.

Ms. Kohler relayed how in years past, she had captured feral cats and taken them to Nobody's Cat to be spayed or neutered and inoculated. Few of the cats seem to be returning; however, she questioned if this was considered a liability to her under the new Ordinance. Mr. Sheely reiterated that under the new Ordinance, she would be considered the owner of such cats and leaving her open to citation and potential fines. He also advised that this Ordinance, when adopted would be effective at the end of April 2021.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council had nothing new to add to the previously reviewed Ordinance establishing requirements and prohibitions to the Animal Control Ordinance. The Ordinance was duly advertised in The Carlisle Sentinel on March 1, 2021 and made available at the Borough Hall for public review. Mrs. Getz made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as reviewed and advertised. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed 3 – 1, with Mr. Simmons abstaining.

Continued discussion on the proposal from Gibson-Thomas Engineering for a new maintenance facility and the site development of 201 RR East Main Street took place. The first step would include authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit to the Planning Committee a plan to re-subdivide the Borough properties at 1 Park Lane and 201 RR East Main Street into a single parcel a plan which complies with the Borough's Ordinance for the MS4 and flood management plan. Upon the Planning Committee's recommendation, the Borough Council would then be able to take action to pursue the site development. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare a plan for re-subdividing the plots and submitting it to the Borough's Planning Committee for review. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution 2021-02 adopting the Cumberland County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough and directing the respective officials and agencies to implement the recommended activities assigned to them was reviewed by Mr. Getz as the Borough's appointed LEMC. Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the Plan. With a second from Mr. Simmons, the motion passed unanimously. The Secretary was directed to send proof of the adoption to Mr. Steve Hoffman in the Cumberland County Planning Department.

Resolution 2021-03 detailing and authorizing the tax-free deduction from the full-time police officers' pay for spousal health insurance coverage through a Section 125 plan administered by Gunn Mowery Insurance for the 2021 plan year was presented by Mr. Lane. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

There was no report.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz reported that many of the display flags for Main Street had been mended prior to last year's display and wear and tear leaves no option but to replace them with new flag kits this year. She estimates that approximately \$500 (five hundred dollars) would purchase ten new kits. Mr. Simmons mad a motion to authorize Mrs. Getz to spend up to \$500 (five hundred dollars) to replace flag kits to be displayed on Main Street this Spring. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

February

Complaints Rec'd	29	Traffic	6
Criminal	0	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	15	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$ 221.58	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	3

Officer	Hours	Traffic
Tickets/Arrests		
Stoner	180.0	2
Montgomery	180.0	3
Shaughnessy	74.0	0
Holley	9.0	0
Hutcheson	27.0	0
Hall	23.5	1
Pidcock	0.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	0.0	0

Citations for the month included three (3) for speeding, one (1) for driving with a suspended license, and one (1) summary offense.

Mayor Dailey shared with Council plans for a second annual celebration of Bells Across Pennsylvania to be celebrated on Sunday, May 2, 2021. This is a celebration of hometown heroes who have done much to enable their communities to prevail against the pandemic and to honor them in concert with municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At 7:00 PM on May 2, the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association is requesting that municipalities ring out bells, whether individuals with handbells or noisemakers, churches and public buildings with bells, or any organized group to ring bells for 3 (three) solid minutes to show support for those who have put themselves in harm's way to serve the public in the continuing pandemic. Those interested in joining in this celebration were encouraged to contact the Mayor or the Borough Office.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of February had previously been distributed to Council. Four building permits, and two sidewalk and curb permits had been issued in February for a total of \$603.00 (six hundred three dollars) collected in fees.

The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on March 29, 2021 to consider a variance for a non-conforming shed at 104 West Vine Street.

In response to Mrs. Alloway's contact with Lower Allen Township regarding construction at 145 South Locust Street, Mr. Flint advised that revised plans were submitted to Shiremanstown on 08/03/2017; however, per the records at the Township no response was ever received. Mr. Sheely advised that whether there is a public response recorded at the Township or not, Lower Allen Township has no authority to approve a plan beyond the scope of their municipality any more than the Borough can direct the Township what can be constructed within their borders, thus the demolition of the solid tree line on the Borough's right-of-way is a matter that should be directed to the construction company. He recommended that Council direct the Zoning Officer to

contact the developer and/or contractor to have restitution made and to clarify the boundaries where the plan has not been approved at the Borough's boundaries. The trees should be replaced by a natural screening, such as mature trees, and not a fence and should not in any way interfere with the storm drainage or snow plowing within the Borough. Mr. Gardner made a motion to direct the Zoning Officer to follow the course directed by the Solicitor and contact the Solicitor should it be required. With a second from Mr. Simmons the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bretz questioned various areas in the Borough where grass cutting has traditionally been done by the Borough maintenance crew. Mr. Sheely advised that he should check the Borough's subdivision map, and if not previously maintained by the Borough, not to start services now.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Pictures of sidewalks that had been lifted or curved out were presented as an alternate solution to control pavement damage and walking safety while preventing damage to otherwise healthy trees. It was determined to have the Borough Engineer work with property owners through the Spring and Summer to try to preserve the healthy trees while remaining compliant with Borough standards.

Spring Street Sweeping will be conducted on Monday, April 5th and Tuesday, April 6th. The Borough will have No Parking signs posted ahead of the dates. The Borough's website and Face Book pages will also be updated.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Backboards for the Memorial Park basketball court will be ordered for placement for the summer park season.

SANITATION

There was nothing new to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Simmons has advised the Fire Department that Council expects a full roster of their membership and is in the process of getting a full report from them.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary