

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held the regular monthly meeting June 14, 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
Grant Tankersly

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 Mr. Gardner and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the May 10, 2021, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Tom Stang of Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc. was available to respond to any questions the Borough Council or its residents may have regarding the buy-out of Advanced Waste Disposal and services currently provided by Waste Management for the final extension year of that contract. Mr. Stang explained that he is the contact person for the public sector and that until recently he was unaware of any issues or dissatisfaction with the services provided. Mr. Moore, Mrs. Coplin, and Mr. Bland explained that the lack of communication by Waste Management to them as customers was unacceptable and has left many of them on the telephone waiting for up to 45 minutes or longer trying to gain information about the lack of service on Wednesday, the Borough's scheduled day for trash pick-up and drivers reporting to them that there is no scheduled day and residents are to leave trash at the curb throughout the week and weekends for them to collect when they can. It was also reported that recycle has been intermingled with regular trash. Mr. Simmons, the liaison for public safety, expressed thanks to Mr. Stang for attending the Council meeting and explained that for over a month, multiple calls of no trash pick-up or spotty service plus the lack of recycle pick-up has led to multiple complaints by frustrated and angry citizens. Additionally, it was questioned if the residents could anticipate an adjustment to the quarterly billing for the weeks that trash was not collected. Mr. Stang apologized for the lack of communication and confusion stating that there has been mechanical difficulties as well as difficulty hiring and keeping qualified workers during COVID-19 and throughout the merger. He explained that he could not commit to any billing reduction. He did agree to attend the July meeting of Council in anticipation of improved service reports by that time. The Solicitor reminded Council the current contract will expire in March 2022, which means bids must be put out ahead of that time. He asked Mr. Stang if perhaps it would not be more cost-effective, if not earth friendly, to exclude recycling from the contract. Mr. Stang responded that it is cheaper to take all pick-up items to the landfill and that municipalities with fewer than 10,000 residents are not mandated to have a recycling program. Two options would need to be included in the bidding

package in 2022. The Secretary was instructed to add Mr. Stang to the July 2021 Agenda for Council meeting.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Tom McCutcheon
Ken Moore
Janice Coplin
Jeffrey Bland

Shiremanstown Fire Department
Shireman Gardens
Shireman Gardens
200 East Walnut Street

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely updated Council on the status of the petition to vacate a portion of Spruce Street as requested by Jeffrey Bland, Paul Bland, and Carol Mullen-O'Leary. It was reported by Mr. Bland just prior to the meeting that Ms. O'Leary had not received her letter, so Mr. Sheely will send a copy to her. When responses are received by the interested parties, the process can be started. However, the earliest possible date for a public hearing on the matter would be the August 2021 Council meeting.

The Borough Engineer had submitted the plan to consolidate the four lots located at what is commonly known as 1 Park Lane containing 3.855 acres into one lot to create a single municipal campus. Creating a single lot will enable compliance with stormwater and MS4 requirements as the Borough looks forward to building a new maintenance facility. Mr. Brath noted that consolidation usually does not have to go to the Planning Committee, only a review by the Borough Solicitor and approval by Council. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advise the Borough Engineer to move forward with the plan to consolidate the properties and file with the County. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Capital Area COG will be hosting an auction again this year, however, the Borough has no vehicles or items to include and will not be participating.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Solicitor advised Mr. McCutcheon that in the past the Council and Mayor had made efforts to organize a meeting between Council and the SFD for emergency planning purposes and updates. It was agreed that Mr. McCutcheon and Mr. Getz would try to plan a meeting soon. Mr. Getz requested a copy of the Borough's current plan to build an updated version to submit to the County.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

The crew has been cutting grass and updating park projects.

SANITATION

Mr. Simmons had nothing to add to the earlier discussion regarding trash complaints.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer’s Report for the month of May had previously been distributed to Council. Three building permits, five zoning permits, and two sidewalk permits had been issued in May for a total of three hundred thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$313.50) collected in fees.

Mrs. Alloway reported that Lower Allen Township has hired a new Township Engineer.

Construction at 145 South Locust Street had stalled as not all conditions had been met; however, that has now been done and construction will now reconvene.

The accessibility audit was conducted by the Department of Labor and Industry. Another will be conducted in five years.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Gardner has reviewed several emails. He reported that one was regarding a shortage of sandbox sand this year.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

There was no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Tom McCutcheon gave updates on Shiremanstown Fire Department activity for the month including multiple training sessions in which he and some other members had been involved. The Secretary requested written reports be provided for minutes purposes. Mr. McCutcheon agreed to provide a monthly report that will be submitted with financial reports.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Tankersly reported that the broken spring car in Manor Park had been replaced.

The Rec Board will meet again in August to plan for movie night.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz requested permission to purchase and plant a more attractive garden around the Welcome to Shiremanstown sign at the west end of the Borough. Council had no objections.

MAYOR’S REPORT

May

Complaints Rec’d	39	Traffic	18
Criminal	2	Non-Traffic	1

Assist. Other Depts. 10
PD Revenue \$1,425.09

Verbal Warn 2
Parking Tkts 0
Written Warn 4

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	189.0	3
Montgomery	189.0	13
Shaughnessy	44.0	0
Holley	9.0	0
Hutcheson	36.0	0
Hall	26.0	2
Pidcock	9.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	6.0	0

Citations for the month included ten (10) for speeding, four (4) for expired inspection, one (1) driving without a license, and three (3) summary offenses.

Chief Stoner read a thank you note from Rick and Sandy Fry for the service provided by the SPD which included a \$300 donation.

Mayor Dailey has instructed additional officers be added to the schedule in anticipation of post-COVID July 4th celebrations particularly increased firework activity by residents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely reminded Council that currently there are 3 waste haulers in operation, and that the contract with Waste Management expires March 31, 2022. He recommended that the option to include all waste in one, rather than separating recycle from trash may be one method to contain costs for Borough residents.

He inquired if Council had interest in the bike corridor discussed at the May meeting, reminding that it could facilitate desired improvements at the intersection of Main Street and Railroad Avenue and perhaps result in minimizing truck traffic and reduced speed approved by PennDOT. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact the County regarding the possible addition of the bike route through Shiremanstown. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary continues to search for the proper code for employee and volunteer FBI background checks.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

At 8:34 PM Council went into Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation and returned at 8:39 PM.

Mr. Tankersly 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 8:41 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary