

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting April 11, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John J. Getz, President
Lucy Getz
Bryan Homer
David Lagerholm
Carol Mullen-O'Leary
Matt Simmons
Grant Tankersly

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie G. Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
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. Lagerholm and seconded by Mrs. Getz, the minutes of the March 14, 2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2022 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2022 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS REPORT

Citizens Present:

Cindy Watson	220 Walnut Circle
Vickie D. Clark	403 West Main Street
Ronald Snyder	118 East Green Street
Anthony Ercolino	15 North High Street
Mary Kane	205 South Stoner Avenue
Chris Cook	304 Walnut Circle
Jamie Moore	304 Walnut Circle
Veronica O'Leary	15 North Stoner Avenue

Mr. Getz prefaced the Citizens Report with a brief explanation of the contract recently adopted between the Borough and Waste Management. The contract now in force is a three-year contract with a one -year option to extend the contract. He explained that the previous contract between the Borough and Advanced Waste Services had been bought out by Waste Management in 2021, and Waste Management did not want to extend the contract under the terms bid by Advanced Waste Services. The contract was bid for opening at the February 14, 2022, meeting of Council. Bid packages had been requested and sent to three waste haulers: Penn Waste, Republic Services, and Waste Management. At the meeting, two sealed bid responses were open, the first being Republic Services who shared that would not be participating in the bidding process. Waste Management submitted a bid with the following options addressed:

Option 1 - Unlimited solid waste collection with no recycling option \$26.00 per month

Option 2 - Unlimited solid waste collection and weekly collection

of recyclables (continuation of current services) \$35.12 per month

Option 3 - Unlimited Solid waste collection and biweekly collection of recyclables (no additional containers provided) \$31.00 per month

Option 4 - Unlimited solid waste collection weekly with three recycling bins placed in various spots throughout the Borough (no curbside pick up of recyclables) \$27.50 per month

No other bid packages or responses were received. Mr. Getz explained that each option involved an increase in cost, which led the Council, all of whom are citizens of the Borough, to determine the best option would be to select Option 2, which would continue service as previously provided. He explained the Agenda for each Council meeting is posted online and at the Borough Hall, and that the bid process had been advertised in *The Carlisle Sentinel* ahead of the February meeting.

Ms. Clark questioned if the bag tag option, where citizens may purchase a tag for each bag of trash set out for collection. Mr. Getz explained that only the four options previously reviewed were included in the bids. It was suggested that perhaps a call to Waste Management may find them agreeable to such an arrangement, though, this may violate the terms of the contract. It was also explained that citizens do not have the option to decline services to avoid payment. Ms. Clark reasoned that if all utilities increase at the same rate as the trash service, citizens with a fixed income will find it difficult to continue their current standard of living.

Mr. Simmons pointed out that the Borough contracts only for trash services; water, electricity, sewage, etc. are determined and billed through other entities. He stressed that Advanced Waste had significantly undercut all other bidders, which eventually forced them out of business.

Mr. Sheely clarified that a pre-bid meeting had been conducted to discuss the options listed in the bid package. He reported that recycling used to be profitable for trash haulers; however, now the companies must pay to unload recyclables. Republic Waste did not like the options and determined not to bid. Council did not desire to decrease services while increasing the cost of services.

Mr. Snyder echoed his concern regarding the increase in the rates for trash services. He also wanted to make Mr. Getz aware that on the south side of East Green Street snow takes much longer to melt and the road crew does not come close to the curb despite cars being removed due to being a snow emergency route. Mr. Getz thanked Mr. Snyder for making him aware of the situation and will advise the road crew that pushing snow to the curb on both sides of Green Street is necessary to keep the emergency route open.

Mr. Ercolino thanked the Council for acting on his request to make North High Street a one-way street. He questioned if citizens may not opt out of trash services provided by Waste Management if they had the freedom to opt in. It was explained that the Borough puts out to bid for trash services for all citizens of the Borough for the health and safety of all; therefore, the Council acts on behalf of all citizens of the Borough in this matter.

Ms. Kane reported that she has concerns about the security issues on South Stoner and Chestnut Streets. She reported that on April 4, 2022, an incident had occurred, and she alerted the Shiremanstown Police Department offering access to her security cameras. She reported that others with security cameras also volunteered to share with the Shiremanstown Police Department. She also informed Chief Stoner that the police may park in her drive to observe first-hand any issues which the neighborhood finds disturbing.

Mr. Cook stated that he and Ms. Moore were interested in purchasing a portion of Walnut Circle currently owned by the Borough. Mr. Getz explained this would be addressed under the President's Report.

Ms. Watson reminded Council they had requested that volunteers provide clearances to the Council, since they may encounter children during their activities. She questioned, as a former member of the Council, if all Council members have completed their clearances as well. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Lagerholm were reminded they had not yet turned in the clearances and should do so by the May meeting of Council.

Ms. O'Leary reported that the trash truck had sped past the bus stop while students were waiting at the corner of South Stoner and Green Street at 7:50 AM the previous Wednesday. Mr. Simmons will bring the issue to the attention of Waste Management and encouraged any citizen who witnesses such carelessness to call Waste Management immediately and report it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Getz explained that an agenda is published ahead of Council meetings and Council is expected to adhere to the items listed. Citizens are generally given 3 - 5 minutes to address concerns to Council during the Citizens Report. Otherwise, they must ask permission and wait to be called upon to express their opinions.

Ms. Watson, previously an appointed member to Council, had been the liaison between the Council and the Shiremanstown Fire Department. Mr. Getz described that during her tenure, she pursued the requirements set by Council in an exemplary and professional manner. During this time, financial reports and background checks were received in a timely manner. She has continued to graciously act in this position despite not being a current member of Council; however, it had been brought to Mr. Getz's attention that an official appointment should be made for this position. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to re-appoint Ms. Watson as the liaison between the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Borough Council. Mr. Homer seconded the motion, and the motion passed six to one, with Ms. Mullen O'Leary voting against it.

Continued construction activity and a walking path between the development being built on South Locust Street in Lower Allen Township and the Borough were discussed. Previously, the company had made waste of the tree line on Borough property and on the previous Tuesday, construction on a walking path to sidewalks in the Borough had begun. Work on the crosswalk had been stopped at the property line of the Borough. The contractor was instructed to present to Council a view of the proposed walking path that is not someone's back yard prior to approval for a path. Ms. Mullen-O'Leary questioned if a fee could be assessed against the contractor to replace damages already done. Mrs. Alloway stated that the contractor, Abel Construction, tends to be responsive and that she would be contacting them later in the week to resolve the issue.

Mr. Cook explained that as a resident on Walnut Circle where construction is underway, they wanted to make Council aware that he and Ms. Moore would be interested in purchasing a portion of the Borough's right-of-way as an addition to their property for privacy and recreational use. Mr. Sheely, addressing Mr. Cook, explained that the Borough's right-of-way is 50 feet wide by 7,500 feet long, and for the Borough to deed a portion of that right-of-way, he would need to draw up an agreement including a price he is willing to pay for a designated area. Addressing the Council, Mr. Sheely reminded them they must consider what they Borough may wish to use this right-of-way for in the future while keeping storm water issues and regulations in mind. Mr. Cook was advised to present to Council a proposal for subdividing the right-of-way.

Mr. Bolden of Gibson-Thomas Engineering had emailed following the March Council meeting providing information regarding the installation of Flashing Warning Devices (FWDs). He explained that PennDOT would require a maintenance agreement to be in place with a vendor to maintain these devices, and these devices are considered signal equipment. If the Borough wanted to pursue, there is the potential for grant money to cover the cost. ARLE grants are available, and submission of the applications typically occur in the June. Information regarding the FWDs had previously been provided to Council.

Adam Fisler had noticed an ad on the Borough's Facebook page looking for volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee. Mr. Fisler is a Borough resident and works at a local architecture/engineering firm. Ms. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to appoint Mr. Fisler to the Planning Committee. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed. The Secretary will provide Mr. Fisler's contract information to Mrs. Alloway for the next Planning Committee meeting.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Getz had nothing new to report.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Getz noted that the latest meeting was tabletop training on tornados and flooding. He announced that due to the meetings for Council of Governments and Local Emergency Management frequently conflicting, while pointing out that he had been appointed as the Local Emergency Management Coordinator by the Governor, he asked that any Council member willing to attend the Council of Governments meetings contact him.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

With warmer weather approaching, the maintenance department and road crew will be painting crosswalks.

The Sunoco gas card used by Borough vehicles recently expired. While it was possible for the operators to use Borough credit cards while waiting for the Sunoco card to be reactivated. Mr. Getz would like to investigate the possibility of fleet cards through the Council of Governments.

Port-a-Johns in the Borough parks had been installed; however, they were not ADA compliant. The issue has been resolved.

SANITATION

Mr. Simmons had nothing additional beyond items already discussed.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of March 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Five zoning permits, one building permit, and one sidewalk permit had been issued in for a total of \$184.50 (one hundred eighty-four dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

The Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Borough Hall.

Mrs. Alloway stated that she has had only one person come to her office during the Thursday evening hours and approached Council with the request that she change her hours, and if necessary, reserve Thursday evenings for appointments. Mr. Getz requested that Mrs. Alloway come up with a schedule that she feels would best serve the Borough and be suitable to her as well and present it to the Council at the May meeting.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

There were issues reported at 305 East Green Street and 7 South Rupp Avenue. Mr. Bretz was made aware of the issues.

West Shore Christian School had received two proposals for school zone signs. One for \$27,408 (twenty-seven thousand four hundred eight dollars) and one for \$25,010 (twenty-five thousand ten dollars). The school determined that this was cost prohibitive for them and suggested perhaps the Borough would help cover the cost. Discussion followed regarding other possible solutions, including speed bumps, or redirecting traffic. Mr. Homer will contact the school requesting a representative attend the May meeting to participate in the discussion and seek a solution.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Mullen O'Leary reported that with the decrease in COVID 19 case numbers, masks are now optional. The topic of bullying had also been addressed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Shiremanstown Fire Department had collaborated with the Shiremanstown Parks and Recreation Committee in the Annual Easter Egg Hunt by transporting the Easter Bunny throughout the Borough and leading participants to Memorial Park.

Council and the community were reminded of the May 14, 2022, Community Days and the celebration to be hosted in the parking lot of Bible Baptist Church from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Tankersly thanked the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Easter Bunny for contributing to the success of the Easter Egg Hunt. Mr. Bretz questioned why the Egg Hunt had started prior to the advertised start time while people were still arriving. Mr. Tankersly explained that it was a miscommunication, and that the Recreation Committee had already discussed possible ways to avoid such mishaps in the future.

The first meeting requesting volunteers for the Borough's celebration of the sesquicentennial will be held in the Borough Building on Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 1:00 PM

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz had nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

March

Complaints Rec'd	21	Traffic	27
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	4
Assist. Other Depts.	8	Verbal Warn	3
PD Revenue	\$ 805.64	Parking Tkts	1
		Written Warn	7

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	207.0	2
Montgomery	207.0	19
Shaughnessy	24.0	0
Holley	57.0	3
Hutcheson	27.0	0
Hall	24.0	3
Gelnett	18.0	0
Kitzmilller	0.0	0

Citations for the month included fifteen (15) for speeding, five (5) for expired inspections, three (3) for expire registrations, one (1) for summary offense, one (1) for careless driving, and two (2) for driving without a license. Non-traffic citations were four (4) for curfew violations.

Discussion regarding the minimum fine for parking tickets was addressed. While all members were in favor of the fee increasing from \$10 (ten dollars) to a higher amount, Officer Montgomery relayed that Chief Stoner was adamant that it should not be increased beyond \$20 (twenty dollars) to discourage repeat offenders without being overly harsh on those who may have missed signage, etc. Mr. Sheely felt that due to most parking tickets being issued during the street sweeping efforts, there is a gray area due to those violations being related to the MS4 permit. He asked the item be added to the Agenda for the May meeting.

Mrs. Getz asked that the police be aware of some drivers taking advantage of the two-hour parking by overstaying. Officer Montgomery asked that when this is a concern, the police be alerted, so they may return and ticket any violators.

Mayor Dailey reported she and Chief Stoner had completed a site inspection on West Vine Street. Explaining they had first driven at the posted twenty-five mile per hour speed limit followed by driving at thirty-five miles per hour, she had been shocked to realize the difference. At the Chief's request, Hampden Township had installed

tracking equipment on West Vine Street for fourteen days, ten of which were school days. Results showed that the average speed was 29.7 miles per hour and that no one had exceeded thirty-five miles per hour. There was one incident at 4:00 AM where a speed of fifty miles per hour was recorded. In her opinion, it does not make sense to station police officers on Vine Street on a regular basis, but rather have them there on random occasions to monitor and remind motorists.

Mayor Dailey and Chief Stoner had also visited the Spruce Street site. The Chief has been instructed to determine the best signage options for this site.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Getz reported that the previous Council had discussed security on the Borough Building. He feels this is particularly urgent since weapons, ammunition, and evidence are housed in the building. He instructed the Mayor to task Chief Stoner on requesting proposals for securing the building and the adjoining park.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Getz reported Mr. Bretz had provided a list of all equipment which needs to be housed within the new garage, and those on the committee for the new Borough garage had met and devised a hand-drawn plan of a building approximately 50 feet by 100 feet. A copy was available for any member of Council or the public to review following the meeting. Mr. Bretz had provided a list of all equipment which needs to be housed within the new garage. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Council President to reach out to the Borough Engineer to put a formal proposal together. With a second from Ms. Mullen O'Leary, the motion was approved.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mullen-O'Leary and carried.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M. With a second from Ms. Mullen O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary