

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting August 8, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
David Lagerholm
Carol Mullen O'Leary

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Esq., Solicitor
Janna Colechio, Secretary

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Lagerholm and seconded by Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the minutes of the July 11, 2022, Council Meeting were approved with the following change:

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz has received information regarding flags recognizing veterans, and she would like to see this as a possible project the Borough would be interested in. Also, the same company makes signs suitable to advertise the celebration of the Borough's sesquicentennial in 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CITIZENS REPORT

No citizens signed in.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ordinance 419, changing and modifying the codification of Ordinances of the Borough of Shiremanstown, Chapter XII, Section 7-1027 and 7-1028 and appendixes to establish STOP signs at the intersection of East Green and South Stoner was advertised in *The Sentinel* July 30, 2022, and was now ready for Council's consideration. Mrs. Getz made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as advertised and previously discussed by Council. With a second from Mr. Lagerholm, the motion passed unanimously.

A recent right-to-know request had been received from The Patriot News. In part, the request asked for an official picture of the Chief of Police for an upcoming article. Having no official picture, the Secretary was advised to add this item to the agenda for Council's consideration. Through discussion, it was Council's opinion that there was no need to adopt an official photograph policy for the police chief or other employees of the Borough.

Kirk Petroski of South Locust Street has emailed the Mayor hoping to lower the speed limit on South Locust Street to discourage "drag racing and large trucks traveling through." He indicated that he has also emailed Lower Allen Township with this request, since half of South Locust Street is in their jurisdiction. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, a

resident of South Locust Street, noted that she has never observed any drag racing on South Locust Street. Chief Stoner agreed to reach out to Mr. Petroski for further details.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Dr. Mullen-O’Leary reported that at the Council of Governments meeting held on July 18, 2022, discussion focused on the use of solar panels and potential grants for their installation and use by municipalities.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

The district has abolished the alternate in-school/remote learning days for the 2022-2023 school year. All classes will be in-person beginning the first day of school on August 29, 2022.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Getz reported there had been no meetings scheduled throughout the summer.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz questioned if each crosswalk with ADA ramps is required to be marked. Solicitor Sheely’s opinion was that any place there is an intersection, it is presumed that the pedestrian has the right-of-way. Chief Stoner is going to inquire if the Borough is required to mark each ADA accessible crossing in a particular manner.

The sink hole which developed at Manor Park has been filled.

SANITATION

Due to Mr. Simmons absence, President Getz reviewed that there had been a call received that trash was not being picked up uniformly throughout the Borough, and when citizens called in they were advised their trash would be picked up the following day (Thursday), and on Thursday when trash remained at the curb, they were advised that it would be picked up on the next regular trash day the following Wednesday. Discussion ensued as to whether this could possibly be a matter of the non-payment by the customer; however, President Getz reminded Council that it is in the contract that service is to continue while Waste Management pursues payment. Dr. Mullen-O’Leary reported that she has heard of the trash totes being taken and customers being told that it is due to non-payment. President Getz will return the call received at the Borough and plan for Mr. Simmons, Mr. Isabella, and himself to meet regarding these complaints. Mr. Sheely recommended that when this contract expires, Council may want to take into consideration the recent illumination given on recycling and perhaps bid the contract in a different manner.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer’s Report for the month of July 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Three building permits, one sidewalk permit, and three zoning permits had been issued for a total of \$1,083.50 (one thousand eighty-three dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

The Planning Commission met with all members in attendance and reviewed discussion of swimming pools and Airbnb situations continued. They have asked if it is possible to

add a survey to the Borough's website to gather public input on these issues. It was determined that if a survey, such as monkey survey, be used that it would require some sort of identification process to ensure that only Borough residents would be eligible to complete the survey. The Secretary will contact the web master to inquire of the cost and possibility of adding a survey to the Borough's website.

Both properties in the Borough acting as Airbnbs have ceased operating in that manner.

A meeting is scheduled with Barry Isett and the Planning Committee to review plans for a rental inspection ordinance. Mr. Sheely advised Mrs. Alloway that the previous Planning Committee had drafted an ordinance; however, the issue of the frequency of inspections had never been resolved. He agreed to provide a copy of the draft ordinance to Mrs. Alloway for the Planning Committee to use as a first draft for a new ordinance if necessary.

When the weather cools, Mrs. Alloway will start walking throughout the Borough and advising property owners of any repairs that are necessary to be compliant.

An email requesting information regarding food trucks operating within the Borough had been received. The Solicitor advised that PennDOT has parking regulations that the Chief of Police could confirm to ensure there are no conflicts for such businesses to operate within the Borough.

The property owner at the corner of Railroad Avenue and West Vine Street has planted grass in the right-of-way where a sidewalk once existed forcing pedestrians to either walk on the street to avoid the area or walk through the area. The owner is now hoping to install a fence to prohibit pedestrians walking through the grassy area. Considerable discussion ensued including the issue of corner properties having two front sides. Council advised Mrs. Alloway, that as the Zoning Codes Enforcement Officer, she should advise the owner that the sidewalk should be re-installed. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary took exception with this policy.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Due to Mr. Homer's absence, there was no report; however, President Getz reported that Mr. Homer continues to work with West Shore Christian Academy in resolving the traffic issue on West Vine Street by having the donated signs installed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Fire Department is planning a public yard sale on September 10, 2022, in the Bible Baptist Church parking lot. Fliers will be provided closer to the date of the event. R&K Sandwich Sale is underway.

Financial and activity statements were provided to Mr. Getz.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Hot Dog Palooza was hosted by the Recreation Committee on July 21 at 6:00 PM. Due to a sinkhole in Manor Park, the event was relocated to Memorial Park.

Halloween Bash is scheduled for October 22, 2022, in Memorial Park beginning at 6:00 P.M.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz had nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

July

Complaints Rec'd	27	Traffic	32
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	6	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 420.51	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	8

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests	
Stoner	189.0	2	
Montgomery	189.0	30	
Shaughnessy	44.0	0	
Holley	9.0	0	
Hutcheson	0.0	0	
Hall	9.0	0	
Gelnett	9.0	0	
Kitzmilller	0.0	0	

Citations for the month included 23 (twenty-three) for speeding, 3 (three) for expired inspection, 2 (two) for expire registration, 2 (two) summary offenses, 1 (one) for careless driving, and 1 (one) for driving without a license.

Despite the heat, National Night Out attracted a large crowd to enjoy the festivities and food. The Mayor thanked the Shiremanstown Fire Department for their participation and overseeing most of the games. Appreciation for the donation by Mr. Simmons of Rita's Italian Ice was given.

The cameras were ordered and on special, so the total cost was \$795.00 (seven hundred ninety-five dollars).

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing to additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A survey of local municipalities regarding Trick or Treat Night had been circulated. Chief Stoner was asked to check with Lower Allen Township, who had not yet responded to the email, to determine their plans. It was agreed that with the Borough bordering Lower Allen Township, the Borough should continue to follow the Township's lead and host Trick or Treat at the same time.

PA PERRCS announced they would be going out of business and no longer providing emergency response for traffic signals effective Friday, August 5, 2022. A letter had been received in the mail on Monday, August 8, 2022, from Signal Service, Inc. in West Chester, Pennsylvania offering to provide a formal proposal. Discussion regarding the need to have the flashing school signs re-set for the start of the school year and any potential emergency repairs to the traffic signal owned by the Borough at Main Street and Saint Johns Road followed. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary expressed displeasure at the short notice; however, it was reiterated that PERCS had emailed stating they were no longer providing services Friday prior to the Council meeting. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize Chief Stoner to work with the appropriate officials in the area to see if the Borough could obtain lower rates by linking with a larger municipality to obtain a lower rate with a reliable and reasonably priced provider. With a second from Mr. Lagerholm, the motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary