

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
Bryan Homer
Matt Simmons
Carol Mullen O’Leary
W. Grant Tankersly

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Esq., Solicitor
George W. Lane, CPA, Treasurer
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 Mrs. Getz and seconded by Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the minutes of the June 13, 2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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

CITIZENS REPORT

Citizens Present:

Don Isabella
Mary deCoen
Jeff de Coen

Representative for Waste Management
410 East Main Street
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Ms. deCoen reported that she had not had any feedback regarding a borough non-profit willing to apply for a grant through Capital Region Civitan Organization to provide additional access to Memorial Park for the benefit children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The grants for 2022 have now been granted; however, the next round of grants will be determined in April 2023. Fire Chief McCutcheon established that the Shiremanstown Fire Department was willing to act as the 501c3 non-profit to apply for the grant for the betterment of Memorial Park. Mr. Tankersly agreed to act as the liaison between Capital Region Civitan Organization, the Borough as the property owner of the park, and the Shiremanstown Fire Department. Mr. Simmons made a motion that the Borough agree to accept the gift of upgraded equipment and installation of such equipment in Memorial Park through the potential receipt of a grant. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Prior to conceding the floor to Mr. Isabella regarding the perceived comingling of recyclables with solid waste, Mr. Getz noted that containers are often not returned to the side of the streets or alleys, rather they are dropped in the middle of the street right-of-way making a path for vehicles impossible without stopping to return containers to the side of the street or onto a curb. Mr. Isabella agreed to report to his crews that this is not an acceptable practice, and that all reusable containers are to

be returned to the original point of pick-up. Addressing complaints received that recycling was being comingled with solid waste, Mr. Isabella reported that frequently items are placed in the recycling bins that are not acceptable for recycling. Items include plastic shopping bags, plastic children's toys, five-gallon buckets, cardboard pizza boxes with food or oil residue. Often items that are recyclable; however, not cleaned and gathering flies and maggots, are considered contaminated, and therefore, not acceptable. Since the crew does not have time to sort through all recycling, a tag system has been established, so the resident is aware of what items have caused their recycling to be left for the regular solid waste, giving the appearance of comingling by Waste Management. In discussion, Council acknowledged this is an area that Waste Management, as the hauler, needs to educate the public to avoid undesirable results; however, it was questioned how residents are more guilty of environmental infractions by improperly disposing of "undesirable" recyclables than Waste Management whose trucks frequently leave trails of debris, such as broken glass, oil, and trash secretions on the Borough's streets. Mr. Isabella denied any knowledge of this and requested that any incidents like this be immediately reported to him. The Secretary requested information that may be posted on the Borough's website and Facebook page to better educate the public on the recycling topic.

Chief Stoner updated Council on the ongoing search for a security system for the Borough Campus, which included print outs of three systems under consideration for the Council's review. After detailed discussion and comparison of the three systems, Mr. Tankersly requested that enough cameras be purchased to cover Memorial Park as well as the interior and exterior of the Borough Hall. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize Chief Stoner to purchase the equipment needed through Lorex not to exceed \$1500.00 (one thousand five hundred dollars). Dr. Mullen-O'Leary seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The ARLE grant application for crosswalk signals on Main Street has been completed and submitted for review.

Chief Stoner has been in contact with Jeremy at the River Rock Academy regarding the unused School Zone traffic signs on South Locust Street. They are not used by River Rock Academy, and they are willing to allow them to be transferred to West Vine Street to control traffic there at West Shore Christian Academy's expense. Mr. Getz commended Chief Stoner for his work in procuring the signs worth an approximate cost of \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the cost of relocating and asked him to work with Mrs. Alloway and Mr. Homer in ensuring they are placed properly.

The Mayor, Mrs. Getz, the Secretary, and members of the Shiremanstown Fire Department have been collaborating to celebrate the first post-COVID National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, in Memorial Park from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize Mrs. Getz to have signs made to advertise the event not to exceed \$200 (two hundred dollars). With a second from Dr. Mullen O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

Kymerlee Priest, Property Manager at Morris Property Rentals, sent an inquiry regarding use of the park grills and what to do with the coals that would be used in them. It was determined that the coals should be allowed to burn out, and the

maintenance department will dispose of them properly. Mr. Tankersly agreed to respond to Ms. Priest's email.

The contractor for the project on South Locust Street has proposed a single row of six-foot trees for the two hundred twenty-five feet of area affected by the previous destruction. They are also inquiring about the walking paths from the Lower Allen project site into the Borough. The property is being sold once again, and a response is needed from this meeting. After considerable review, it was determined that the walking paths extend over private property into the Borough and serve no advantage to Borough citizens. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a letter denying crosswalk access. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary reported that the Council of Governments is scheduled to meet on Monday, July 18, 2022.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Mullen O'Leary reported that the Board does not meet in July; however, meetings will resume on August 9, 2022.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Getz reported that painting of traffic lines and parking spaces on the Borough streets will take place when the supply of street/sidewalk paint is available again.

Philip Brath, the Borough Engineer, is available to meet with the Building Committee on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 PM. President Getz, Mrs. Getz, and Dr. Mullen-O'Leary all confirmed they would be available to meet with Mr. Brath at that time. Either President Getz or Dr. Mullen-O'Leary will ensure that Mr. Bland is made aware of the meeting.

SANITATION

Mr. Simmons had nothing to add to the discussion from earlier in the meeting.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of June 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Four building permits, and one sidewalk permit had been issued for a total of \$1,058.50 (one thousand fifty-eight dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

The property owner of 301 West Maple Avenue, who has been running an Airbnb from a single-family property, has agreed to discontinue renting the property in such a manner; however, they have requested the Borough allow the tenants to remain until their current leases expire. Mrs. Alloway asked for Council's guidance in this matter. Discussion as to the legality of an Airbnb within a single-family residential zone and

the Borough’s ordinance regulating such rentals followed with Mrs. Alloway emphasizing that there are building code issues and safety concerns when a single-family home rents rooms to multiple tenants. It was also relayed to the Council that for an individual to advertise their “home” on Airbnb, they must assure that the home is approved by local authorities for such use. Mr. Sheely stressed that matters such as this should not be discussed at Council meetings, that Mrs. Alloway is the appointed Codes Enforcement Officer, who is responsible to respond and work with those in violations of Borough ordinances, and Council should refrain from overruling her on such matters.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Homer reported that he had just received a message regarding a potential sink hole at 403 West Main Street. He will investigate the issue with Mr. Bretz and Mr. Getz.

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.

Financial and activity statements were provided to Mr. Getz.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Hot Dog Palooza will be hosted by the Recreation Committee in Manor Park on July 21 at 6:00 PM.

Plans for a Halloween Bash are underway for the autumn.

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.

MAYOR’S REPORT

June

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| Complaints Rec’d | 33 | Traffic | 7 |
| Criminal | 1 | Non-Traffic | 3 |
| Assist. Other Depts. | 9 | Verbal Warn | 2 |
| PD Revenue | \$ 559.10 | Parking Tkts | 1 |
| | | Written Warn | 7 |

| Officer | Hours | Traffic Tickets/Arrests |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Stoner | 198.0 | 0 |
| Montgomery | 198.0 | 3 |

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| Shaughnessy | 30.0 | | 0 |
| Holley | 18.0 | 1 | |
| Hutcheson | 27.0 | 0 | |
| Hall | 26.0 | | 1 |
| Gelnett | 9.0 | | 2 |
| Kitzmilller | 9.0 | 0 | |

Citations for the month included 3 (three) for speeding, 2 (two) for expired inspection 1 (one) STOP sign violation, and 1 (one) motorcycle license required. The non-traffic citations were for 1 (one) for public drunkenness, 1 (one) for disorderly conduct, and 1 (one) for harassment.

Following concerns of the Mayor and Council President, Officer Montgomery and Officer Hall have been researching the use of body cameras for the police department. Three quotes were considered. Motorola provides three body cameras and two in-car cameras with no storage fee for \$13,695 (thirteen thousand six hundred ninety-five dollars). Axon Etnerprise, Inc. offers two body cameras, no car cameras and storage fees with a five-year contract for \$18,365.65 (eighteen thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents), and Visual Labs, Inc., provided a quote for a smart phone body camera with a monthly fee of \$75 (seventy-five dollars) and one smartphone to be used as a component of an in-vehicle camera with a monthly fee of \$95 (ninety-five dollars). The Motorola system is in use in surrounding police, including Lower Allen Township Police Department and is highly recommended by them.

A quote from 2019 for the cNET system of issuing citations and accident reports that are then directly transmitted to the office of the District Judge was considered. Officer Hall has contacted various departments currently using this system and no problems or concerns were reported. For the five months remaining in 2022, there would be a one-time \$250 (two hundred fifty dollar) connection fee and then \$405 (four hundred five dollars) for a total of \$655 (six hundred fifty-five dollars) for the remainder of 2022. Year 2 would be \$971 (nine hundred seventy-one dollars.) At any time, the Borough could choose to stop using the system and a refund would be made for any portion remaining at the time of cancellation.

Mr. Getz questioned the Treasurer if there were any concerns financially for the purchase of the discussed systems. Mr. Lane responded that the budget was not a factor for either issue. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize Chief Stoner to purchase Motorola system of police body cameras. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed.

Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize the Shiremanstown Police Department to move forward with the use of the cNET technology for citations and accident reports. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion carried.

Chief Stoner requested anyone with home security cameras around South Locust or East Main Street to please check their cameras for a male Caucasian with a black baseball cap and no shirt, who broke and entered a home on East Main on Sunday, July 10, 2022, between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. He fled the house and was last sighted

running toward Vine Street. Chief Hutcheson assured Chief Stoner he would check the cameras at the Shiremanstown firehouse.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing to additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS

James B. Crowley submitted a resume requesting his name be added to the list of candidates to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board. It was determined that an alternate can be added to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Simmons made a motion to appoint Mr. Crowley to the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary