

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting May 9, 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

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

Mr. Tankersly was absent due to two family medical emergencies. Mr. Lane was absent due to exposure to COVID. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Mullen-O'Leary and seconded by Mrs. Getz, the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

CITIZENS REPORT

Citizens Present:

Richard Prether
Maria Theodoratos
Road

10 West Vine Street
First National Bank, 5032 Simpson Ferry

Mr. Prether voiced his concerns regarding morning traffic on West Vine Street due to an increasing number of parents and school buses dropping students at the West Shore Christian Academy. He described how he had witnessed a near pedestrian accident involving Council Member Homer's wife and children trying to cross Vine Street. It is his desire to have a police presence on West Vine Street between 7:15 and 8:00 AM. Mr. Homer confirmed that there had been an incident involving his wife and children and voiced his concern as well. He would like to have the speed limit lowered to 15 mph or post the area as a school zone with hours of operation made highly visible. Mayor Dailey reiterated that 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. Officer Montgomery supported the Mayor adding that there are no lines for police to clock and enforce speed, and the traffic study indicated that it is a matter of perception more than of actual speed. The Mayor agreed to speak with Chief Stoner regarding increased patrol of Vine Street during morning drop off of students. If the speed limit is to be lowered, it will require an ordinance to make the speed enforceable.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Getz introduced Ms. Theodoratos as the branch manager of First National Bank (FNB), the bank which the Borough's accounts are currently held. Ms. Theodoratos related the Borough has a long-term relation with FNB, and with the understanding the Borough may be considering a building project and major improvements, she is happy to work with the specialists in her field to obtain the best possible rate for such loans. She informed Council that it is best to provide information on the project early to obtain the best type of financing available.

The issue of increasing fines for temporary parking restrictions was discussed. Mr. Sheely had distributed copies of Section 7 of the Borough's Code of Ordinances highlighting Section 7-1008 Temporary Parking Restrictions - particularly subsection (a) giving authority to institute temporary parking restrictions to facilitate leaf and snow removal and maintenance of borough streets to the chairperson of the Streets and Pavement Committee, or in his or her absence, by the President of the Borough Council; and subsection (c) stating any person who violates a provision the restrictions shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. Discussion regarding what would comprise costs followed. Officer Montgomery explained that it has been his experience in the Borough as well in previous positions outside the Borough, that "costs" generally were the cost incurred if the citation was turned over to the local District Judge for enforcement. Also deliberated was the need for street signs to clearly indicate the date and time frame to reinforce the issuance of such citations by the police. Mayor Dailey will discuss with Chief Stoner the need for special parking tickets with the increased cost for violations to be printed.

Mr. Beardmore addressed the Council regarding efforts by West Shore Christian School to better control the traffic situation on West Vine Street. He explained that the school has only one way onto the campus and one way leaving, which has added to the problem. He also conceded that the number of parents and the speed at which they drive on West Vine Street for student drop off in the morning is a problem. He has communicated to parents their need to slow their speed and be mindful of pedestrians, which, in his opinion, seemed to lessen the problem. He reported that he had investigated the use of flashing school crossing signs such as the one installed on West Main Street and discovered that the costs for a solar sign is \$27,000 (twenty-seven thousand dollars) and the cost for an electrically operated sign is \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars). Mr. Getz agreed to reach out for additional recommendations for the signs and investigate the possibility of grants available to the school; however, he also cautioned the traffic dilemma was not caused by the Borough but developed when traffic was re-routed by the school. Agreeing that after initial communication to parents and bus companies had helped, it has not been consistent. He suggested the possibility of standard metal signs labeled "school" with LED lights may be a more economical route for the school to follow.

Due to the Council of Government (COG) meetings being scheduled during the same time as the Local Emergency Management Coordinator meetings, Mr. Getz had previously requested a volunteer to accept the position as representative to COG meetings. He announced that Dr. Mullen-O'Leary had volunteered to accept this responsibility. Mr. Simmons made a motion to appoint Dr. Mullen-O'Leary as the Borough's representative to the Council of Governments. With a second from Mr.

Homer, the motion passed unanimously. Any correspondence the Secretary receives from COG will be forwarded to Dr. Mullen-O'Leary.

Mrs. Alloway petitioned Council to make a change in her established office hours. Stating that in her time as zoning officer, she has had only three residents/contractors come in or call during the evening hours, she believes changing to full days on Tuesday and Thursday would best serve the public. She requested her weekly hours be Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM, and if an evening appointment is necessary, it could be scheduled. Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the change to the Zoning Officer's office hours effective the week of May 16, 2022. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Dailey and Chief Stoner have investigated various security systems to protect the Borough Campus. The LOREX security camera system which involves no monthly fees is the preferred system. Mr. Getz requested that a plan be selected involving all costs and presented to Council for the June meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to contact the Borough Engineer requesting the permits for the flashing warning devices be obtained from PennDOT and submission of the ARLE grant for flashing warning devices at the intersections of West Main Street and Rupp Avenue, Railroad Avenue and Main Street, and East Main Street and Church Street be made.

Mrs. Getz had requested the soil in the planter at the entrance of Memorial Park be changed, so that flowers planted in its garden may thrive. Mr. Bretz was advised to remove the packed soil and replace it a more suitable gardening soil.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Getz again thanked Dr. Mullen-O'Leary for accepting the position of COG representative.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Getz had nothing new to report.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz inquired about the number of American flags needed for decorating Main Street for the Summer season.

SANITATION

The issue of speeding trucks has been addressed with Mr. Stang.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of April 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Seven building permits, and one sidewalk permit had been issued for a total of \$626.50 (six hundred twenty-six dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

The Planning Committee had met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Two of the four members were absent due to exposure to COVID. The President, Vice President and Secretary

were appointed, and copies of ordinances, zoning reports and the zoning map were provided to the members. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022; however, the president and secretary will be out of town.

A meeting with the landscaper for the 145 South Locust Street development is scheduled.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

A depression originally believed to have been a sinkhole was discovered to be on privately owned property. A breach in a tile sewage line had caused the surrounding ground to sink. The hole was left open for another company to come in and repair and patch the area.

Dr. Mullen O’Leary thanked the Mayor, Police Department, and the Council for the warning signs placed about the neighborhood of South Spruce Street and Locust Alley.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Mullen O’Leary reported that students are currently taking the Penn System of School Assessment (PSSA) exams. Graduation is scheduled for June 3, 2022.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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 reported that despite mending many flags flown on Main Street, the wear and tear is more than can be repaired. She requested that Council consider the purchase of additional flags. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the purchase of additional flags and kits not to exceed \$500 (five hundred dollars). With a second from Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

April

Complaints Rec’d	49	Traffic	36
Criminal	4	Non-Traffic	6
Assist. Other Depts.	12	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 1,102.49	Parking Tkts	42
		Written Warn	6

Officer Hours

Traffic Tickets/Arrests

Stoner	189.0		2
Montgomery	189.0		30
Shaughnessy	41.5		0
Holley	45.0	1	
Hutcheson	0.0	0	
Hall	18.5		1
Gelnett	18.0		2
Kitzmilller	0.0	0	

Citations for the month included twenty-three (23) for speeding, six (6) for expired inspections, three (3) for driving without a license, one (1) for driving a motorcycle without a license, one (1) for motorcycle protective equipment, one (1) for summary offense, and one (1) for method of turning. Non-traffic citations included five (5) for failure to pay parking ticket and one (1) disorderly conduct.

Mayor Dailey announce that Chief Stoner has requested consideration for the hiring of a part-time police officer. Nathan Moyer was recommended by Officer Holley, who presently works with him at Fort Indiantown Gap. Mr. Moyer has experience with another police department in the Williamsport area; however, he is seeking a part-time position closer to home. He has been interviewed by both Chief Stoner and Officer Montgomery who feel he would be an excellent addition to the Shiremanstown Police Department. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize the hiring of Mr. Moyer as soon as possible. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor will be asking Chief Stoner to conduct a traffic study at the intersection of South Stoner Avenue and East Green Street to provide recommendations for a four-way STOP to be installed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Sheely expressed interest in the Planning Committee pursuing a property maintenance policy.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Cindy Gaumer-Watson questioned if all Council members have submitted their Child Abuse History clearances and PSP criminal history clearance. Mr. Simmons reported he did have his; however, he did not bring it to the Council meeting. Mr. Lagerholm said he has not yet received his. Mr. Getz reminded each to provide their clearances prior to the next meeting.

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 Dr. Mullen-O'Leary and carried.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary

