

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting October 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Getz, President  
Lucy Getz  
David Lagerholm  
Matthew Simmons  
W. Grant Tankersly

**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. Tankersly and seconded by Mr. Lagerholm, the minutes of the September 12 ,2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Mr. David Shiner, President of the Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels (MAMOW), gave a brief presentation regarding the services provided through MAMOW to the homebound elderly in Mechanicsburg Borough, Upper Allen and Lower Allen Townships, Monroe Township, Silver Spring Township, East Pennsboro Township, and Shiremanstown Borough. In 2021, volunteers served over 47,800 meals. An average thirty-three percent of the meals provided are free of charge or partial pay. MAMOW is not affiliated with the national organization of Meals on Wheels and can only continue their work based on donations and volunteer help.

**CITIZENS REPORT**

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Richard Prether  
Dave Dyson

**ADDRESS**

Strawberry Alley  
Bible Baptist Church

Mr. Prether questioned the status of paving Strawberry Alley. Mr. Getz assured him that the worst parts of the Alley will be attended to first and improvements will continue from that starting point.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Shiremanstown Planning Commission provided recommendations for fee increases due to a lack of fee increases since 2010. The fees, if adopted, will be comparable to adjacent municipalities, and the increase will help cover administrative fees. Increases listed were:

Zoning Variance Fee  
Sidewalk Permits

Increase from \$300 to \$500  
Increase from \$5 to \$25

Zoning Permits  
Building Permits

increase from \$15 to \$50  
Increase from \$10 + 1% to \$50 + 1%

Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to approve a resolution adopting the fee increases as recommended by the Planning Commission. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the fireworks repeal were again discussed at length. It was suggested to contact the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs to inquire of any ordinances they are aware of being enacted and follow guidelines that others are successfully employing in their municipality.

The traffic on Vine Street directly related to the West Shore Christian Academy drop off times was again reviewed. Mr. Dyson conceded that the meeting between Mr. Homer, Mr. Beardmore, and himself had not been successfully arranged; however, he had conducted an informal traffic study and reported he saw no traffic back-up on Vine Street. Mrs. Alloway and Fire Chief McCutcheon disputed his findings both offering either pictures or footage from their home security cameras. Mr. Prether applauded the effectiveness of police presence in controlling traffic. Mr. Simmons acknowledged the additional police presence stating the Borough was doing what they could to ease the situation; however, he questioned what the school is doing or intends to do to help the small-town residents who are negatively impacted by the continual traffic issues and what solutions had they planned to present at the meeting which never took place.

Speaking for the school, Mr. Beardmore replied that the school now has its highest enrollment since 1990 with five hundred forty students currently enrolled. It was suggested to him that the school stagger start times by grade levels. Mr. Beardmore rejected this suggestion stating that parents will often drop off multiple students in different grades, and it would be unreasonable to expect them to drop off one or two and return later with an additional child. Another suggestion offered was to have parents drop students at a nearby parking lot (E.g., Trindle Bowl or Weis Market) not in use at that time and the school shuttle students from the drop off point to the school. This was also met with skepticism.

Mr. Sheely directed the school to look for creative solutions to the issue. He reminded them that the Council has access to govern traffic. Additionally, while acknowledging the increased student population is a “good problem” for the school, it brings increased responsibilities with the increased population and while the Council has been willing to help, the school must work with the Council.

#### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Due to Dr. Mullen O’Leary’s absence, there was no report.

#### **MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD**

Due to Dr. Mullen O’Leary’s absence, there was no report.

#### **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Meetings for the fall have reconvened, however, Mr. Getz had nothing new to report.

## **MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS**

There have been issues with Waste Management not picking up trash from the dumpster at the Borough Hall. The Secretary reported that two bills had been received by the Treasurer; however, it was believed they had been sent in error since the dumpster is to be provided free of charge to the municipality. Mr. Simmons will contact Waste Management to resolve the issue.

## **CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER**

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of September 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Two building permits, four sidewalk permits, and three zoning permits had been issued for a total of \$829.00 (eight hundred twenty-nine dollars) collected in fees.

The Planning Committee wanted to ensure Council is truly interested in a Rental Inspection Ordinance due to the increase in rental properties within the Borough.

## **STREETS AND PAVEMENTS**

Due to Mr. Homer's absence, there was no report.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Financial and activity statements were provided to Mr. Getz.

Fire Chief McCutcheon reported that October is a busy month for the fire company with it being fire prevention month, Halloween parades and parties, etc.

## **SOLID WASTE**

Mr. Simmons has had a few calls and encourages use of the online options for a better response from Waste Management.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The Halloween Party will be hosted in Memorial Park on October 22, 2022. There will be a bonfire as in recent years. The Committee requested \$400 in funding to purchase 15 dozen donuts and a Yard Jengo game. Mr. Laugerholm made a motion to provide \$400 for the purchases discussed. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of those interested in serving on the Sesquicentennial committee will be meeting on October 19, 2022, at the Borough Hall from 5:30 - 8:00 PM.

## **MAIN STREET**

Mrs. Getz reported she is preparing the lighted holiday decorations for the winter display.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**September**

Complaints Rec'd	34	Traffic	38
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	3
Assist. Other Depts.	8	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 934.21	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	8

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.0	1
Montgomery	200.0	36
Shaughnessy	30.0	0
Holley	0.0	0
Hutcheson	18.0	0
Hall	9.0	0
Moyer	18.0	0
Gelnett	18.0	1
Kitzmiller	0.0	0

Citations for the month included 1 (one) summary offense, 1 (one) STOP sign violation, 26 (twenty-six) speeding citations, 5 (five) expire inspections, 4 (four) expired registrations, 1 (one) driving without a license, and 3 (three) non traffic harassment citations.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sheely reminded Council that the Budget Workshop for the 2023 fiscal year has been advertised for November 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Secretary had talked with the Pennsylvania Game Commission regarding the recent coyote sightings in the Borough. The Commission did not express concern since such sightings are common in all sixty-seven counties of Pennsylvania. They did warn if coyotes were acting strangely to call immediately. A list of Nuisance Wildlife control Operators was provided to the Secretary and distributed to Council. It was noted these are private providers and not affiliated with the Game Commission nor paid by them.

**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 8:46 P.M. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary