

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting September 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
Bryan Homer
Carol Mullen O’Leary
Matthew Simmons
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 Mr. Homer and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the August 8, 2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of August 2022 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had nothing to add to the written report. Mrs. Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for August 2022 and file it for audit. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

The 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Shiremanstown Borough Police Pension Plan (21-072-3 P) had been prepared and previously distributed to Council. Mr. Lane explained that the Plan is currently over-funded and no additional funding is required for 2023.

Mr. Lane noted the receipt of the second ARPA installment of \$85,470.00 was received and noted under State Grants. He requested Council apply the funds to the police coverage needed throughout the COVID outbreak and to transfer the full amount of \$170,671.48 from the General Fund into the Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to transfer all monies received through the American Rescue Plan Act from the General Fund into the Capital Reserve Fund. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS REPORT

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Lee Bretz
Cindy Watson
Stevie Krpata

ADDRESS

12 North High Street
220 Walnut Circle
32 West Main Street

Mr. Bretz noted that traffic from the West Shore Christian Academy is causing a backup in traffic in the Borough. Mr. Getz reminded Council that Chief Stoner had acquired flashing signal lights from the River Rock Academy at no cost, and that it was left in the hands of the school to have them removed and put in place on Vine Street. Mr. Homer stated that there is an increase in traffic due to a boost in enrollment at the school, and the Borough needs to conduct a traffic study. Mr. Getz reiterated that it

was not the Borough that has caused the traffic problem, but the school. He recounted that when he was the property manager for Susquehanna Township Schools, there was a similar problem with parents dropping off and picking up students, and the District had been warned by the Township that it was their responsibility to control traffic or face a fine for lack of traffic control. Additionally, it is his opinion that the taxpayers of the Borough should not be expected to pay for improvements for an institution that is exempt from paying taxes. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary echoed the sentiments of Mr. Getz adding that if the problem has augmented due to an increased enrollment, then the School should have increased revenue to address the issue without use of Borough funds, and resolved quickly since it has been addressed with the school for a number of months already. Mr. Tankersly suggested the school employ traffic control personnel to keep traffic flow steady and moving, while Mr. Simmons suggested asking the police for any recommendations aside from the current issue, such as police or fire emergency situations. Mr. Sheely recommended that the school president be invited to the October Council meeting, giving both the Borough and the School opportunity to review the laws and determine if the use of the Bible Baptist facility has exceeded the ability for the school to properly address safety issues. The Secretary was instructed to include the issue on the October agenda, and Mr. Homer and Mr. Dyson, acting as liaison for the Bible Baptist Church, to meet with Mr. Seymour, President of West Shore Christian, and present a solution at the Council meeting.

Mr. Bretz reported that there is a sinkhole off Chestnut Street in Lower Allen Township that is approximately fourteen feet in diameter and fifteen feet deep.

Mrs. Watson questioned when the excavated sidewalk on Walnut Circle can be expected to be repaired. Mrs. Alloway reported that it should be completed within the week.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chief Stoner had talked with Lower Allen Township to determine their established date for Trick-or-Treat. They have set the date as Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to adopt the Borough's Trick-or-Treat night to coincide with Lower Allen Township due to the shared residential borders. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed.

The Mayor presented a proclamation to observe October 13, 2022, and each October 13th every year, as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and encourage the citizens of the Borough to join the national effort towards awareness of metastatic breast cancer. Mrs. Getz made a motion to adopt the proclamation and present a copy to Jackie Dougherty, volunteer for METAvivor. With a second from Dr. Mullen O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary reported that discussion regarding the e-stations for charging cars continued as members of COG remain optimistic of grants being made available to pay and install them.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The next meeting of the Local Emergency Management Coordinators is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz announced that the annual fall street sweeping is scheduled for Monday, October 3, and Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Signs will be posted ahead of time, and the Secretary was authorized to submit the information to the Borough webmaster for posting on the webpage and on Facebook.

Leaf collection will begin on October 17, 2022. Mr. Bretz noted that Camp Hill Borough indicated there would be a fee between \$800.00 up to \$1,200 dollars imposed for use of their composting facilities. Lower Allen Township has offered to accept the leaves provided no grass or any materials other than leaves were included. Mr. Bretz was authorized to use the Lower Allen Township facility, and any piles with items other than leaves should not be collected and a note left for the homeowner to advise of the reason for the leaves not being collected. The Secretary was authorized to submit the information to the Borough webmaster for posting on the webpage and on Facebook.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of August 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. Two building permits, one sidewalk permit, and two zoning permits had been issued for a total of \$559.00 (five hundred fifty-nine dollars) collected in fees.

The Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

The Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, to review a request for a variance regarding an eight-foot fence.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Dr. Mark Leidy has advocated for the Bus Patrol System, an onboard embedded system, available free to school bus companies as it is funded through fines of violators. It would include cameras on the buses to capture those illegally passing, etc. a school bus. Mr. Getz requested that Mr. Homer include Dr. Mullen-O'Leary at any discussion or presentation of the Bus Patrol System to better enforce traffic at each of the four school bus stops on Main Street.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Financial and activity statements were provided to Mr. Getz.

Resolution 02-17 was revised to permit EMTs from the Shiremanstown Fire Department to respond to all Class 1 Cardiac symptoms and conditions, Class 1 choking, all Class 1 symptoms of stroke, and Class 1 Seizures. It was agreed that only 2 EMTs shall respond on scene at a time and that the Pumper truck shall be used for responding to the

above calls. The large firetruck *shall not be* used to respond to these calls and any additional EMTs can stage/wait in the truck, or if they choose, to stage at the fire station. They shall not respond to any police active domestic calls or any call in which an active crime scene is in progress until summoned by police. This agreement will have a one-year probation as suggested by Cindy Watson.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Tankersly announced that there would be no Family Movie night in Memorial Park this year as he was unable to contact anyone from Fun Flicks, and he believes they may have gone out of business during or following the COVID shut-down.

Food trucks will be at Manor Park this fall. Kristy’s Whistle Stop will be selling ice cream on October 5 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM, and The Grappling Crab will be available on October 26 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

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.

Mr. Tankersly is working with Ms. deCoen on the play equipment to be purchased through the Capital Region Civitan Organization.

Mrs. Harris continues work on publication of a newsletter.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz requested permission to order an additional red bow for the lighted holiday decorations. She reminded Council that additional decorations which match the ones purchased by the Borough were donated by Lemoyne Borough earlier in the year; however, these needed refreshed bows. Mr. Tankersly mad a motion to authorize the purchase of bows not to exceed \$100 (one hundred dollars). With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed.

Mrs. Getz confirmed that the signs for the annual Halloween party should be dated for October 22nd and the hours were to be 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

MAYOR’S REPORT

August

Complaints Rec’d	29	Traffic	01
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	8	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$ 555.46	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	5

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	207.0	1
Montgomery	207.0	0
Shaughnessy	54.0	0

Holley	0.0		0	
Hutcheson	0.0		0	
Hall	33.0		0	
Moyer	19.0		0	
Gelnett		9.0		0
Kitzmilller	9.0		0	

Citations for the month included 1 (one) summary offenses.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Sheely recorded the consolidation of the 3 (three) parcels to 1 (one) parcel. The purpose of the deed was to formally consolidate 3 (three) deeds in a manner consistent with the subdivision plan previously recorded with the Office of the Recorder of Deeds. The Borough Engineer was copied, so that he is aware of the recording which may assist the Borough with various MS4 issues and further land development of Borough property.

OLD BUSINESS

The Webmaster replied that Survey monkey is fine if all that is desired is an annual survey, etc. However, the cost is approximately \$75 (seventy-five dollars) per month, billed annually. Another option suggested is MailChimp. Mr. Homer offered to investigate the system used by his full-time employer.

ATS, Inc. is the company selected by Lower Allen Township to replace the services previously provided by PA PERCS. ATS bills for services on a cost and materials as needed basis. Dr. Mullen O’Leary made a motion to utilize ATS, Inc. to provide service to the Borough for the traffic signal. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 74 of 2022 in response to many complaints from citizens across the state regarding the state’s Fireworks Law enacted in 2017. The new Fireworks Law took effect on September 9, 2022. Discussion was tabled until the October meeting of Council to enable the Solicitor to review the entire Act. He did warn Council that they cannot enact an ordinance that is stricter than state law.

NEW BUSINESS

There have been several coyote sightings within the Borough recently. The Secretary will reach out to the Pennsylvania Game Commission to clarify what, if any, action may be taken should the population increase and become a problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary

