

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting March 13, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Getz, President  
Lucy Getz  
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 Dr. Mullen-O'Leary and seconded by Mr. Simmons, the minutes of the February 13, 2023, Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2023 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had no additional comments. Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2023 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS REPORT**

**CITIZENS PRESENT**

Cindy Watson  
Joan Runkle  
Anna Harris  
Kari DeMaria  
Dave Dyson  
Mike Messick

**ADDRESS**

220 Walnut Circle  
4 Walnut Street  
106 West Main Street  
301 Belaire Drive  
Bible Baptist Church  
102 West Main Street

Ms. Watson reminded Mr. Getz that an evacuation plan in the event of a railroad accident or other major emergency has never been coordinated between the Shiremanstown Fire Department, the Shiremanstown Police Department, and Mr. Getz as the Local Emergency Management Coordinator as discussed previously. Mr. Getz agreed to arrange a meeting at the Borough Hall to have a plan completed and all parties aware of their part should such an event occur.

Ms. Martello of Christian Baker Company was not available to discuss upgrades to the Borough's insurance plan as had been expected.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Getz reported that a meeting of the committee overseeing the borough garage would be held on March 22, 2023, at the Borough Hall at 7:00 PM.

In preparation for Memorial Day, 2022 and for the Sesquicentennial, Mrs. Getz requested that additional flag kits be purchased as many of the flags have become tattered beyond repair. Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the purchase of flags

and kits/poles not to exceed \$600 (six hundred dollars). With a second by Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Harris read a prepared statement indicating that remarks by Council have been offensive to the volunteer committee preparing for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Mr. Getz expressed dismay and apologized for any remarks that may have been made that were grievous to Mrs. Harris or any of the committee members. Mrs. Harris accepted the apology and reiterated that while the Committee continues to work hard, they feel there is little direction or feedback from the Council except at the monthly Council meetings. By then many of the projects have been put on hold awaiting approval and progress is halted.

The Committee would like to have the shrubbery around the Memorial Park restroom removed so that the selected winning murals may be painted without obstruction and easily visible to those who frequent the park. Council had no objections, and Mrs. Harris was advised to meet with Mr. Bretz to ensure the proper shrubs be removed. It is also the intention of the Committee to bury a time capsule in front of the mural to be opened in fifty years. Mr. Bretz mentioned that he believed a time capsule had been buried at the Centennial Celebration, but no members of the Council or the public were aware of this or where it may be buried. The Secretary agreed to look in the past minutes to see if a location was given. Mr. Getz requested that when the capsule is buried that an exact location be told at a Council meeting for future generations' ease in finding it to open.

Discussion of a parade for the Sesquicentennial Celebration was considered with Mr. Getz stating that if a parade was to be held, it is his firm belief that it should be held on Main Street as parades in the past had been. The Committee acknowledged there were concerns by the Police Department and agreed to reach out to them to ensure these issues are properly addressed. The application for a parade on a state road (Main Street) needs to be completed by a Borough official. Mr. Getz requested the Secretary gather the information from the Committee and submit it to PennDOT.

The last item brought before Council by the Committee is a request to have the Shiremanstown Historical Society apply for a special occasion permit to allow alcohol at the opening services on Friday, August 16, 2024, and again at the closing picnic on Sunday, August 18, 2024. Additionally, the Committee was hoping to host a fundraiser, Brats and Beer in the park in the fall of 2023. Mrs. Harris acknowledged that alcohol is prohibited on Borough property; however, the committee was hoping an exception could possibly be made. The Solicitor explained that Mechanicsburg Borough has hosted a wine tasting event where individuals purchase a wine glass and walk to each participating vendor in the Borough and receive a glass or taste at each venue. This ensures the amount of alcohol consumed is limited. The Committee had been considering wrist bands or bracelets and participants allowing adults to participate. Mr. Getz expressed that he felt a good time could be held without the need to change park regulations. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary opposed the use of alcohol where children would be in attendance for events such as story time, etc. Mr. Simmons stated he felt it was not necessarily inappropriate for adults who were not supervising children to imbibe if the ordinance prohibiting alcohol in the park was waived. It was determined to table the subject until the April meeting of Council.

The next meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM. All were invited to attend. The pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 8:00 through 11:00 AM in the United Methodist Church social hall.

#### **COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

There was no report.

#### **MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD**

The spring musical, Mary Poppins has received glowing reviews and kudos to the staff and students for their part in it.

#### **LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Getz was unable to attend.

#### **MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS**

Spring street sweeping is scheduled for Monday, April 3 and Tuesday April 4, 2023. Mr. Bretz conveyed some uncertainty due to the recent irregular weather patterns if the snowplow should be removed to haul the waste to the waste facility. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary requested that Mr. Bretz contact Lower Allen Township to move the date of the street sweeping until after April 20, 2023. Mr. Bretz agreed to do so.

#### **SOLID WASTE**

Mr. Isabella of Waste Management provided monthly service reports for Council's review.

#### **CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER**

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of February 2023 had previously been distributed to Council. Four building permits and two zoning permits had been issued for a total of \$1,859.50 (one thousand eight hundred fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

Mrs. Alloway reported that parcel data has been delayed with the iWorQ package. She reported she has been able to use the program despite this delay.

An email from Steve Hoffman, Manager of the Cumberland County Planning Department, stating that all municipalities in the County are required to adopt regulations that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the Flood Insurance Study and the Flood Insurance Rate maps no later than September 2023. Mr. Sheely stated he was also made aware and had reached out to the Borough Engineer who replied at 5:00 PM that the borough is on target, and there was nothing to do in the immediate future. Mr. Getz said he would question Mr. Brath at the meeting with the Garage Committee.

## **STREETS AND PAVEMENTS**

Mr. Getz advised Mr. Dyson that he has had reports that parents of the West Shore Christian Academy are not following the posted traffic pattern. Mr. Dyson agreed to talk with Mr. Beard regarding the issue again.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Reports were provided for February 2023 for both the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Shiremanstown Firemen's Relief Association. A sub sale fundraiser is being held by the Shiremanstown Fire Department.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Quotes had been requested from Susquehanna Tree Service, Lenk Tree Service, and Git-R-Down for ridding Memorial Park of protruding roots. The two lower quotes were from Lenk Tree Service for \$450 (four hundred fifty dollars) and Git-R-Down for \$650 (six hundred fifty dollars). Mrs. Getz made a motion to approve Lenk Tree Service to provide the requested services. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion was approved.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, in Memorial Park at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Bretz was directed to order two loads of playground mulch to cover both Memorial Park and Manor Park in time for the park season to open.

The Secretary received two quotes for the portable toilets for both Memorial and Manor Parks. Associated Products offered a wheelchair accessible unit with hand sanitizer at a cost of \$112 (one hundred twelve dollars) per month. Walters offered the same services at a cost of \$151 (one hundred fifty-one dollars) per month. Units will be needed in time for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to approve contracting with Associated Products. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

## **MAIN STREET**

Mrs. Getz had nothing additional to report.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **February**

Complaints Rec'd	26	Traffic	7
Criminal	3	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	5	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 235.06	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	3

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests	
Stoner	180.0	0	
Montgomery	180.0	1	
Shaughnessy	30.0	0	
Hutcheson	22.0	0	
Hall	19.0	2	
Moyer	9.0	0	
Gelnett	29.5	4	
Kitzmiller	0.0	0	

Traffic citations for the month included 2 (two) for speeding and 5 (five) for expired inspections.

Chief Stoner has requested the hiring to two additional part-time officers. Michael Yeager, a former member of the National Guard with an honorable discharge and twenty-four years' experience. Nicholas McMillen, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice is presently employed with Cumberland Valley School District as a police officer. Mr. McMillen has been highly recommended by former Officer Chad Shifflet. President Getz explained that the addition of extra part-time officers is needed to prevent both Chief Stoner and Officer Montgomery from working their normal shifts plus many weekend shifts. Mr. Simmons made a motion to approve the hiring of both candidates at the usual probationary rate effective immediately. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sheely had nothing additional to report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Notification from PennDOT was received that the Borough's application for an ARLE grant for the Main Street Pedestrian Safety Project was not selected for funding. This was not due to a negative perception of the project or its merits, but rather a reflection of the number of quality applications received and the limited funding available.

Related to Main Street pedestrian safety, Dr. Mullen-O'Leary inquired if the Borough would be repainting crosswalks in 2023. Mr. Bretz was instructed to reach out to paint suppliers to purchase both yellow and white reflective paint to refresh the crosswalks and parking along Main Street.

### **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 passed unanimously.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary