

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting January 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
Bryan Homer
Matthew Simmons

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 Mr. Homer, the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane explained that the expenditures for 2022 exceeded revenue by \$84,400 (eighty-four thousand four hundred dollars), which was approximately the same amount as the ARPA funds which were transferred from 2021. Otherwise, revenue and expenditures for 2021 and 2022 were approximately the same. Additionally, \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) was paid from the Capital Reserve Fund in December for the new police radios. Mr. Homer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 2022 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lane commended Ji Montgomery for the timely submission of tax reports as well as their accuracy stating her actions have surpassed all previous activities in closing the tax year.

Resolution 2023-01 was presented to continue participation by the Borough in the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System to provide pensions for the two full-time police officers. Mrs. Getz made a motion to continue the Borough's membership with PMRS. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2023-02 to adopt the renewal of a Section 125 health plan allowing the two full-time officers to use pretax earnings for health benefits for their spouses was presented. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented by Mr. Lane. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS REPORT

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Anna Harris
Dave Dyson
Cindy Watson

ADDRESS

106 West Main Street
Bible Baptist Church
220 Walnut Circle

Mrs. Harris inquired how the funds for the Sesquicentennial would be provided to the Committee to start fund raising efforts, whether funds would be disbursed as expenses are incurred and individual invoices presented, or if a portion of the \$10,000 (ten

thousand dollars) would be provided to the Shiremanstown Historical Society (SHS) to earmark for the Sesquicentennial and checks be written through their account. Following discussion by the Council, Mr. Homer made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to issue \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) from the budget to the Shiremanstown Historical Society, with a monthly report of expenditures provided to the Secretary as a means of checks and balances before additional funds are released. With a second from Mr. Simmons, the motion passed.

Ms. Watson relayed that her neighbors still have complaints regarding the service provided by Waste Management and inquired if influence by the Solicitor could improve the recycling issue. Mr. Getz recounted that a neighbor had informed him that he had made a private contract with Penn Waste and would no longer use or pay Waste Management. The Solicitor reminded Council that the contract was bid for the entire Borough, and that individuals will be included in the billing whether they “contract” with another company or not. He also repeated that Waste Management had sent a representative to explain the reasoning behind the recycle that may be added to the regular trash as unacceptable for recycling. With the Borough smaller than many municipalities, it was included in the last bid to have regular recycling pick-up, containers placed in the Borough for those interested in recycling to take their waste to, and an option of no recycling. One bid, the one received from Waste Management, included all these options, and Council voted to have the recycling continue to be collected each week. With the Borough mid-contract, Mr. Sheely suggested that Council request creative input from the citizens who are disgruntled and help seek a solution for the upcoming bids and contract. He stressed that unless Waste Management refuses to collect trash, the Borough cannot pursue breach of contract.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Getz reported that 4 (four) applicants have responded to the advertisements for road crew/maintenance workers. He and Mr. Bretz will reach out to those interested to arrange an interview. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize Mr. Getz and Mr. Bretz to offer a position to the candidate with the best qualifications. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

The Secretary expressed concern that the employment application has not been changed in over twenty years and requested permission to seek online applications which may be acceptable for the Borough. Any possible forms would be submitted to Council for their review and approval prior to being put into use.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled from January 10, 2023.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The training session for January was changed from the third Monday to the second Monday; therefore, Mr. Getz was unable to attend.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz complained of individuals pushing snow back into the Borough streets once the snowplow has cleared them. Chief Stoner reminded him that all he must do is call the officer on duty when this happens, and they will issue a citation. Reminders have been posted on the Borough's website and Facebook pages.

Mr. Bretz reported that the leaf picker is out of date, hard to find replacement parts, and ineffective. He was advised that highway fund dollars can be used for the purchase of updated equipment and was asked to look into grants, such as neighboring municipalities have received, to purchase commercial leaf pickers.

SOLID WASTE

Mr. Simmons had nothing to add to the earlier discussion.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of December 2022 had previously been distributed to Council. One building permit had been issued for a total of \$359.50 (three-hundred fifty-nine dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

Two members of the Planning Commission have resigned due to moving from the Borough. The need for volunteers has been posted on the Borough's website and Facebook pages.

The iWORQ system can convert the Excel spreadsheet into its system and the launch date for live use of the system should be within 60 (sixty) days following the conversion. Online training continues for Ms. Alloway.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Homer had nothing new to report. Ms. Alloway objected stating that when the representative from West Shore Christian Academy returns to the school building following the morning rush hour, parents revert to following the traffic pattern they prefer. Mr. Dyson agreed to mention this to Paul Beard at the school to send reminders out to their families.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports were provided for December 2002 for both the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Shiremanstown Firemen's Relief Association. The Fire Department has started to respond to medical calls.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The next meeting of the Sesquicentennial is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Borough Hall. Council members were encouraged to attend. Mr. Getz noted that the mayor had shared with him the logo chosen by the Committee for the Sesquicentennial, and requested that in the future, as a courtesy to Council the Committee, make available all options prior to final adoption.

Dates for the 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee have been planned as follows:

Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 1	10:00 AM
Hot Dog Palooza	Thursday, July 20	6:00 PM
Halloween Party/Parade	Saturday, October 21	4:00 PM
Christmas Tree Lighting	Saturday, December 2	6:00 PM

Dates are also being set up for food trucks in the Borough with the Potato Coop for March 22 and Novelty Ice Cream Truck on June 9.

The Mayor thanked the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Recreation Committee for all their work in making the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting a success.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz had no new updates.

MAYOR'S REPORT

December

Complaints Rec'd	29	Traffic	11
Criminal	2	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	9	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 582.11	Parking Tkts	0
		Written Warn	7

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.0	1
Montgomery	246.0	0
Shaughnessy	18.5	0
Hutcheson	16.0	0
Hall	37.5	0
Moyer	11.5	0
Gelnett	101.0	10
Kitzmiller	6.0	0

Traffic citations for the month included 3 (three) for expired inspections; 3 (three) summary offenses; and 2 (two) for driving without a license, 1 (one) for careless driving, 1 (one) STOP sign violation, and 1 (one) seatbelt violation.

President Getz and Chief Stoner commended Officer Gelnett for quickly resolving a stalking situation in the Borough. Due to his actions, the menacing situation immediately subsided.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no additional updates on the plans for construction of the new Borough garage.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Getz wished a Happy New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. Getz will be away on an extended vacation and unable to attend the February meeting of Council. Mr. Simmons announced that he will also be out of town for the February 13, 2023, meeting. Mr. Homer, as President Pro-Tem will lead the meeting.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Homer and passed unanimously.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 P.M. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary