

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting April 10, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
Bryan Homer
David Lagerholm
W. Grant Tankersly

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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 Mr. Lagerholm and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no report available for February.

CITIZENS REPORT

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Jodi Alloway
Joan Runkle
Dave Dyson
Paul Beadmore

ADDRESS

4 Walnut Street
Bible Baptist Church
West Shore Christian Academy

Mrs. Alloway registered complaints as a citizen of the Borough regarding the traffic on West Vine Street to the West Shore Christian Academy. Acknowledging that the issue temporarily subsided, it has continually become steadier in the last month with no apparent enforcement action taking place. She stated she realizes the school year will be closing soon; however, she would like to see the school take steps to permanently correct the situation to ensure those who live on Vine Street are not prevented from using their street during the rush hour. Mr. Getz questioned Mr. Beardmore if the School Board had made progress in accepting and installing the flashing school zone signs that Police Chief Stoner had acquired for them prior to the end of the 2022 school year. Mr. Beardmore stated that while the signs were available at no cost, the school was expected to cover the cost of installation and maintenance as well as complete the necessary application for installation to the Borough. He further stated that he felt the right turn onto West Main Street only during the rush time has been quite effective and expressed a desire to have permanent signage installed by the Borough. Council was reminded that any traffic signs installed would require an ordinance by Council for it to be enforceable by the Police Department. An ordinance would need to be drafted and approved by the Council and advertised prior to a public meeting adopting it. Mr. Dyson requested clarification that it would be the school's responsibility to install the flashing school zone signs. Mr. Getz confirmed that

it is the school's responsibility to pay all costs associated with the installation and maintenance of the signs. Mr. Beardmore agreed to approach the school Board seeking a commitment to the installation and maintenance of the flashing school zone signs if installed on Vine Street.

Mr. Beardmore also mentioned that the church is considering the potential addition of modular classrooms. Mr. Getz responded that for the Council to consider a request for additional classrooms, there would need to be a resolution to the continuing traffic congestion experienced in the last few years as well as a plan to effectively control traffic for the anticipated growth requiring additional classroom space.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KD3 Design Studio of Lemoyne headed up by Dale Hair has provided a more practical and more cost-effective plan for the new garage building. An Architectural Design Services Proposal will be available for the May 2023 Council meeting for review and possible approval.

Michael Flor of ROAR softball league addressed the desire to continue use of the ball field in Memorial Park. A certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided as well as a schedule for use of the field. ROAR will be responsible for field maintenance. Mr. Flor also shared the willingness of the team members to volunteer for Borough events as the Council desires. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to approve the proposal for ROAR to use the baseball field in Memorial Park for practice. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

There was no report.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

There was no report.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Training explored the multiple assets available to municipalities through the County Department of Public Safety for emergency events.

Mr. Getz shared his belief that should an event with the railroad or the gas tanks bordering the Borough occur, the most expeditious plan would be to have everyone relocate to the south side of the Borough. The phone system could be activated to alert citizens to the exact location(s) as needed. The Solicitor reminded the Council that the safety of the citizens would be the immediate concern with Council designating management and additional responsibilities following the initial crisis. He reiterated that the Mayor would declare a local disaster emergency to activate the response and recovery aspects of local emergency management plans and to authorize aid and assistance.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz reported that 3.119 tons of debris had been collected in the Spring street sweeping provided by Lower Allen Township earlier in the month.

Mr. Brian Wolf has resigned his position as a Maintenance Work 1 following a disagreement with Mr. Bretz. Mr. Getz reminded Mr. Bretz that he is to be included when differences between him and his crew arise and scheduled a time to meet privately with Mr. Bretz to gain a better perspective of this most recent issue.

SOLID WASTE

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

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of March 2023 had previously been distributed to the Council. Four building permits, one zoning permit, and one sidewalk permit had been issued for a total of \$2,938.00 (two thousand nine hundred thirty-eight dollars) collected in fees.

The property at 118 South Locust Street has been listed for Sheriff's Sale on May 3, 2023.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Getz reported a hydraulic leak in Strawberry Alley presumably from either the trash or recycling truck.

Repair work on the next segment of Strawberry Alley will begin in late April or May. Sidewalk repair within the Borough will also begin as the weather improves.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Reports were provided for March 2023 for both the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Shiremanstown Firemen's Relief Association.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Tankersly reported the Annual Easter Egg Hunt had been rescheduled to Sunday, April 2, 2023, due to the high wind warnings on Saturday, April 1, 2023. He thanked the Secretary for providing notification on social media and the Shiremanstown Fire Department for their willingness to change plans to allow their participation. Officer Kevin Shaughnessy was also thanked for his assistance during the event.

Mrs. Runkle provided updates on behalf of the Sesquicentennial Committee. She reported that the recent pancake breakfast had raised over \$1600.00 (one thousand six hundred dollars). Mr. Greg Harris has been mentioned as the possible chairperson for the Sesquicentennial parade to be held on

Saturday, August 17, 2024. The Committee is considering alternative solutions for the possibility of a special event permit. If successful, the Shiremanstown Historical Society will place it on their agenda for discussion and possible approval since they would be the organization responsible for seeking the permit.

The time capsule from the Centennial Celebration of 1974 possibly has been located on the grounds of River Rock Academy, formerly the Shiremanstown Elementary School.

The next meeting of the Sesquicentennial Planning Committee is scheduled for April 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Borough Hall.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz reported that flag kits for Main Street have been re-ordered following a mix-up with the original order.

Mrs. Getz reported speaking with Dr. Mullen-O'Leary regarding the banner contest for the Sesquicentennial. Due to the preparation for state mandated testing, Dr. Mullen-O'Leary has not been able to provide information to the schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT

March

Complaints Rec'd	30
Criminal	1
Assist. Other Depts.	6
PD Revenue	\$ 521.68

Traffic	4
Non-Traffic	0
Verbal Warn	1
Parking Tkts	0
Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	207.0	1
Montgomery	207.0	2
Shaughnessy	40.0	0
Hutcheson	18.0	0
Hall	24.5	0
Moyer	0.0	0
Gelnett	45.0	1
Kitzmiller	0.0	0

Traffic citations for the month included 2 citations (two) for expired inspections, 1 citation (one) for failure to obey traffic control devices, and 1 citation (one) for summary offenses.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely recommended homeowners call their insurance companies and report the hydraulic substance as hazardous waste. The Borough should also report these incidents as well.

OLD BUSINESS

The Secretary reminded the Council that Statements of Financial Interests are to be filed with the Borough by May 1, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Getz and passed unanimously.

Mr. Homer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 P.M. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary