

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting May 8, 2023, 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
Matt Simmons

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie G. 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 by Mr. Homer, the minutes of the April 10, 2023, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2023 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had no additional comments in addition to the written report. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2023 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed unanimously.

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CITIZENS REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

Paul Beardmore
Stevie Krpata
Chris Krpata
Joan Runkle
Anna Harris

ADDRESS

WSCA/BBC – 201 West Main Street
32 West Main Street
32 West Main Street
4 Walnut Street
106 West Main Street

Mr. Beardmore provided updates on the traffic situation on Vine Street stating he had seen Chief Stoner and Mr. Homer out as he was observing. He considers it beneficial for the Borough to move ahead with the right-hand turn only signs as previously discussed. The school has agreed, if deemed necessary, to the installation of the flashing school signs on Vine Street as well. Their board has requested the Borough install the signs with the school reimbursing for labor. Mr. Getz responded that with the necessary excavation and electrical work, it would not be something able to be done in-house since the borough maintenance staff tends to be groundskeepers and storm drain inspectors.

and not construction or electrical workers. He felt it would be best contracted out and offered assistance in finding reputable contractors for the project.

Mr. Homer, who had prepared and distributed a detailed written report following observing traffic patterns with Mr. Dave Dyson on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, April 25, 2023, reported that he and Mr. Dyson agreed that there is a high volume of traffic between 7:30 and 8:15 AM as well as 2:45 and 3:30 PM. They also agreed the school does a good job of keeping traffic moving during those times and avoiding neighborhood back up of traffic. Two (2) instances of dwelling were observed in the morning at West Vine Street and Railroad Avenue as cars attempted to exit Vine Street while other cars were entering Vine Street from Railroad Avenue. The afternoon observation found four (4) instances of dwelling in the same area. Additionally, there were three (3) instances of dwelling in the afternoon as cars attempted to turn left from North Eberly Avenue onto West Main Street. He feels the actions implemented since the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year have greatly helped and thanked Mr. Beardmore for their cooperation. He and Mr. Getz also commended the Shiremanstown Police Department for their presence as it has added to the improvements observed.

Recommendations for further improvement were that a NO PARKING zone be implemented and posted on the right-hand side of West Vine Street approaching Railroad Avenue; postings signs at Eberly and Rupp Avenues including the hours of no left turns during the hours of 7:30 – 8:15 AM and 2:45 – 3:30 PM; the flashing school zone signs be installed to complement improved traffic patterns as observed.

Mrs. Krpata announced she had several concerns she wished to address. The first issue was her fourteen-year-old daughter had been approached by a woman in a truck who had attempted to lure her into her truck on the afternoon of May 4, 2023, at approximately 3:45 PM. Her daughter was on the edge of the Krpata property at the time, so she ran into the house and called her mother. Mrs. Krpata arrived home approximately seven minutes later, her daughter relayed the incident, and Mrs. Krpata immediately called the police office number. There was no answer, so she reported that she called Upper Allen Township police office. They took down the details, and immediately following Chief Stoner, who also took an oral report, called Mrs. Krpata. She admitted there were few details she could provide; however, what was known was reported. She said the conversation concluded with Chief Stoner remarking, "That was weird." She said that this is the second time in the last couple months a woman has approached a student in Shiremanstown, explaining a student had been followed the entire way home from their bus stop at Main and Rupp previously. The mother sent a notification out on the Ring app, and the student no longer rides the bus. She feels it is easy to speculate that the same woman may be the same woman. She reported that within 30 minutes of talking with Chief Stoner, she and her husband had canvassed the block, tracked down each house that had exterior cameras, and contacted the owners of those properties. No one had caught the vehicle in question. She expressed curiosity about what Chief Stoner has done to resolve this incident. She reported moving into Shiremanstown in 2015 and just now have begun locking their doors. She reported she had sold the house next door to hers and those residents had not locked their doors in fifty years, indeed the house had no locks. She reported that as a resident and a real estate professional, she sees

the demographics of the Borough changing with the older generation either moving out or dying and younger families with children moving in. Safety and security of their children is a primary interest. Talking with these families, she has found these families do not feel protected by the police. She reported that a resident moved from the Borough due to lack of action on Chief Stoner's part. She alleged that this woman was physically assaulted by her partner, and Chief Stoner did not press charges. He pressed harassment charges but not assault, while admitting she did not understand why as she is not an enforcement officer. Officer Montgomery, who was on duty and in attendance, answered that the reason for that would have been that the police do not make the decision on assault charges, the District Attorney makes that decision. If the DA feels there is not enough evidence to press for aggravated assault, the police are unable to do anything about that, so if harassment is what they determine, then they press harassment charges. Mrs. Krpata asserted that the Chief had told her at the time that he would file harassment charges. Officer Montgomery explained that the Chief would have been advising based on his experience with the District Attorney. Mrs. Krpata went on to state that this same woman tried to apply for a Protection from Abuse and requested a police report. Chief Stoner responded by advising her to have her attorney contact him to request the report; subsequently, she left Shiremanstown. Mrs. Krpata questioned why a report would not be given to the victim. Officer Montgomery explained that the procedure for such requests is an attorney needs to file for a report; reports are not just handed out. Mr. Krpata questioned would it be provided if the person were representing themselves. Officer Montgomery answered that no, it would not be. Mrs. Krpata resumed by reporting there is a joke in the Borough that if you see a car pulled over that Officer Montgomery is on duty, stating it is funny, but it is not. She purported that the Borough pays Chief Stoner over \$80,000 per year to be a friend, and she does not pay her taxes to have a friend. She said the younger families in the town are looking and watching, and they need an aggressive and assertive police chief. Stating she would love to see Chief Stoner be that person; however, she has doubts it would be. Mayor Dailey inquired if the cameras at the fire house had been checked. Chief McCutcheon reported they had, but nothing had been seen on their cameras either. Mr. Getz stated he had heard it was a pick-up truck with a soft top, but he wasn't aware of the color of the truck. Mrs. Krpata responded that her daughter had not noted the color of the truck. Mrs. Krpata reiterated that she had told the Chief at the time of the report that she did not have a lot of details to give him. Mr. Getz granted that luring a child gives cause for concern, and the police are the ones to provide a safe environment for the residents, especially the children. One solution he had thought of was more frequent use of the marked police car, ensuring police presence is more easily noticed. He admitted the marked car now owned by the Borough is a bit of a relic, but perhaps the next purchase of a vehicle should be another marked vehicle which would have more of an impact than the unmarked SUV which blends in well with other traffic. Acknowledging she did was not aware of the reason for use of the unmarked vehicle, and assuming some of it is budgetary, she said she is relaying concerns of other young families that while they don't feel unsafe, they certainly feel unprotected by the police.

Mr. Homer thanked Mrs. Krpata for bringing that to the Council's attention. He also reported that she will be helping the Borough with bus patrol technologies which include the cameras on school buses. He reported that according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, most abductions of children occur between 7-9 AM when children are walking by themselves to the bus stop. It also

happens from 3-4 PM after school, and 6- 7 PM after family dinners. He checked with Lower Allen Township and reported they are active in Crime Watch which allows residents to communicate with their police department, allowing the police to know who owns a Ring camera and where it is located. They also have Flock cameras which take pictures of every license plate, car make, and model of every car that enters the town. The cost is \$2500 per year which includes installation of the cameras and retains 30 days of memory which aids in crime prevention. Mr. Homer also praised Officer Montgomery for his diligence and presence. Officer Montgomery requested permission to speak. He went on to say he understands where Mrs. Krpata and Mr. Homer are coming from; however, speaking from his own experience, he noted that many people look unfavorably on the police. Using the example that often when people say negative things about the police, they do not understand the procedures that a law enforcement officer must follow, what they can or cannot do. It often comes down to what the person would like to see happen and what can happen, which is often two totally different things. When it happens to be something that the police cannot do something, but the person thinks they are able to do something or should do something, leads to the person thinking the police didn't do something or they should have done this when it may be the case when they cannot do something. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary suggested the Council take this opportunity to find a way to establish better communication between citizens who have concerns and the police without feeling intimidated. Mr. Getz agreed this could be a good starting point. He went on to say that whenever an immediate event occurs, the best option is always to call 9-1-1, Stating that when this event occurred at 3:45 PM and Mrs. Krpata returned home seven minutes later, the perpetrator then had time to move on to another victim. Emphasizing that the only way to get an immediate response is to call 9-1-1, not the police office or the police non-emergency number. Mrs. Krpata agreed and repeated that she wanted to know what Chief Stoner has done to investigate these two incidents. Mr. Getz replied that the Mayor is the liaison to the Police Department and works with the Fire Department. He is not alerted to any investigative actions. Dr. Mullen- O'Leary requested the Mayor arrange a meeting where people's fears may be communicated and addressed. Mrs. Krpata reported that many of the neighbors offered to make their homes a safe place should another incident occur. Mr. Getz recognized that being made aware of concerns also helps the Council. He did note that any open investigation is not possible for the police to give details; however, they can update if a case is still under investigation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

KD3 Design provided an Architectural Design Services Proposal for the Council's review and potential approval. Architectural services provided under the proposal include the schematic design, building code analysis, building permit and construction drawings, project specifications, and interior design. Services provided under the bid and award phase will include responses to bid questions and providing addendum documents as needed. Throughout the construction administration phase, KD3 Design agrees to respond to field questions, review construction submittals as required by the contract specifications, create any change order drawings as required during the construction period, and two architectural site visits and one site visit for each of the other design disciplines to review construction and answer any field questions, and a punch list review at the end of the project.

Services not included in the scope of work under this proposal include the site/civil design, which will be provided by the borough's engineer, Gibson-Thomas Engineering. Other services not included are the geotechnical investigation services, the design of workbenches in the building, the providing of construction cost estimates for the new building, and any 3D images or furniture selection as part of the interior design scope of work.

The proposed lump sum and not-to-exceed fees for the architectural services listed include any reimbursable expenses as follows:

Design and Phase Services	\$ 34,860 Lump Sum
Bid and Award Phase Services	\$ 1,400 Not to Exceed
Construction Administration Phase Services	\$ 8,200 Not to Exceed

Upon review of the proposal, Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the proposal as presented. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Harris provided updates on activities for the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2014. Letters requesting support from Borough businesses have been sent. Responses from those interested in supporting the celebration have been requested to be returned by June 2, 2023. Following that response, letters will be sent to friends and neighbors of Shiremanstown and local corporations.

The Parade Committee lead by Greg Harris has determined the parade route which will form on the west end of the Borough (Washington Avenue) and traveling Main Street west to east. The Blue Moon Cruisers, a local rod and custom association of which President and Mrs. Getz are members, have indicated they will be participating. The Shiremanstown Fire Department have accepted responsibility for traffic control during the parade.

The Shiremanstown Historical Society (SHS) agreed to apply for a special occasion permit. Upon Council approval, they anticipate having an event, Brats, Beer, and Bingo, on September 23, 2023, as a trial run in Memorial Park. If the event runs without a negative outcome, they would like to then apply for a permit for 2024 for the Sesquicentennial events also slated for Memorial Park. Alcohol and Bingo for the event will be limited to the pavilion and an additional tent will be set beside the pavilion. Participants in the twenty-one or older event will purchase a wrist band, and professional bartenders will be hired to serve two drinks only of beer or wine with 15% or less alcohol content per participant. Because alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the Borough parks, the Sesquicentennial Committee requested that portion of the ordinance be rescinded for the event. The event will begin at 5:00 PM and run until 9:00 PM with the serving of drinks ending at 8:00 PM. Mr. Sheely advised that SHS add the Borough as an additional insured onto their insurance policy. Mr. Simmons made a motion to allow the use of Memorial Park for the Brats, Beer, and Bingo event on September 23, 2023, from 5:00 PM through 9:00 PM in the pavilion and tent area serving only wine and beer with an alcohol content of no more than 15% and the lower portion of Memorial Park being roped off for participants twenty-one years of age or older. Drinks will not be served past 8:00 PM, one hour prior to the end of the event. Furthermore, SHS must provide proof of sufficient insurance. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion passed.

A community yard sale is being planned as the June fundraiser for the Sesquicentennial. Mrs. Harris requested that the required yard sale permit be waived without penalty to any borough citizens participating in the event. Saint John's Church has offered to allow storage of items in one of their

vacant signs and donations will be placed along the Main Street side of the church on the day of the event. Mrs. Getz made a motion to waive the requirement for a garage/yard sale permit on the day of this event. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion passed.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

There was no report.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary reported that Dr. Leidy was excited to have the opportunity to have students in the Mechanicsburg Area School District be invited to design and submit an entry for the Sesquicentennial street banners contest. She will get further details from Mrs. Getz regarding the guidelines for the competition to provide to Dr. Leidy.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Getz is currently working on updating the Borough's emergency plan.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Bretz reported that the American flags have been hung throughout the Borough in commemoration of Memorial Day and will remain flying throughout the summer season.

The Secretary requested authorization to advertise in The Sentinel for the vacant Maintenance Worker 1 positions.

Mr. Bretz reported that he has an applicant interested in his position. Mr. Getz said he would meet with Mr. Bretz after the meeting to discuss his intentions and the interested candidate.

SOLID WASTE

Mr. Isabella of Waste Management provided monthly service reports for the Council's review. Large items such as mattresses must have a zipped plastic cover when placed out for pick-up by Waste Management.

It was clarified to the Secretary that the email regarding changing the day of pick-up was intended for the dumpster at the Borough Hall, not the general day of pick-up for the residents.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of April 2023 had previously been distributed to the Council. Three building permits, one zoning permit, and two sidewalk permits had been issued for a total of \$3,833.50 (three thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

Controversy regarding the signs used by Borough churches advertising their Vacation Bible Schools or other special events has developed, and Mrs. Alloway was requested Council's recommendation regarding the sixteen square foot limitation. Discussion followed regarding the various events

advertised and placement of such signs. Solicitor Sheely instructed Mrs. Alloway that the issue should be submitted to the Planning Commission and their decision then presented to Council for consideration.

Interior renovations are under consideration at West Shore Christian Academy. Information will be requested from the Bible Baptist Church regarding their desire to extend the front of the building facing West Main Street for additional classroom space. Mrs. Alloway has some concerns regarding impervious areas on the lot.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Homer had nothing additional to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Community Days will be hosted in the parking lot of the Bible Baptist Church on Saturday, May 13, 2023. One of the highlights of this year's event is a chili cook-off.

Mrs. Gaumer-Watson requested a meeting be held soon regarding emergency issues and the involvement of the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Shiremanstown Police Department throughout any such emergency. Mr. Getz reiterated 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. He will check for times and date when all participants are available.

Chief McCutcheon congratulated Bryn Wright who has recently completed her Firefighter I certification.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mrs. Harris updated the Council in Mr. Tankersly's absence. Bible Baptist Church has reached out to volunteer a crew to assist the Maintenance Department. Mr. Sheely responded that due to workers' compensation issues and potential litigation, it is not advisable for the Borough to have volunteers performing Borough maintenance work.

Projects for June include a luau and ice cream truck at Manor Park on June 9, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM, and yard signs will be offered to families of graduates.

Mr. Tankersly and Mr. Bretz had conducted a walk-through of both Memorial and Manor Park to identify repairs, upgrades and projects. Mr. Tankersly provided a list to Mr. Bretz following the walk-throughs which identified the necessary projects.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz had nothing new to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

April

Complaints Rec'd	15	Traffic	45
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	5	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$ 1,339.88	Parking Tkts	21
		Written Warn	6

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	90.0	1
Montgomery	90.0	44
Shaughnessy	10.0	0
Hutcheson	0.0	0
Hall	9.0	0
Moyer	18.0	0
Gelnett	9.0	0
Kitzmiller	0.0	0

Traffic citations for the month included 37 (thirty-seven) citations for exp, 5 (five) for expired inspection, 1 (one) for expired registration, and 2 (two) for summary offenses.

The Mayor shared that she has been able to take classes through LeaderGov at no cost to the Borough. This is particularly helpful in her role in emergency preparedness and receiving certification for the courses taken.

The Easter Bunny costume once donated to the Shiremanstown Recreation Committee is no longer needed since a new one has been purchased, so the older costume is being donated to Duncannon Borough for their events.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely requested authorization to draft an updated floodplain management ordinance for the Council's review at the June meeting. Mr. Simmons made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft an updated floodplain management ordinance. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Evan Knizner on behalf of the Shiremanstown Parks and Recreation Committee for the recreational assets created by Mr. Knizer for his Eagle Scout Project. Congratulations on his achievement of Eagle Scout Rank were also given.

The Secretary announced that a Roll of Honor had been in the Borough Hall closet and is believed to have been veterans of World War II. This will be used to honor these people at the opening ceremony of the Sesquicentennial celebration. Information has also been gathered to include a military banner program to honor Shiremanstown veterans. She and Mrs. Getz, as the Main Street Corridor chair, will review the different options prior to a final selection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Mrs. Getz 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 8:41 P.M. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary