

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz, President
Lucy Getz
David Lagerholm
Matthew Simmons
W. Grant Tankersly

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 Mr. Lagerholm and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Council meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Mr. Lane noted that Resolution 2023-01 should have been recorded as a resolution waiving employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2022. Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to authorize the Secretary to amend the January 2023 minutes to reflect this correction. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Getz thanked Mr. Simmons for filling in at the previous month's meeting. He continued to remind Council and the public that Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed allowing citizens a three-minute limit to address the Council or the Mayor with any requests they may have which may be acted Council. If they have personal issues, the public meeting is not forum to address such concerns. Each member and the Mayor are available to answer any such questions or concerns privately. At any time the Council President or alternate in his absence states point of order, Council is to return to business at hand.

CITIZENS REPORT

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Paul McHugh
Mark Rosnick
Joe Nardella
Joan Runkle
Kari DeMaria
Dave Dyson

ADDRESS

85 West Vine Street
203 East Main Street
Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc.
4 Walnut Street
301 Belaire Drive
Bible Baptist Church

Jay Rountree
Richard Prether

11 West Main Street
10 West Vine Street

Mr. Rountree stated that he appreciates the repaving of Strawberry Alley behind his home; however, in rainstorms, water tends to continue to puddle at the apron of his driveway. Mr. Getz agreed to talk with the contractor, Dave Lenker, to look at the area for possible ways to improve drainage.

Mr. Prether also thanked Council for repaving the alley; however, he agreed with Mr. Rountree that he has concerns regarding puddling in the area, particularly in winter when ice may accumulate and cause unsafe conditions. He also went on to thank the police for their presence on West Vine Street and requested that the possibility of signs prohibiting traffic from using the alley as a short cut to Eberly Avenue. Mr. Getz relayed that this could be considered but for signs to be enforceable by the police, an ordinance would need to be passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Nardella presented a copy of the latest FEMA flood plain map and offered to answer any questions the Council may have regarding Ordinance 421, Flood Plain Management Ordinance for the Borough of Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sheely explained that the ordinance, a document of over forty (40) pages in length, is a standard ordinance required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The Flood Plain Map had recently been updated by FEMA and approximately twenty-five (25) properties had been removed from the flood plain with ten (10) remaining. Flooding within the Borough is stormwater run-off and classified as shallow. The proposed ordinance was duly advertised in The Patriot News on July 2, 2023. With no questions from the Council or the Public, Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to adopt Ordinance 421, Flood Plain Management Ordinance for the Borough of Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. With a second from Mr. Tankersley, the motion was adopted unanimously.

With planning for the new garage moving forward, a rough copy of the proposed garage plans were made available for Council's perusal.

Ms. DeMaria reported that the yard sale hosted by the Sesquicentennial Committee had been profitable. Members of the Committee met with church leaders regarding a community church service on the closing day of the events. Pastor Sara from Saint John's Lutheran Church had volunteered to lead their committee. It was determined by the Sesquicentennial Committee that timing for the Brats, Beer, and Bingo event on September 23, 2023, would be changed to either 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM or from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM due to the expense of lighting for an evening event. Serving of alcoholic beverages will end one hour prior to the close of the event. Resolution 2023-03 was altered to reflect the time change of the event and to allow for set-up and clean-up following the event. Mr. Simmons made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03 as amended.

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

There was no report.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

There was no report due to Dr. Mullen-O'Leary's absence.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Getz reported that the Local Emergency Coordinator meetings are on a short summer break.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Mr. Getz introduced Mark Rosnick who was hired to lead the maintenance and road crews upon Mr. Bretz's retirement. The road crew is currently staffed by three (3) members and are painting curbs, crosswalks, mowing borough parks and properties.

The Mayor had a request for a crosswalk on Eberly by The Children's Garden and will meet with their staff to get more information for Mr. Rosnick.

SOLID WASTE

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

Mr. Simmons reported that one street had been missed for pick-up; however, an additional truck had been sent out the next morning.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of June 2023 had previously been distributed to the Council. Three (3) building permits, two (2) zoning permits, and six (6) sidewalk and road cut permits had been issued for a total of \$2,073.50 (two thousand seventy-three dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

4 East Main Street, which had previously closed, has been approved to reopen the grocery store portion of the property only; however, it must go before the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Mrs. Alloway plans to attend the final inspection with the Department of Agriculture's inspector.

Inquiry regarding a potential Airbnb has been received. Mrs. Alloway will be talking with the owner on July 11, 2023.

Bible Baptist Church has requested permission for a temporary classroom in the parking lot as the plans for renovations inside the building have not yet been completed. Mr. Getz expressed concern that this not be a permanent accommodation beyond the 2023-2024 school year.

Mr. Getz also advised Mr. Dyson that Dave Lenker is qualified and willing to install the flashing 15 mph school zone signs for West Shore Christian Academy. Contact information was provided to Mr. Dyson to relay to Mr. Beardmore.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Due to Mr. Homer's absence, there was no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

Hot Dog Palooza is scheduled for July 20, 2023, in Memorial Park from 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

The Secretary was authorized to inquire if the ROAR softball team would be willing to tackle the project of replacing or repairing the shed in Memorial Park.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz reported that she is looking into the possibility of hanging baskets on Main Street for 2024. She recently purchased additional roses to place beneath the sign at the entrance of Memorial Park.

HTM Designs has provided a sample Veteran Banner. The banner is 24" x 48" and features 2nd Lt. David M. Rupp who was killed in action as he served in the U S Army during World War I. The Secretary requested that Council consider absorbing the cost of the brackets to display the banners to make purchasing banners more affordable for families honoring their loved ones. It was also noted the brackets would be the property of the Borough for any future projects if needed. Mr. Tankersly made a motion to approve the purchase of brackets for each military banner ordered. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Tankersly made a motion that a fund be established to aid families who may wish to honor a member of their family but are unable to do so financially. With a second from Mr. Lagerholm, the motion passed. Funds collected for this purpose will be maintained by the Shiremanstown Historical Society as the patron 501c3 of the Sesquicentennial.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June

Complaints Rec'd	33	Traffic	28
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	9	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$1,623.73	Parking Tkts	1
		Written Warn	1

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.0	2
Montgomery	198.0	25
Shaughnessy	35.0	0
Yeager	42.0	0
Hutcheson	0.0	0

Hall	18.0	0
Moyer	0.0	0
Gelnett	14.0	1
Kitzmiller	0.0	0

Traffic citations for the month included eighteen (18) citations for speeding, five (5) expired inspection, one (1) expired registration, one (1) school bus violation, one (1) STOP sign violation, one (1) for driving without a license, and 1 (one) summary offense.

The Mayor is taking an online emergency preparedness class. She announced that CivicPlus is up and running. She expressed that an announcement on the Borough web page urging citizens to report any criminal activity by immediately calling 911 would be beneficial.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing additional to report.

OLD BUSINESS

It was recommended that lowering the speed limit to 25 mph throughout the Borough could be a good way to control traffic. The Solicitor recommended a meeting with the appropriate state officials would improve the opportunities for bicycle path and other recreational activities on the Main Street Corridor. Mr. Lagerholm made a motion to lower the speed limit throughout the Borough to 25 mph. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion was approved.

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 Mr. Tankersly and passed unanimously.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 P.M. With a second from Mr. Lagerholm, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary