

2024, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz
Lucy Getz
Anna Harris
Stevie Krpata
Carol Mullen-O’Leary
Cindy Watson

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Tammie G. Dailey, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Esq., Solicitor
George Lane, CPA, Treasurer
Janna Colechio, Secretary

MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Mullen-O’Leary and seconded by Mrs. Getz, the minutes of the January 8, 2024, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 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 December 2023 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

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CITIZEN’S REPORT

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Dave Dyson
Joan Runkle

ADDRESS

Bible Baptist Church
Shiremanstown Historical Society

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Getz updated the Council on the Borough garage plans. The final documents are in the review stage with the Solicitor and are quite sizable and extensive; however, it is anticipated the project will be finalized for bidding in March 2024 and receipt of bids including tabulations for each contract (General Construction, Mechanical Construction, Electrical Construction, and Plumbing Construction) available for the May 2024 Council meeting. Mr. Sheely recommended the Borough Treasurer be consulted regarding the finances and the potential availability of loans as there will be a brief window between the review of bids and the acceptance of them. Mr. Lane has developed relationships with First National Bank (FNB) and Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) for financing.

The Sesquicentennial Committee will meet on February 21, 2024, at the Borough Hall at 6:00 P.M. Plans for a Spring yard sale are underway. Citizens in the town have been

responsive, and Mrs. Runkle has begun a door-to-door campaign to the borough business leaders.

A request for the Memorial Park ball field for the 2024 season has been received from the Cedar Cliff Junior Colts 10u travel team. The team would like to practice one night throughout the week and possibly on Sundays as well. Mr. Sheely offered to reach out to Mr. Crusey and clarify the conditions for use of the field including any Borough activities or previously scheduled with those events taking priority. Mrs. Harris made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact Mr. Crusey requesting the proper documentation for use of the field. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion was approved.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

Snow removal in February was the primary activity for the road crew. Mr. Getz explained that once it was realized that the glides on the plow were in use and did not reach the street surface, the crew lowered the plow and salted the streets. To date, three truckloads of salt have been used on the Borough streets this winter season. Aware of the possibility of another storm moving in later this evening or early tomorrow, the road crew has prepared and will begin clearing streets at two inches. Mrs. Krpata questioned the clearing of handicap sidewalk ramps and who is responsible for clearing those. Mr. Getz responded that once the crew has been able to clear streets, they will ensure the handicap ramps have been cleared as well.

Mr. Rosnick announced there is another leaf collection device available that he feels is better suited to the Borough's needs. He will get information from Stephen's Truck Company as the grant process is expected to open soon.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Krpata reported that the District has called a remote learning day for Tuesday, February 13, 2024, due to the predicted inclement weather.

Cameras will be installed on the school buses over the summer break.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary reported access to her Borough email account has been successful, and there were no complaints received during the month.

A delay in collection is anticipated due to the storm moving into the area overnight.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of January 2024 had previously been distributed to the Council. Six building permits and one zoning permit had been issued for a total of \$4,870.00 (four thousand eight hundred seventy dollars) collected in fees.

Mrs. Alloway reported the pig on West Green Street remains an issue; however, Officer Montgomery notified the Council the owner of the pig has found someone to take the pig, and it is being adopted out to a new family.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Homer provided a map of West Vine Street indicating potential areas where the flashing school signs could be placed. The Solicitor disclosed legal conditions for the placement and enforcement of school signs and school safety zone devices. The Council agreed that since the no turn signs were already in place, the Solicitor should draft and advertise an ordinance for the March 2024 meeting.

Mr. Dyson requested confirmation of the responsibility of West Shore Christian Academy regarding the flashing signs. Mr. Getz confirmed that it is the school's physical and financial responsibility to have the flashing signs moved and installed as well as maintained.

Officer Montgomery again requested a left turn lane at Main Street and Railroad Avenue eastbound. Mr. Getz assured Officer Montgomery and the Council that the committee of Mr. Homer, Mrs. Krpata, and himself agree and will include that as they reach out to PennDOT and LTAP. However, with Main Street being a state road, the Borough does not have authority to do so without the state's approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Watson reported that the Mayor and Representative Delozier recently attended the Awards Ceremony hosted by the Shiremanstown Fire Department at the Santos Center of Bible Baptist Church. She was unable to attend due to resolving a family issue out of town. However, she congratulated those who earned rewards for their service to the Fire Department. Mr. Wright and Mrs. Watson have been communicating with the Auditor General to resolve the 11 (eleven) findings in the most recent audit of the Firemen's Relief Association.

Mrs. Watson has remaining questions concerning the cost of the ReGroup program. She hopes to have answers from the company shortly.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The meeting of local emergency management coordinators is being held at the same time as the Borough Council in February, posing a conflict for Ms. Watson. She is talking with Justn Shaulis, Emergency Management Coordinator at the County regarding the conflict of schedules and her desire to best serve both the Council and the public as the LEMC.

PARKS AND RECREATION

As advised, Mrs. Harris contacted the Borough's insurer regarding the swings in the Borough Parks. She is awaiting a response from the Selective underwriters. The Committee would like to request approval for six swings. Their recommendation for the replacement swings would cost \$685.92; therefore, they are requesting authorization to spend no more than \$700 (seven hundred dollars) for replacement swings. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to authorize the Parks and Recreation Committee to spend no more than \$700 (seven hundred dollars) for replacement swings for the Borough Parks. With a second, from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed. Mayor Dailey questioned if these would not be covered by a grant that would include equipment for physically disabled children as well as the replacement of unacceptable park equipment. Mrs. Harris

reiterated that while she had heard of the possibility of this grant, there had been no movement in securing it as it must go through an approved 501c3 and not the local government entity. The Fire Department originally agreed to sponsor the application for this grant; however, with their own financial difficulties recently, this did not seem probable.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be hosted on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 1:00 PM in Memorial Park. The Committee is requesting \$500 (five hundred dollars) for the event, which would include a backdrop for pictures with the Easter Bunny, hot dogs, and popcorn along with the traditional plastic eggs filled with candy or prizes inside. Dr. Mullen-O’Leary made a motion to approve the request for \$500 to be spent on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. With a second from Mrs. Watson, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Harris questioned the use of the ballfield in Memorial Park, since the original request had been sent to her as the Recreation Committee liaison. Mr. Sheely responded that all reservations for the Borough facilities go through the Secretary for coordination of activities to avoid any conflicts of usage.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz had nothing new to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

January

Complaints Rec’d	33	Traffic	26
Criminal	3	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	14	Verbal Warn	3
PD Revenue	\$ 941.00	Parking Tkts	2
		Written Warn	23

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests	
Stoner	207.0	2	
Montgomery	207.0	9	
Shaughnessy	38.0	0	
McCoy	46.0	0	
Hall	195.0	0	
<u>McMillen</u>	28.0	0	
Gelnett	27.0	15	

Traffic citations for the month included 5 (five) school bus violations, 5 (five) speeding, 2 (two) driving with a suspended license, 6 (six) expired inspection, 2 (two) expired registration, 1 (one) fire hydrant violation, 1 (one) failure to obey traffic control devices, 1 (one) permitting a violation, 1 (one) driving without insurance, 1 (one) ignition interlock violation, and 1 (one) summary offence.

The Mayor echoed Mrs. Watson's acknowledgement of the Fire Department members at the awards banquet stating it was an educational and enjoyable evening. She further extended her appreciation to the Police Department and all first responders.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely advised the Council that when restrictions are placed on streets, it requires a detailed and specific ordinance enacted for enforcement to follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary questioned where the Borough stands with updates on security measures for the Borough Hall. Mr. Getz reported that the cameras have been installed outside and indoors, and they are recording. All that remains is for the police to be trained in retrieving the information. The hydraulic door closure has been installed on the Police Department door as discussed. Concerns regarding lighting in Memorial Park will be addressed when a second replacement bulb is received and will be installed by the Maintenance Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Getz requested the mail slot in the atrium of the Borough Hall be more clearly marked.

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.

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary