

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting July 8, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz
Lucy Getz
Anna Harris
Cindy Watson

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Ms. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Harris, the minutes of the June 10, 2024, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2024 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had no comments to add to the written report. Mrs. Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2024 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

Karen Johnson
Janice Coplin
Lee Bretz

ADDRESS

53 West Vine Street
51 West Vine Street
12 North High Street

Ms. Johnson stated she recently needed to replace her hot water heater. She called a reputable plumber who has been in business for years and had it replaced. She was later informed by a neighbor that she would need a permit to replace the heater, so she called the Zoning Office. Mrs. Alloway confirmed that replacing a water heater, electric or gas, requires a permit and an inspection. Ms. Johnson then proceeded with filing the proper paperwork. However, she was shocked to learn the permit would cost her approximately \$200 (two hundred dollars). Expressing her concern to the Council, Ms. Johnson explained that she had recently suffered a stroke and was forced to retire early as a result. She feels the fee is cost prohibitive and more likely to discourage others from improving their properties. Mrs. Alloway explained that Barry Isett does the plan review and inspection and charges a residential rate for such work. Because she is not sure of any issues they may encounter, she does not provide estimates when citizens apply for a permit. The total cost consists of the fee charged by Isett, a \$50 (fifty dollar) fee by the Borough, and a \$4 (four dollar) fee paid to the state by the Borough for the issued permit. She said Barry Isett has not yet inspected the new heater in place at Ms. Johnson's. Mrs. Coplin echoed the lack of awareness for what is a necessary replacement in any home and suggested that there be information added to the Borough's website to guide the citizens in the Borough. Mrs. Alloway reminded the Council that there is a blanket statement on the website advising all citizens and contractors to call the Zoning Office ahead of any work. Mrs. Harris recommended that the Borough comparison shop for building inspectors to possibly ease the cost of citizens hoping to improve their homes. Mrs. Watson asked if Mrs. Alloway did not perform inspections. Mrs.

Alloway said she does not have the certification for building inspections. She is responsible for reviewing applications prior to passing applications onto Barry Isett and upon their approval issuing the permit.

Mr. Bretz complained that weed killer had been used along the fence line between his back fence and the Borough's park. He expressed concern that his vegetable garden and fruit trees as well as his pet were exposed to a potentially toxic risk. He reminded the Council that in years past, the Maintenance crew would use the lawn mower and weed whacker to control weeds. Now, the area along his property and around the ball field is brown. Mr. Rosnick assured the Council that the product used was recommended by Lower Allen Township and the Mechanicsburg School district as safe for pets and people.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Getz explained that he and Mrs. Getz had met with Representative Delozier through a conference call regarding possible funding for building the Borough garage plans currently under consideration. He reported there is some money available; however, the process is long and complicated. He stated that currently the new building is not within the financial structure of the Borough, and it is best to put the process to an end. He recommended that perhaps a pre-built building be considered, or repairs and reorganization of the present garage buildings be revisited. Mrs. Watson made a motion to reject the general construction bid, the mechanical bid, and the plumbing bid as all bids exceeded the amounts anticipated and the debt load associated with borrowing the funds and increasing taxes. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Harris announced the Sesquicentennial Committee will be meeting on July 18 and July 31 as the dates of the celebration draw nearer. The concrete pad for the time capsule in Memorial Park will need poured, and a marker will be placed to indicate the location of the time capsule to be opened in twenty-five years. During the week of July 15 – July 18, families are being encouraged to drop off their memorabilia in a single envelope no larger than 6" x 9" at the Borough Hall for inclusion in this historic event. The murals at Memorial and Manor Parks will be started in late July and completed prior to the Sesquicentennial weekend. The design of the trifold brochure and the banner design are complete. The images will also be used in 4' x 4' signs as well. Mrs. Watson made a motion to pursue permission from PPL and PennDOT for a banner to be hung across Main Street. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion was approved.

CAPTIAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Mr. Getz announced the annual auction for COG will be held on July 17, 2024, at 15 Oak Park Avenue, Carlisle PA.

MAINTENANCE AND BOROUGH GROUNDS

The maintenance crew is currently waiting for the delivery of the zero-turn lawn mower. The dilapidated shed in Memorial Park has been destroyed and removed from the area. Mr. Getz authorized Mr. Rosnick to get quotes on new garage doors for the cinder block garage to be installed prior to the opening ceremony of the Sesquicentennial celebration.

Reminding the members of the Council that approval of reconstruction of the Memorial Park Garden at the Borough Hall had been approved at the meeting of June 13, 2024, it was suggested that a grouping of three planters be purchased and placed in the area where there is asphalt with just a few inches of soil which easily washes away in rain storms. The cost for the planters is \$125.71 for two smaller planters and \$169.00 for a single, taller planter for a total of \$294.71. Work on the garden is to begin on July 9, 2024. Mrs. Watson made a motion to authorize the purchase of the planters. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed unanimously.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

There was no report.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

The monthly update of service calls and complaints has been received from Waste Management.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of June 2024 had previously been distributed to the Council. One building permit and two zoning permits had been issued for a total of \$6,888.50 (six thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents) collected in fees.

Of the three homes listed for Sheriff's Sale within the Borough. The properties on Chestnut Street and East Green Street have been postponed, with the property on South Locust Street still being listed for sale on July 10, 2024.

Recommendations from the Planning Commission included updates to the trash collection ordinance and private swimming pools.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

It was recommended that the streets and alleys be cleared of broken glass.

PUBLIC SAFETY

There was no report.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Notification of the appointment of Brad Wright as the Deputy Local Emergency Coordinator has been forwarded to Justin Shaulis, Emergency Management Coordinator for Cumberland County.

Ms. Watson continues her training in hazard materials.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The plan for accident coverage for volunteers was discussed and the differences between the multiple plans clarified. Plan 1 Excess Medical Benefit was viewed as the most practical

option with a benefit period of 52 weeks. The rate for the plan is \$2.40 (two dollars and forty cents) annually per volunteer or a minimum premium of \$300 (three hundred dollars) per year. At each event, volunteers must sign in to ensure no fraud takes place. Ms. Watson made a motion to authorize the Secretary to contact the insurance agent and advise them of the selected plan to be added to the Borough's insurance effective July 9, 2024. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion was approved unanimously.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz requested permission to continue seeking grants or other funding for the construction of a new garage based on the plans already created. There were no objections.

MAYOR'S REPORT

June

Complaints Rec'd	31	Traffic	15
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	9	Verbal Warn	2
PD Revenue	\$1,137.44	Parking Tkts	2
		Written Warn	2

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	180.00	0
Montgomery	180.00	8
Shaughnessy	23.00	0
McCoy	32.25	5
Hall	0.00	0
<u>McMillen</u>	9.00	0
Gelnett	38.00	2

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 6 for speeding
- 5 for expired inspection
- 1 school bus violation
- 1 for driving with a suspended license
- 1 for STOP sign violation
- 1 for counterfeit inspection stickers

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely had nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Waste management has requested that with the forecast predicting temperatures to exceed 90 degrees for the remainder of the week, the Borough grant approval for their crews to start service one (1) hour early. The Council had no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanking the Borough Council for their generous agreement to purchase the brackets to display the military banners, the Secretary relayed a message received from the family of Jack Vice expressing thanks to their father's former neighbor for purchasing a military veteran banner in his honor. Jackie Vice Black thanked Mrs. Becky McCleaf for the gesture stating:

Becky: Thank you so much for doing this. I got the mini flag around Memorial Day. It so happened that my father's 94 year old brother had a stroke on May 26 and was in Mass General Hospital. He has some expressive aphasia but is doing really well. When he was first getting back his words, I showed him the flag and asked if he knew who that was? He said: That's Jack, my brother! That was his first sentence. He's gotten a lot better, but I wanted you to know that the flag has a special meaning now. Thanks again!

Jackie Vice-Black

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

Ms. Watson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary