

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on January 23, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Mullen-O’Leary and seconded by Ms. Watson, the minutes of the December 9, 2024, Council Meeting were approved as written.

On a motion by Mrs. Getz and seconded by Mrs. Harris, the minutes of the December 23, 2024, Council Meeting, reconvened, were approved as written.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The December 2024 Treasurer’s Report was not yet available due to the additional time needed to close the fiscal year.

CITIZEN’S REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

Dave Dyson

ADDRESS

Bible Baptist Church

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The financial and activity reports for the Shiremanstown Fire Department had been provided. Dr. Mullen-O’Leary asked if the Council had any questions. Mr. Getz thanked her for the reports being provided in a timely manner and requested, if possible, the Shiremanstown Fire Department also include when they are the first fire department to arrive on scene. Stating she wasn’t certain if that would be possible while responding to an emergency situation, she agreed to convey the request at the next meeting of the Shiremanstown Fire Department.

The Solicitor explained that the one-year renewal agreement between the Borough and Waste Management had been provided to Waste Management. The effective date will be April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Mr. Getz recounted that the position of representative to the Capital Area Council of Governments has been vacant since Dr. Mullen-O’Leary was first named the liaison for Solid Waste and now is the liaison for the Shiremanstown Fire Department. He explained the duties of the representative require attendance at the monthly meetings which take place during normal business hours. Mrs. Krpata volunteered that she would feel comfortable acting as the representative for the Borough at the CapCOG meetings. Mrs. Getz made a motion to appoint Mrs. Krpata the representative to CapCOG for the Borough. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O’Leary, the motion passed unanimously. The Secretary was directed to email Mrs. Krpata’s information to CapGOG and confirmed with Mrs. Krpata the preferred address for CapCOG to reach out to her with future announcements.

MAYOR'S REPORT

December

Complaints Rec'd	46	Traffic	9
Criminal	3	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	21	Verbal Warn	2
Traffic Accidents	3	Parking Tkts	1
PD Revenue	\$ 746.63	Written Warn	8
		Faulty Equipmt.	14

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.00	1
Montgomery	198.00	0
Shaughnessy	29.00	0
McCoy	170.00	8
Hall	16.50	0
Rine	86.00	0
McMillen	23.00	0
Gelnett	15.00	0

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 2 for driving with a suspended license
- 2 for expired inspection
- 1 for speeding
- 1 for expired registration
- 1 for school bus violation
- 1 for failure to yield
- 1 for seat belt violation

The non-traffic citation was for failure to respond to a parking ticket.

Fire Calls Dispatched within the Borough of Shiremanstown for the years 2006 through 2024 were provided from the Cumberland County Dispatch Records. The list did not include outside assist calls or QRS/Medical Assistance calls.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely reported the Cohen Law Group proposal to perform the Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Services through the Capital Region Council of Governments had been made available to the Council for the consideration. The Cohen Law Group has been effective in negotiating with the cable companies (Comcast and Verizon) in the past by representing all members of the CapCOG. He explained that the joint effort increases the negotiating leverage of the Cohen Law Group and reduces attorney's fees. The fee is discounted based on the municipality's population and the number of municipalities that participate. Mr. Lane reported that the Borough receives between \$25,000 and \$30,000 annually while expecting to pay approximately \$6,800 over the course of the five-year contract. Ms. Watson made a motion authorizing the Council President to complete the letter engaging the Cohen Law Group to assist in a franchise fee audit and to perform cable franchise renewal services as

submitted to Capital Region COG. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed. The Secretary was authorized to send the completed letter to the Cohen Law Group.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Getz announced the Borough's request for a permit waiver along with the application for an NPDES permit for the Borough's small Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) was reviewed and the Department of Environmental Protection determined that the Borough qualifies for a waiver from NPDES MS4 permitting requirements effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2029.

The grant application for the new radios remains pending; however, the payment for the radios is due January 31, 2025. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary has been in contact with Brian Hamilton, Deputy Director – Technical Systems at the County Department of Public Safety. He is optimistic that if those reviewing the grant are contacted, they could provide an approximate date for approval and release of the grant funds. This would ensure that a penalty is not imposed on the Fire Department. She will phone her contact. The County is aware of the situation, and she wanted the Council to be aware as well. If the situation warrants, her recommendation to the Fire Department will be to obtain a low-interest loan, because the payment is mandatory.

Dr. Mullen O'Leary questioned Mr. Getz regarding the previous estimate of \$9,000 for work on the Alley. Mr. Getz explained that there was only one company available in the region that performs this work; however, it does come with a lifetime guarantee.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Getz announced that the Statement of Financial Interest had been distributed for the calendar year 2024 and due to the Secretary no later than May 1, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners invited the Council to join in the kickoff of the County's 275th birthday. The event will be held on January 27, 2025, at Veterans Memorial Courtyard at 11:00 AM. A snow date of Tuesday, January 28, was provided, and guests were advised to dress appropriately for the outdoor celebration.

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

Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary