

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on February 10, 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 Ms. Watson and seconded by Mrs. Krpata, the minutes of the January 13, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2024 was previously submitted for the Council’s review. Mr. Lane advised that the 2024 fiscal year ended approximately \$3,000.00 ahead of the projected budget for carry-over into the 2025 fiscal year. Dr. Mullen-O’Leary made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for December 2024 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN’S REPORT**

CITIZENS PRESENT

ADDRESS

Dave Dyson

Bible Baptist Church

When questioned, Mr. Dyson reported that he was giving Mr. Lenker a bit of a break until the ground thawed, which also provides additional time to receive quotes on solar and ground signs for West Vine Street.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Shiremanstown Fire Department submitted the financial and activity reports. 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 in the left-hand column along with the nature of each call, suspected gas leak, structure, medical response, traffic assistance, etc. include an asterisk to indicate within the Borough Dr. Mullen-O’Leary agreed to convey the request at the next meeting of the Shiremanstown Fire Department. A current roster of active members was also requested. Ms. Watson also requested that it be indicated that the members who are certified to proceed into a structure fire, and those who would be assisting with the perimeter of the fire.

Dr. Mullen-O’Leary related that the standing of the grant application for the new radio system remains at a standstill. The Secretary relayed that she had received a call from Jonathan Brett of the Department of Community and Economic Development at 1:05 PM informing her that the earliest any decision would be rendered would be September 2025. Shortly after an email from Andrew Dudziak of Representative Delozier’s office had emailed, and she had

responded to the email stating DCED had responded to the question. Clarifying concerns regarding the radio situation, Mr. Getz explained that contact had been made with Brian Hamilton, Deputy Director of Technical Systems in the Department of Public Safety. Mr. Hamilton explained that there are 5 portable and 4 stationary radios currently owned by the Shiremanstown Fire Department that are P-25 compatible, and that calls would continue to be received following January 31, 2025. He continued to state that when the budget had been approved for 2025, and he had stated that should unexpected expenses occur, the fire department could approach the Council requesting assistance. At that time and later, he had specified the replacement of the steering column in the fire truck. However, the invoice for the new P-25 radios was not unforeseen as a promissory note had been signed and submitted by Ms. Kendall to Cumberland County on August 30, 2023, for the number of radios they desired and ordered. Payment was originally due by September 1, 2024. Cumberland County pushed the payment date forward to January 31, 2025. He reiterated that because this was in the planning, it is not an unforeseen expense, and the fire department should have been planning for the expense since committing to it in 2023.

Ms. Watson also reminded the Council that each member of the fire department is required to have annual background checks, which should then be provided to the Borough Secretary.

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary inquired when the first quarterly check to the fire department would be made. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to submit the first quarter check to the Shiremanstown Fire Department on March 1, 2025. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion passed.

The withheld funds for the Firemen's Relief association had been received by the Borough on January 31, 2025. Mr. Lane wrote the check to the Shiremanstown Fire Relief Association on February 3, 2025, and Ms. Kendall received the check for \$9,889.79 from the Borough Secretary on February 5, 2025.

The Solicitor confirmed the signed 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. Sheely reviewed an email received from Christopher Flad, P.E., District Traffic Engineer for PennDOT District 8-0 in which he stated that a previous email to Mr. Homer he had explained some of the basis of how the conclusion that the existing 35 MPH regulatory speed limit is justified. Additionally, he stated he drove the corridor several times and verified that the posted 35 MPH and verified that it is a safe running speed. He further stated he was "flummoxed" by the Solicitor's statement regarding PennDOT's inability to help the Main Street Corridor, and that the PennDOT Connects process has been fruitful at helping the Borough identify options to increase pedestrian awareness and traffic safety. Mr. Sheely explained to the Council that he was waiting for input from them before preparing a response to Mr. Flad. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary stated that crossing from the south to the north side and vice versa, is impossible without being brushed off accompanied by abrasive responses when one does step inside the crosswalk to assume the Pedestrian Right-of-Way. Mrs. Krpata reiterated her concern for pedestrian safety to be a priority particularly with the six school bus stops. Mr. Getz stated that as much as the Borough would like to participate in Lower Allen Township's plan for a connected bike route through neighboring municipalities, he stated the Council is currently unable to ensure the safety of those who would be using it. Mr. Homer reminded the Council he has and is currently collaborating with Kirk Stoner,

Director of the County Planning Department, and that projects for this year include safety and walkability for residents with Main Street causing a major division between the North and South sides of the Borough. R16 signs for pedestrian crossing and their bases have been received and will be placed on Main Street. It was also noted that the Shiremanstown Police Department had formerly recommended a left-hand turn lane on West Main Street onto Railroad Avenue as a means of traffic safety; however, it also requires PennDOT approval. Mr. Sheely made note of the various concerns and complaints and will respond to Mr. Flad with a polite and professional response. He will also engage the Borough's State Representative and Senator to encourage their involvement in a beneficial resolution.

The Planning Commission recommendations were waived until the March meeting of the Council due to Mrs. Alloway having lost her voice due to a respiratory infection.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**January**

Complaints Rec'd	39	Traffic	2
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	0
Assist. Other Depts.	16	Verbal Warn	3
Traffic Accidents	3	Parking Tkts	0
PD Revenue	\$ 746.29	Written Warn	2
		Faulty Equipmt.	3

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Traffic Tickets/Arrests</b>
Stoner	207.00	2
Montgomery	207.00	0
Shaughnessy	24.75	0
McCoy	56.00	0
Hall	8.00	0
Rine	46.50	0
McMillen	18.00	0
Gelnett	0.00	0

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 2 for School Bus Violations

The Mayor reported that National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police community partnerships was scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Though the Mayor will be out of the country at that time, she asked for a motion to authorize the Secretary to act on her behalf in planning the event. It was confirmed that funding for the event had been included in the 2025 budget as it has been in past years along with donations from various vendors. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to authorize the Secretary to arrange the event. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sheely had nothing further to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Getz requested permission to contact PennDOT due to the poor drainage at Railroad Avenue and Main Street on the west side drains. It habitually floods in heavy rain and snow events and causes safety issues. Mr. Getz confirmed he has a video as the problem was occurring. After discussion, it was determined that it would be best to add this concern to the written response of the Solicitor to PennDOT.

Mrs. Krpata reported she has not yet been contacted by CapCOG in her role as the Borough's representative. The Secretary agreed to reach out to Ms. Rhonda Campbell and again request that information be forwarded to Mrs. Krpata.

Mrs. Harris asked where the project of renovating the outdoor bathroom into a storage unit for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Getz responded that it remains on the to-do list for the Maintenance Department; however, recently they have been plowing the streets.

Mrs. Harris also announced she has been looking into various grants to assist the Recreation Department; however, most require matching funds and/or a 501c3 sponsorship. Mrs. Getz offered to provide Mrs. Harris with the next listing of LSA grants when it becomes available. The Secretary reported she had recently read about East Pennsboro Township receiving a \$250,000 grant from GameTime to construct a playground at Midway Park, behind the municipal building.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Food trucks will be visiting the Borough again this park season with the first being J & D's at Manor Park on March 27, 2025 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Lucky Penny Burger Company is scheduled for April 24, 2025; however, because of the demand for this food truck, the event may be hosted in Memorial Park. Details will be provided closer to the event.

Community Day with Bible Baptist Church is scheduled for April 12, 2025, to spruce up the Borough Parks. Mrs. Harris will get together with Mr. Rosnick for the annual walk-through-the-parks to prepare for the event.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Harris announced she had received complaints about the sign at St. John's church being too bright and changing too frequently. Mrs. Alloway confirmed she was aware of the situation and would be addressing the issues when her voice returns.

Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Getz and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 PM. With a second from Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary