

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on April 14, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

John Getz
Lucy Getz
Anna Harris
Stevie Krpata

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
Janna Colechio, Secretary

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Krpata and seconded by Mrs. Harris, the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2025 was not available.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

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ADDRESS

Susan Walmer	407 East Main Street
Mary deCoen	410 East Main Street
Jeff deCoen	410 East Main Street
Joan Runkle	4 Walnut Street
Mark Rosnick	203 East Main Street
Amanda Kendall	16 Railroad Avenue

Ms. Walmer expressed her concern about larger vehicles blocking the site distance adjacent to her driveway that exits onto East Main Street and requested that yellow lines be painted on the curb to indicate no parking. Mrs. deCoen affirmed her view of the parking issue stating East Main Street is particularly treacherous when one needs to turn east into traffic. Mr. Getz instructed Mr. Rosnick and Chief Stoner to survey the Borough and paint lines wherever it is allowable by PennDOT to do so.

As President of the Shiremanstown Historical Society, Mrs. Runkle announced that in conjunction with Cumberland County, Pennsylvania is preparing to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. The County has formed an America250PA Committee with representatives from various organizations to make America250 truly special in Cumberland County. The Commonwealth is encouraging all sixty-seven counties to join in this important event, reflecting Pennsylvania's significant role as the birthplace of America. Governor Josh Shapiro leads the initiative, co-chaired by five former governors. It will include programs for education, veterans, a concert series, commemorative bells and trees, and a traveling mobile exhibit.

Mrs. Runkle requested the Council place a "NO OUTLET" sign prior to the intersection of Market and Walnut Street. She recently witnessed a school bus turn around in her neighbor's driveway while her young children were playing in that area. This has been the most recent and frightening event; however, it is not an uncommon occurrence to have drivers turn around

in private drives or even drive between the end of road pillar posts and continue onto South Locust Street.

Ms. Kendall expressed concern for clients of the dance studio on Railroad Avenue. She stated that parents stop letting their children exit onto Railroad Avenue rather than pull into the parking lot or Vine Street to drop them off. Additionally, there is increasing traffic such as DoorDash, Amazon, and grocery vendors stopping in the street to fulfill their deliveries. Mrs. Alloway reported the permit for the dance studio had been approved with an agreement to regulate the traffic for dance classes, and she is aware the instructor has made multiple attempts to remind parents of their cooperation. It was decided that once the times of classes are known to advise the Police Department to monitor traffic and drop-off of the dance studio clients and any delivery vehicles illegally blocking traffic in the No Parking Zone established on Railroad Avenue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Shiremanstown Fire Department submitted the financial and activity reports for the month of March. Ms. Kendall reported that the application for the USDA loan has been prepared. She reported that she found a letter dated April 7, 1941, outlining the construction of the new fire house on the property owned by the Borough. The fire house was financed in part by a donation from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Shiremanstown Fire Department and the Shiremanstown Dramatic Club. Cumberland County can verify that the Borough owns the property; however, a letter stating that there is no fee or lease for use for the Fire Department's use is needed. The Solicitor was authorized to compose a letter addressing the ownership of the real estate and improvements of the property.

Shiremanstown Fire Company Community Day and Chicken BBQ is scheduled for May 31, Pre-sale tickets will be available at the Firehouse on April 28 and 29 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, May 1,5,6,7,8,12,13, and 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and May 3 from Noon – 4:00 PM. Cost per ticket is \$12. A sub sale is also in the plans. President Getz suggested a routine of fundraisers be considered for the ease of community members who may wish to plan. Mrs. Harris questioned whether any representation by the Fire Company had been made at the Cumberland County Commissioners' meeting. Ms. Kendall replied that Mayor Dailey had addressed concerns to Commissioner Jean Foschi on behalf of the Fire Company.

Due to Ms. Watson's absence the subject of REGROUP was tabled until the May meeting of the Council.

Mrs. Alloway announced the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. They have requested the Solicitor be authorized to draft new ordinances rather than have the Committee create them. The three planning commission recommendations were previously submitted to the Borough Council for consideration to amend the ordinances for Trash Collection, Swimming Pool, and Short-Term rentals within the Borough. Changes recommended to the Trash Collection Ordinance are being requested to alleviate issues within the Borough such as time and placement of trash, the lack of use of bags by some residents, and placing more than the size provided by the hauler. Mr. Sheely reminded the Council that any changes to the Trash Ordinance must remain consistent with the current contract, and since it seems to be a spot issue, it may be most effective to have the Police

Department reach out to the offenders to give warnings they are not to block streets with their totes.

Addressing the Swimming Pool Ordinance, the Commission would like to include a definition of “Barrier,” and define the criteria for swimming pools to include pools eighteen inches and above. Mr. Sheely agreed with Mrs. Alloway that there are two conflicting ordinances regarding swimming pools, and it is key to have both say the same thing. There is need from the Planning Commission for a definition of barrier and stress the risk of drowning children. Focusing on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, Mr. Sheely stressed the need to establish modern usage and which areas for best zoning districts could be established. He warned that spot zoning should be avoided, and uniformity approved. Stating PennDOT is inconsistent with the comprehensive report provided by Cumberland County, he recommended a letter to appropriate officials signed by each Council Member as well as pictures from the video cameras at the Fire Department to confirm dangerous traffic patterns on Main Street. The Council agreed to this proposal. The Secretary was authorized to provide copies of the County’s Comprehensive Plan to Mrs. Alloway for the Planning Commission’s review. There is no legal authority involved; however, it would provide zoning and future business plans to manage the Council’s approach to be less reactive and more proactive.

MAYOR’S REPORT

March

Complaints Rec’d	40	Traffic	31
Criminal	2	Non-Traffic	1
Assist. Other Depts.	12	Verbal Warn	2
Traffic Accidents	1	Parking Tkts	1
PD Revenue	\$974.21	Written Warn	1
		Faulty Equipmt.	6

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	189.00	2
Montgomery	189.00	16
Shaughnessy	43.75	0
McCoy	77.50	11
Hall	18.00	0
McMillen	18.00	0
Gelnett	11.00	2

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 11 for Speeding
- 4 for Expired Inspections
- 3 for Driving without a License
- 2 for Expired Registration
- 2 for Driving Without Insurance
- 2 for Driving with a Suspended License
- 2 Summary Offenses
- 1 for Unsafe Passing
- 1 for Careless Driving
- 1 for Counterfeit Inspection

- 1 for Driving within a Lane of Traffic
- 1 for Permitting a Violent Crime

Non-Traffic citations for the month included:

- 1 for Cruelty to Animals

Mrs. Krpata questioned if on the previous report where it reported 118 hours worked and one citation if that meant the officer had worked 118 hours and had issued a single citation. Chief Stoner confirmed that was correct, to which Mrs. Krpata expressed frustration that the two full-time officers would have a single citation between them in February. Chief Stoner explained that Officers cannot issue citations for the financial benefit of the Borough.

Mrs. Harris asked if it is possible to have police presence at events hosted by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Chief Stoner said that requests for a police officer to be on site would be honored if requested.

Chief Stoner made a request to hire Michael Yeager for the part-time position left vacant with the resignation of Tim Rine two months earlier. Mr. Yeager had previously worked for the Borough and resigned to accept a full-time position. Mr. Yeager is familiar with the Department as well as the geography of the Borough. Mrs. Getz made a motion to approve the hiring of Michael Yeager as a part-time patrol officer. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely continues to work on the final draft response to PennDOT.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Krpata announced the cameras will be installed on all buses and in use beginning May 1, 2025.

Mrs. Harris thanked the crew from the Bible Baptist Church for their work in restoring and cleaning of park equipment. She also thanked Mr. Rosnick for renovating the former restrooms into a safe storage area for the Recreation Committee's use. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held as planned and was well received by the public.

A reminder that Lucky Penny Burger food truck would be serving at Manor Park on Thursday, April 24, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

The Secretary had followed up with information received by Clerk Minutes. She declined to consider the program further after finding out the annual fee is \$2,988 with no discount for upfront payment.

NEW BUSINESS

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, Mrs. Getz requested that \$370 of her budgeted amount for 2025 be released for the purchase of new poles, brackets, and American flags. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to authorize the purchases as described, not to exceed \$370. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed.

Mrs. Harris announced that two baby swings in the parks had been destroyed by vandalism. Bible Baptist had indicated there may be replacement swings available from the recent playground improvements; however, if these are no available or acceptable Mrs. Harris requested authorization to purchase two blue swings be considered. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to authorize the purchase of two blue swings, if necessary, not to exceed \$300. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Harris will be meeting with Chad Krebs and Tonya Brown to learn about grants that could potential benefit Shiremanstown Parks and Recreation Committee. In anticipation that the Borough would be eligible to apply for any grants that do not require matching funds, she requested permission to pursue these options. With no objections stated, Mr. Getz cautioned that often there are application fees. Should this be the case, he encouraged Mrs. Harris not to miss an opportunity to apply for a grant based on that. Mrs. Harris questioned if it would be possible to transfer approved funds from either park upgrades or events to cover any application fees. Mr. Getz assured her this would not be an issue.

Upper Allen has generously offered use of equipment for upgrading the ball field in Memorial Park. Ms. DeMaria will be upgrading the field with the use of this equipment, and the Parks and Recreation Committee would like permission to request dirt, saw dust, etc. to outline the infield. Mrs. Harris also requested permission to remove the fence from the outfield to open the area. Mr. Getz preferred that this issue be delayed until there are more Council members available to vote.

The Committee would like to conserve funds by painting the concession stand blue with pain already available from earlier projects. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize the Committee to paint the concession stand as requested. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed.

A citizen has requested a brough-sponsored kickball game, and Mrs. Harris was seeking guidance from the Solicitor and Council members. Mr. Sheely counselled that a resident or group of residents sponsoring such a game would put the Borough in a better legal position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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 8:14 PM. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary