

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on July 14, 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

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Andrew Sheely, Solicitor  
Tammie Dailey, Mayor  
Janna Colechio, Secretary

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Getz and seconded by Mrs. Harris, the minutes of the June 9, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2025 was previously submitted for Council’s review. Mr. Homer made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for June 2025 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN’S REPORT**

**CITIZENS PRESENT**

Mark Rosnick  
Pastor Sarah Keilholtz  
Joan Runkle  
Dave Dyson

**ADDRESS**

203 East Main Street  
Saint John’s Lutheran Church  
4 Walnut Street  
Bible Baptist Church

Mr. Rosnick reported that the outfield fence has been removed from Memorial Park.

Mr. Dyson previously provided information regarding a program sponsored by the church entitled The Great Giveaway. The program is an opportunity to give good, used items to those who can use them. Donated items are available to others in the church and community to take what they need, free of charge. The event will be held Saturday, September 6, 2025, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at 201 West Vine Street in the Borough. This event will be followed by the Annual Friends & Food Trucks Day on Sunday, September 7, 2025, in the church parking lot.

In communicating with Mr. Lenker, Mr. Dyson was made aware of Mr. Lenker's current health issues which will require surgery. Mr. Dyson requested guidance as to the next best step of action regarding the installation of the school zone signs. Mr. Getz said he was aware of Mr. Lenker’s condition and recommended that until more is known following surgery to take a wait and see position.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The Shiremanstown Fire Department submitted the financial and activity reports for June 2025. Included in the packet of information was a flier for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Shiremanstown Fire Department Car/Truck Show to be hosted on the Grounds of Bible Baptist Church at 201 West Vine Street in the Borough. Car registration fee is \$15 per vehicle on the day of the event.

Mrs. Harris announced that the next round of grants begins in January 2026. Describing her plan for future steps and funding, she described a public input night session in conjunction with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Tables will be placed around the park in different areas with pictures of ideas of what could be planned for that area as well as public input as to equipment they would like included in the park renovation. If this meets with Council's approval, she would like to have a motion, so that as many community members as possible may be involved. An independent survey will also be available to gather information. She will be sure to advertise to the public to gather as much data as possible. Following, a committee will meet to review the surveys and produce a more solid plan. The plan will be brought before Council at the September meeting and have public input from the Council members with the intention of having a finalized plan by the October meeting to be fully prepared to submit the plan for a grant in January. In the meantime, the Recreation Department will begin fundraising in conjunction with the Shiremanstown Historical Society. The Borough Solicitor had prepared an agreement to develop a policy regarding the submission of grants through the Shiremanstown Historical Society using their 501c3 to provide more flexibility relating to grant applications. There was also a request by the Borough that the money received from these grant applications are designated to separate accounts for the purposes of each grant. There are two reasons, the first being if the agency(ies) rewarding the grant would audit it would ensure the funds are duly allocated for the purposes of each grant. The second, to prevent the funds from being included in the Borough's general fund and potentially used for something for which the grant was not intended. Mr. Sheely explained that included in the Agreement outlining the authority under the Borough Code, the provisions for a cooperative between the Borough and Shiremanstown Historical Society (SHS), to work with SHS to work on grants specifying they do have to come before the Borough Council before the grant application is submitted for consent so the Council knows the purpose of the grant, and so the Treasurer can understand when money is received from the grant the funds have a place in the Borough budget for it. It explains how the process will work between the Borough and the SHS. Mr. Sheely asked if there were any questions. No questions were heard. Mr. Homer made a motion to enter into an agreement with SHS and the appropriate representatives to sign the document. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion was approved. Dr. Mullen-O'Leary made a motion to have the Treasurer establish a separate account in the general fund for the purpose of receipt of funds from the SHS for the benefit of the Borough by the SHS. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion was approved.

Mr. Homer recently met with Pastor Sarah Keilholtz of Saint John's Lutheran Church regarding establishing a designated cooling center for those who may lack proper cooling in their homes for days when the temperatures are over ninety-five degrees for two days in a row.

Pastor Keilholtz provided a comprehensive review of the church facility that had been renovated in 2024 making it fully handicapped accessible and fully air conditioned. She stated she hopes this is the beginning of a beautiful community space and feels this is an excellent starting point for that. The only precaution she can foresee is that it be clearly advertised as the church building and not the church school. The church looks forward to inviting the community. Mr. Homer elaborated that he had learned that The Children's Garden is the largest single site daycare in Cumberland County. He was also pleased the church offered to use the facility as a warming center on winter days as needed. Discussed was the possibility of the church being able to update their illuminated sign being changed more frequently than once an hour to display messages. The Council discussed that the provisions for changeable message signs were included in the Ordinance, and any changes would need to be advertised ahead of any revisions. Issues brought up by Council members were distracting driving and flashing of lights into the homes of nearby residents. A copy will be provided to each member ahead of the August meeting.

The Solicitor presented Resolution 01-2025, a discussion that has been reviewed multiple times for several years with PennDOT to adjust the speed limit on Main Street from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Mr. Sheely and Mr. Homer have worked with PennDOT through a series of emails and responses have been largely adversarial. A traffic study was conducted; however, the results will not be shared with the Borough. The Resolution presented incorporates the philosophy that much of Shiremanstown, east of Railroad Avenue was constructed before there were zoning and building codes which regulate side yard and front yard setbacks and because of that, there is limited vision for those entering onto Main Street when someone is trying to edge out with a vehicle traveling at 35MPH already traveling on Main Street. There are other municipalities in the area that have gained approval from PennDOT to lower the speed limit in certain circumstances indicating PennDOT does recognize the 25 MPH speed limit. He has drafted it to be a public statement that the Council is unanimous in its support. The other part is getting the information out to the public and elected state officials to make them aware of the Council's concerns. Mrs. Getz made a motion to adopt Resolution 01-2025 to make the public aware of the Council's concerns. With a second from Mrs. Harris the motion passed unanimously.

President Getz questioned Dr. Mullen-O'Leary if it was her intention to complete her term as a Council member, and she responded that it is. He further inquired about her health, to which she gave some details of a recent, yet serious health issue. President Getz explained that the Council was asking because they were not sure what, if any, action to take. Mr. Sheely reiterated to all the Council members the seriousness of their attendance to Council meetings citing that it is not unusual to have a lack of quorum once or twice a year, mentioning the lack of a quorum most recently in May. Stating that each member must be in attendance to keep policy making decisions moving, when one cannot be there, it hinders consistency in policy making, slows things down, and ideas get kicked down the road or forgotten. He pointed out that in a small borough with limited staff, such as Shiremanstown, there may come a time when you don't have a George Lane as Treasurer, an Andy Sheely as Solicitor, or a Janna Colechio as Secretary. When members are not there regularly and someone leaves, a vital part of the ability to function as a municipal government

is lost, so it is important for each Council member to participate, engage, and be there to be a part of it. Stating that each member is an important part of the policies, and if someone does leave, the Borough will be losing quality people who can keep the Borough afloat. Stating he was giving a pep talk as well as a reality check, consistency is imperative or there is the risk of losing sovereignty as a municipality. Mr. Homer commented that the responsibilities of the Borough Council members go beyond the meetings.

The Council reviewed the General Code Codification Proposal Agreement. The email mentioned a three-year period, but the table in the 26-page document appeared to contradict this. Mr. Getz stressed that General Code is Costars. A decision was postponed for the Secretary to verify with Mr. Bonacci and receive a clearer explanation.

The Planning Commission provided changes to the proposed language for the swimming pool ordinance. Due to the changes affecting the building and zoning ordinances, the changes must be advertised for two consecutive weeks, and a hearing will be held during an advertised Council meeting. Following the hearing, the Council will hear input or questions from members of the public followed by a vote. The swimming pool recommendations for the swimming pool ordinance are:

**Swimming Pool** – Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that can contain water 24 inches deep. This includes in-ground, above ground and on-ground swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas.

Note: This depth follows the UCC requirement for a building permit.

**Barrier** – A permanent fence, wall, building wall, or combination thereof that surrounds the swimming pool, spa or hot tub and obstructs the access to the pool or spa. The term “permanent” shall mean not be able to be removed, lifted or relocated without the use of a tool.

Note: The UCC allows the pool wall to serve as a barrier, the Planning Commission recommends that all yards with a swimming pool have a barrier.

Mrs. Alloway detailed the reasoning for the change and indicated the Planning Commission would like to review the updated version. The Solicitor agreed to provide a draft to her as soon as possible for the Commission’s review prior to advertising. The short-term rental agreement was not yet ready for review by the Council.

The Planning Commission proposed an alternative approach for a Borough garage and proposed the construction of a pole building in place of the originally planned structure, due to its simpler and more economical construct. Should the Borough wish to pursue this option, the Planning Commission is more than willing to assist with the planning and implementation process. Photos were included showing examples of what the building could look like.

## **MAYOR’S REPORT**

**June**

Complaints Rec'd 32  
Criminal 1  
Assist. Other Depts. 8  
Traffic Accidents 2  
PD Revenue \$728.53

Traffic 20  
Non-Traffic 3  
Verbal Warn 1  
Parking Tkts. 1  
Written Warn 0  
Faulty Equipmt. 5

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Traffic Tickets/Arrests</b>
Stoner	180.00	1
Montgomery	180.00	17
Shaughnessy	43.50	0
McCoy	0.00	0
Hall	20.50	1
McMillen	14.00	0
Gelnett	12.50	2

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 14 for Speeding
- 1 for School Bus Violations
- 1 for Expired Registration
- 1 for Expired Inspection
- 1 for Driving without a License
- 1 for a STOP sign violation
- 1 for a sunscreen violation

Non-Traffic citations for the month included:

- 1 for Public Drunkenness
- 1 for Disorderly Conduct
- 1 for Harassment

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sheely urged the Council members to attend the public input session in conjunction with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, stating it is an opportunity to have input into keeping and upgrading the Borough's campus. It is an important part of the vision for the Borough and an opportunity to be creative with their ideas.

Mr. Sheely reminded the Council that the contract for solid waste management is due for bid by October. He advised that going forward with any trash hauling company, there appears to be no type of unlimited trash pick-up, only a tote that can be picked up by the trash vehicle. He reiterated that an option for a Borough the size of Shiremanstown would be to consider recycling as a choice rather than a mandate.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Harris thanked Mr. Rosnick and the maintenance crew for removing the fence from the outfield and replacing the baby swings in Memorial Park. The Susquehanna Storm Softball Team was also thanked for cleaning the softball field.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Homer had provided a handout highlighting ideas he had for assisting the Shiremanstown Fire Department in boosting their fundraising efforts. He requested anyone using social media to please consider including it.

He also thanked Chief Stoner for the information for the record of auto accidents on Main Street from 2021 through June of 2025. The information was broken into reportable and non-reportable crashes, with 2021 being the highest total accidents and 2025 on trend for even higher.

A millage rate study was conducted by Mr. Homer, comparing other boroughs of approximate size in Cumberland County as Shiremanstown. Included were Mount Holly Springs, Newburg, and Newville. It was noted that Newville had recently filed for bankruptcy, so he will focus on Mount Holly Springs. He is proposing an increase be considered for 2026 from the current 2.85 mills to 4.09 mills which would mean a dollar increase of \$207. per parcel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Secretary announced that the cake walk will be returning to National Night Out for the first time since Covid 19. She requested store-bought cakes and baked goods to assuage any fears the public still holds of home-baked from unknown donors and to protect the Borough from any potential liability.

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

Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary