

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on June 9, 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
Cindy Watson

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Getz and seconded by Ms. Watson, the minutes of the April 14, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report(s) for the months of March 2025, April 2025, and May 2025 were previously submitted for Council's review. Mr. Lane reported that the annual audit report for 2024 had been submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) by Hamilton and Musser PC, CPAs with no findings. Mrs. Harris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2025 and file it for audit. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Homer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for April 2025 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2025 and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

Mark Rosnick
Tom McCutcheon
Amanda Kendall

ADDRESS

203 East Main Street
16 Railroad Avenue (SFD)
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Shiremanstown Fire Department submitted the financial and activity reports for May 2025.

Mrs. Harris reported that she had applied for a grant which required no fee; however, they are out of funds. They are meeting with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) later in June hoping to get new funds. This grant would provide for master site development of Memorial Park. In the same manner as funds were raised for the Borough's Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2024, the Parks and Recreation Committee hopes to partner with the Shiremanstown Historical Society to build on the momentum of that event to continue a stronger sense of community pride. Mindful that fundraising in the Borough is a sensitive topic, they would be

careful in strategizing their plan. Copies of the donation request letters had been made available to the Council. Mrs. Harris continued that with the guidance of the master site plan development team, the process will include:

- Public participation
- Establishing a committee of diverse residents for input
- Public meetings, at least one at a Council meeting and one in Memorial Park
- Interviews
- Survey distributed to each residence in the Borough.

Once this information is reviewed, the next step would be an inventory of the Park, a design for the Park, a cost estimate for the improvements, and phasing of the project because it will be a lengthy process.

It was confirmed that the partnership with SHS is in part since many grants are given only to 501c3 organizations. Mr. Getz warned against starting any project or even signing a contract before the funds have been awarded. Mrs. Harris questioned if she would create the contract, or SHS or the Borough Solicitor. She has presented this plan to the President of the SHS; however, the Board meeting has not yet been held. Mr. Sheely commended Mrs. Harris stating this is exactly what she should be doing, and he appreciates her grant application efforts. The Solicitor stated that he would have no objection to Mrs. Harris moving forward once the agreement is reached with the SHS for the fee of \$2500. The Council offered no objections. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize Mrs. Harris to attend the next meeting of the SHS Board and present the plan to get their consent, then communicate with the Solicitor to have an agreement drafted for the Borough Council's review at their July meeting as well as to the SHS Board at their next meeting. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Harris requested permission to have the link fence in the outfield of the ballpark in Memorial Park removed. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to allow the removal of the link fence in the outfield. With a second from Mr. Homer, the motion carried.

Ms. DeMaria will be dragging and cleaning the infield in June.

On May 3, 2025, the Secretary received an email addressed to Lee Bretz for continuation of the contract between the Borough and Waste Management for disposal of the debris from the street cleaning in Spring and Fall. It was determined a Borough Official should be able to authorize such agreements. Mrs. Getz made a motion to authorize the appropriate Borough Official to sign an agreement to allow the Borough to take its MS4 collections to the appropriate facilities for disposal. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion carried. Mr. Sheely addressed the issue of waste haulers limiting their services to an agreed upon tote, and unlimited trash, additional trash in bags outside the tote being rejected, etc. is becoming more

prevalent, and reminded Council the Borough’s current contract is on a one-year agreement which will need to be addressed in October.

Mrs. Getz recently attended a meeting in the Borough Hall as an interested citizen and reported the chairs were uncomfortable after sitting for a length of time. She would like the Council to consider purchasing eighteen chairs and slowly introduce more chairs as able. She researched and found that using the Borough’s business account on Amazon the purchase of eighteen black, padded folding chairs would cost \$356.98. Mrs. Harris made a motion to authorize the purchase of the eighteen chairs not to exceed \$400. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion passed.

Mrs. Alloway announced the Planning Commission did not meet in May because the meeting night was the same as the Primary Election held in the Borough Hall. They will be meeting on Tuesday, June 17th and per the Solicitor’s request are researching neighboring municipalities’ policies on hot tubs and spas to include in the swimming pool ordinance. The Solicitor explained that it would be best to postpone addressing the Trash Ordinance until it is clear what will be included in the upcoming contract.

MAYOR’S REPORT

April

Complaints Rec’d	31	Traffic	23
Criminal	2	Non-Traffic	10
Assist. Other Depts.	8	Verbal Warn	1
Traffic Accidents	2	Parking Tkts	1
PD Revenue	\$1,114.50	Written Warn	0
		Faulty Equipmt.	9

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.00	2
Montgomery	198.00	10
Shaughnessy	34.50	0
Yeager	0.00	0
McCoy	1.00	0
Hall	22.50	0
McMillen	18.00	0
Gelnett	48.00	11

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 7 for Speeding
- 6 for Expired Inspection
- 3 for Disregarding Traffic Device
- 2 for School Bus Violations
- 2 for Expired Registration
- 1 for Illegal Passing
- 1 for Following Too Closely
- 1 for Sunscreen Violation

May

Complaints Rec'd 33
Criminal 3
Assist. Other Depts. 7
Traffic Accidents 4
PD Revenue \$711.80

Traffic 30
Non-Traffic 1
Verbal Warn 2
Parking Tkts 1
Written Warn 4
Faulty Equipmt. 7

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.00	1
Montgomery	198.00	21
Shaughnessy	36.00	0
Yeager	2.00	0
McCoy	39.00	7
Hall	20.00	1
McMillen	19.50	0
Gelnett	28.00	0

Traffic citations for the month included:

- 9 for Speeding
- 9 for School Bus Violations
- 3 for Expired Registration
- 2 for Expired Inspection
- 2 for Careless Driving
- 1 for Failure to Obey Traffic Controls
- 1 for Driving without a License
- 1 for Driving with an Expired License
- 1 for Permitting a Violation
- 1 for a STOP sign violation

Non-Traffic citations for the month included:

- 1 for Alcohol in System

Chief Stoner read a thank you note from Rick and Sandy Fry thanking the Shiremanstown Police Department for all the police department continues to do for the community. The note went on to say, "Your presence is always felt, and we know that you are always around if needed." Included in the note was a generous donation for the Shiremanstown Police Department.

The Mayor reported on a recent two-day outing provided by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay with the topic being Wandering Pennsylvania's Water Ways. She cited it as an inspirational and educational journey including the fact that the Shiremanstown Fire Department can be reimbursed for calls to state park fires such as the recent one at Michaux State Forest.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely shared information from the Housing and Redevelopment Authorities of Cumberland County detailing process for applying for the Cumberland County Whole Home Repairs Homeowner Grant Application. A copy of the grant application was provided to the Zoning Officer and the Secretary for any interested, qualified citizens of the Borough who wish to apply for this forgivable loan.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authorities of Cumberland County had sent a letter addressed May 27, 2025, describing the Urban County designation and the advantages of each municipality opting to participate. However, a municipality does have the option to opt-Out. If a municipality determines they wish to continue as part of the Urban County program, no action is required; however, if a municipality determines to "opt-Out" the letter of notification must be received no later than June 28, 2025. The Council had no objections to remaining a part of the Urban County partnership, so no action was necessary.

The Solicitor presented a draft Resolution supporting the establishment of a twenty-five mile per hour (25 MPH) speed limit on Main Street (SR 0641) in the Borough of Shiremanstown for Council's review. The resolution had been drafted with the intent of all the Council members being present with a unanimous agreement and individual signatures given prior to submission to the proper authorities. The Council was urged to review the draft, and if there were any corrections or additions they would like included to contact him so it can be prepared for the July meeting. He expressed thanks to the Shiremanstown Fire Department for providing a video of the traffic accident on West Main Street despite PennDOT's determination that the incident was too far in the past to be relevant. He urged Police Chief Stoner stating that he and the Council are trying to identify Main Street as a problem area citing speed, the width of the road and the lack of laned roadways and requested he provide relevant documentation of non-reportable as well as reportable accidents to assist Mr. Homer in convincing PennDOT of the need for action. Mr. Homer expressed appreciation for the information and updated the Council that the request to paint white lines was denied by PennDOT as too confusing. In turn, they suggested the Borough consider bike lanes. Expressing frustration, he questioned what the next course of action should be. It was determined that going to the state legislature or local news media may be a viable option to bring attention to the situation and PennDOT's lack of concern and cooperation.

OLD BUSINESS

The Zoning Officer has was in contact with Jim Bennett, of Lower Allen Township regarding the South Locust Street subdivision bordering the Borough. The new owner of the subdivision has requested the original documentation between the Zoning Officer and the previous owner regarding the agreement to plant trees which had been destroyed without permission by the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief McCutcheon announced the P25 radio system will be effective in September. He asserted that the Shiremanstown Fire Department (SFD) was the only department in Cumberland County that has not received financial support from their municipality for the purchase of the new radios. Stating that there are five radios that can be programmed, it is expensive and would "throw off" the County's CAD system. Upon rejection of the application to the USDA for a low-interest rate loan, SFD has applied to Member's First Credit Union for

a loan of \$63,911 to cover the cost of the sixteen radios ordered through the County. The terms of the loan are 8% interest over the life of the loan, which is 7 years. On behalf of the SFD, he asked if the Borough is willing to help with the payments. Extended discussion followed without a firm dollar amount provided that would be needed to help the SFD. While stating that there is no objection to the growth of the SFD, Mr. Homer reminded Chief McCutcheon that the fire company cannot grow beyond their budget, and the Borough faces the same issue. Citing a boiler plate for grants that he uses, he stated he is willing to adapt it for the fire company's use to go beyond the normal methods currently used for fundraising enabling them to reach out to large non-profit organizations for their support.

Mr. Getz questioned the purchase of a gear dryer for \$4,049.98 listed in the May financial reports. Fire Chief McCutcheon reported that it had been purchased with state grant funds.

Ms. Watson questioned who currently is certified to drive the fire engine, and Fire Chief McCutcheon reported that he is the only qualified driver.

Mrs. Krpata questioned the absence of Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, the appointed fire company liaison, specifically questioning how many meetings a member may miss before being removed from the Council. Mr. Getz and the Secretary both confirmed they had not been informed Dr. Mullen-O'Leary would be unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Getz, however, did note he had been advised by her that she would not be able to attend the May meeting. Representatives of the SFD verified they have not had contact for some time. The Solicitor reminded the Council that at one time the law was a member missing three consecutive meetings and could be removed from their position. However, that has changed, and the procedure now requires hearings like the impeachment process. Mr. Getz agreed to reach out to Dr. Mullen-O'Leary to confirm her intentions of either resigning or continuing as an active Council member. The Solicitor expressed concern that there was a deeper problem stating he has contacted by the Zoning Officer regarding the property at 115 South Locust Street, noting the monthly report is provided where Dr. Mullen-O'Leary's property frequently appears out of compliance with several Borough Ordinances with no action taken to become compliant. He stated that this puts Mrs. Alloway in a difficult position where she feels it is awkward to cite a member of the Council. He further noted that since he became acquainted with Dr. Mullen-O'Leary, she has been active and willing to communicate and share her opinions even if in a feisty manner and a lack of communication may indicate a health or physical concern preventing her from being communicative. Mr. Getz reiterated his willingness to reach out to Dr. Mullen-O'Leary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary