

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on September 8, 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  
Cindy Watson

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT**

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

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Krpata, the minutes of the August 11, 2025, Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for August 2025 was not available for Council review, owing to the limited time between the month's end and the scheduled Council meeting.

Solicitor Sheely opened the public hearing regarding the Cable Franchise Renewal of the Borough of Shiremanstown. A copy of the agreement had been provided to the Council by the Secretary who confirmed the hearing had been advertised in *The Sentinel* on August 30, 2025. Mr. Sheely explained that the contract is negotiated through the Capital Area Council of Governments, and the Borough receives a portion of the fees collected as payment for the right-of-way used by Verizon. Mr. Sheely asked if the public had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were heard. Mr. Sheely asked the Council if they had any questions, concerns, or comments. None were heard by the Council. Mr. Sheely directed the Secretary to communicate that a copy of the approved minutes would be provided indicating the Council agreed to the terms of the Agreement.

Solicitor Sheely convened the public hearing pertaining to the Cable Franchise Renewal for the Borough of Shiremanstown. The Secretary confirmed that a copy of the agreement had been distributed to the Council, and that notice of the hearing was published in *The Sentinel* on August 30, 2025. Mr. Sheely informed attendees that the contract is negotiated through the Capital Area Council of Governments, with the Borough receiving a portion of the fees as compensation for Verizon's right-of-way usage. He then invited questions or comments from the public; none were raised. Mr. Sheely proceeded to ask Council members for any questions, concerns, or comments, but none were expressed. He subsequently instructed the Secretary to communicate that an approved copy of the meeting minutes would be provided, confirming Council's acceptance of the Agreement's terms.

Mr. Getz welcomed Dave Shiner, President of the Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels. Mr. Shiner expressed his gratitude to the Council for its continued support of the Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels (MAMOW) program and provided a concise summary of the services offered across eight local municipalities, serving a total of 150 clients. He noted that approximately 36% of these clients are unable to pay the \$4.00 fee per meal for the two meals delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and

Friday. MAMOW operates independently from the National Meals on Wheels program and does not receive state or federal funding; client charges are determined by individual financial circumstances. Mr. Shiner further explained that it is common for families of elderly or homebound individuals to request service to regularly check in on loved ones living alone. Mr. Getz thanked Mr. Shiner and shared that, in his own experience, Meals on Wheels played a crucial role in alerting him when his father in another area was declining, allowing him to visit before his father's final days.

**CITIZEN'S REPORT**

<u>CITIZENS PRESENT</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Tom McCutcheon	16 Railroad Avenue
Mark Rosnick	203 East Main Street
Dave Shiner	Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels
Dave Dyson	Bible Baptist Church
Nick Wagaman	116 West Main Street

Mr. McCutcheon reported that, due to concerns about property boundaries, he previously consulted with Council Member Homer regarding the walnut tree situated in the backyard of his residence, specifically within the area designated as a paper alley on the Borough map. At the time of their discussion, Mr. Homer served as President of the Shireman Gardens Homeowner's Association (HOA). Mrs. Alloway confirmed that the paper alley is indicated as a right-of-way from West Vine Street and noted she had provided relevant documentation and site plans to the HOA. It was determined that the tree is located on property owned by the Shireman Gardens HOA; however, no action has yet been taken to remove it. She further remarked that dissatisfaction extends beyond Mr. McCutcheon, as other residents of Shireman Gardens have also expressed concerns. Additional complaints have been reported regarding inadequate service from Property Management Inc. (PMI), including weed violations along the railroad border, which allegedly led to snakes entering neighboring yards. Mr. Sheely advised that any paper street not opened within twenty-one years reverts to the adjacent landowners, thereby designating it as a private rather than municipal responsibility.

Mr. Dyson reported two successful Bible Baptist Church events: the Big Give on September 6, 2025, offering free consignment items to those in need, and the Sunday Friends and Food Day on September 7, 2025, which raised funds for the Shiremanstown Fire Department through the sale of 254 chicken BBQ meals. He thanked the Borough for advertising support.

Mr. Wagaman was attending to observe.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Getz reminded Council that regardless of their feelings toward him as a person, he was elected to be the President of the Council, a position that must be respected, and all personal feelings throughout a Council meeting should be held to a minimum.

The Shiremanstown Fire Department submitted the financial and activity reports for the month of August. Mr. McCutcheon reported the radio update should be finalized by the end of the week.

Mrs. Alloway reported that the brightness of the electronic sign at Saint John’s Lutheran Church/The Children's Garden Daycare has been adjusted and is lighter with the white print on a black background. The Planning Commission discussed the issue presented to the Borough Council and agreed there is no need to update or change the ordinance.

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, and reviewed the swimming pool ordinance draft and agreed to move on with changing the Ordinance. The Solicitor advised a public hearing must be held, and he will advertise a public hearing on the changes to be held at the Council meeting in October.

Mrs. Harris announced there will be another meeting in September regarding the park updates with the goal of moving ahead with finalized plans approved by the Council at the October meeting. Once this is accomplished the next step will be fundraising meetings.

The Secretary advised there had been inquiries on Facebook about the Borough’s Trick or Treat Night. Since the Council has historically used the same night as Lower Allen Township due to the shared borders, she contacted the Township Officials and was told their Trick or Treat Night is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to schedule the Borough’s Trick or Treat night to coincide with Lower Allen Township. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion was approved.

Street sweeping is scheduled for October 6 and 7, 2025. Annual leaf collection will begin on Monday, October 13, 2025, and continue through December 5, 2025. Collection of live Christmas trees will begin on Monday, December 29, 2025.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Dailey previously provided a written report to the Council for August 2025.

General Information Police Activity

Complaints Received	33	Non-traffic	0
Criminal	1	Verbal Warnings	1
Assist Other Departments	7	Parking Tickets	1
Traffic Accidents	2	Written Warnings	20
Traffic Incidents	0	Faulty Equipment	2
Fines/Penalties Received	\$370.11		

Citations – Traffic

<u>Vehicle Code Violation</u>	<u>Number of Violations</u>
Speeding	9
Disregard Traffic Controls	4
School Bus – Passing-stopped	2
Expired Registration	4
Expired Inspection	4
Summary Offenses	3
Permit Violation	1
Improper Turning	1
Improper Passing	1
Tire	1

Misdemeanor/Felony/Other

Public Drunkenness  
Conduct Harassment

Assistance to Other Departments – Mutual Aid

	<u>Number of Calls</u>
Police	3
Fire	1
Ambulance	3
Traffic Control	
Other	

Notes/Matters of Public Awareness

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Sheely informed the Council that the waste removal contract with Waste Management is scheduled for renewal in March 2026. He noted that he has not yet received correspondence from Waste Management concerning the final year of the existing agreement or renewal under this option. Mr. Sheely advised the Council to carefully weigh both environmental and financial considerations when awarding the next contract, emphasizing that the Borough is not required to offer a recycling program. He referenced reports indicating that recycling and garbage have been collected in the same vehicle and observed that the inclusion of weekly recycling significantly influenced the cost of the previous contract. As an alternative, he suggested establishing a centralized voluntary recycling site, potentially as part of the new park plan. Mr. Sheely recommended that the Council review the contract and consider

authorizing a bid for advertisement in November, with the objective of awarding the contract at the December Council meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Alloway spoke with Jim Bennett of Lower Allen Township about the walking path used by residents parking on Chestnut Street. He said the HOA plans to install a fence, and Mrs. Alloway reminded him that any removed trees must be replaced per their agreement.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Krpata questioned how the public would be aware of police activity if the report is not read aloud at the Council meeting. It was stressed that the information provided in the report will be included in the minutes.

Mrs. Getz reported that the census stating the higher income in the Borough was a random sample of 100 people. Mr. Sheely recommended she contact the Census Bureau again and let them know that this was not a census but a statistical sampling. He also suggested checking the County Wage Tax to find out if they could verify information.

Mrs. Getz also suggested the possibility of replacing the flowerpots hanging on Main Street with newer banners. Ms. Watson suggested that sponsors would be glad to “purchase” a basket of flowers which are now easily watered with the donation by the Runkles of a portable sprayer to the Maintenance Department.

Mrs. Harris announced the Halloween party will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM. She requested the release of \$500 from the Park and Recreation budget for the event. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to release up to \$500 for the event. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion was approved. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Getz announced that Dave Lenker suggested that Chestnut Street may qualify for repairs using Liquid Fuels funds.

The Secretary announced that the Annual Budget Workshop was advertised in The Sentinel on August 30, 2025, and September 6, 2025.

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 7:54 PM. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary