

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its re-organizational meeting on January 5, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

Mayor Getz administered the Oath of Office to the following elected council members:

Jeffrey Bland
Mary deCoen
Bryan Homer
Amanda Kendall

Mayor Getz called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Bland
Mary deCoen
Anna Harris
Bryan Homer
Amanda Kendall
Stevie Krpata
Cindy Watson

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

John J. Getz, Mayor
Andrew Sheely, Esq., Solicitor
George Lane, CPA, Treasurer
Janna Colechio, Secretary

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Jeff deCoen	410 East Main Street
Tom McCutcheon	16 Railroad Avenue
Lucy Getz	21 East Main Street
Jodi Alloway	14 West Vine Street

Mayor Getz opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council President. Mr. Bland nominated Mr. Homer for the Office of Council President. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Getz turned the meeting over to President Homer.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Council Vice-President. Ms. Kendall nominated Stevie Krpata for the position of Council Vice-President. With a second from Mr. Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of President pro-tempore. Mrs. Krpata nominated Amand Kendall as the President pro tempore. With a second from Mr. Bland, the motion carried.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Borough Secretary. Mrs. Krpata nominated Janna Colechio for the position of Borough Secretary. With a second from Ms. Kendall, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Borough Treasurer. Mr. Bland nominated George W. Lane, CPA, for the position of Borough Treasurer. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for the nominations for the position of Borough Auditor. Mr. Lane advised Mr. Homer that Hamilton and Musser, PC, CPAs, the auditor who previously performed the annual audit, is now ineligible to perform the Borough's audit due to Mr. Lane being an employee at that firm. Noting that few firms can complete municipal audits, Mr. Lane received two quotes, one from Brown Plus Accounting for \$10,000 and SEK, CPAs & Advisors, for \$12,000. Mr. Bland made a motion to hire Brown Plus Accounting for \$10,000 to complete the Borough's annual audit for 2025. With a second from Ms. Kendall, the motion carried.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Borough Solicitor. Mr. Bland nominated Andrew Sheely, Esq., for the position of Borough Solicitor. With a second by Mrs. deCoen, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations for the position of Borough Engineer. Mr. Bland nominated Phillip Brath, P.E., of Gibson-Thomas Engineering for the position of Borough Engineer. With a second from Mrs. deCoen, the motion passed unanimously.

A vacancy for the position of Borough Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer exists following the resignation of Mrs. Alloway, effective December 31, 2025. Mr. Homer opened the floor for nominations to fill this position. Recognizing the requirements of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC), which mandates that the Borough employ a Building Code Official (BCO) who is eligible to receive UCC certification, Mrs. Alloway recommended that Barry Isett & Associates be appointed as the interim Borough Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer. She noted that Barry Isett has multiple BCO and CBO employees, many of whom are already familiar with the Borough and can ensure prompt and compliant responses to UCC regulations. After discussion among Council members, Mr. Bland made a motion to hire Barry Isett & Associates for the interim period. The motion also included authorization to advertise a Request for Proposal and to continue searching for a candidate who could work from the Borough Office. Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS OF BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVES AND LIAISONS

Mrs. Harris was appointed as the liaison to the Recreation Committee and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Watson was appointed as chair of the Main Street Corridor Committee.

Mrs. Krpata was appointed as the liaison to the Mechanicsburg Area School District while representing the Borough at the School Board meetings.

Mrs. deCoen was appointed as the Borough's representative to the Capital Region Council of Governments.

Mr. Bland was appointed the Borough's Local Emergency Management Coordinator.

Mr. Bland was appointed as chair of the Sanitation Committee.

Ms. Kendall was appointed as chair of the Streets and Pavements Committee.

Mr. Homer was appointed to the position of Public Safety Committee while acting as the liaison to the Shiremanstown Fire Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were heard from the public.

STATEMENTS BY BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mr. Homer requested that email addresses to individual council members be removed from the Borough's website and that all email be directed to the Secretary to categorize and forward to the proper Council person and delete junk mail.

Mr. Homer expressed gratitude for the confidence his fellow members have expressed in naming him the President of the Borough Council, and he will continue to work toward the progress and safety of the community.

Mrs. Harris questioned what measures could be taken to potentially increase attendance by the public at Council meetings. It was decided that Mrs. Krpata would contact each of the churches with electronic signs to post the date(s) and time(s) of Council meetings a week ahead. The Secretary agreed to have the dates highlighted on the Borough's website and Facebook pages as well.

Ms. Watson addressed the importance of maintaining professional conduct during Council meetings, emphasizing that while member may hold strong opinions, discussions should remain respectful. Mr. Homer agreed and said he is committed to ensuring comments are kept to a professional level.

Mr. Sheely reminded Council that the role of the Mayor in the Borough is liaison to the Police Department and to declare emergency conditions. The Council will authorize the payments for emergency services in the event a declaration is made.

Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M. With a second from Mrs. deCoen, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary