

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on March 9, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT

Andrew Sheely, Solicitor
George Lane, Treasurer
John Getz, Mayor
Janna Colechio, Secretary

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Harris and seconded by Mrs. Krpata, the minutes of the January 5, 2026, Council Reorganizational Meeting were approved as written.

On a motion by Mrs. Krpata and seconded by Ms. Watson, the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as written.

On a motion by Ms. Kendall and seconded by Mrs. deCoen, the minutes of the January 24, 2026, Council Snow Emergency Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

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CITIZEN’S REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

Molly Clark
Lee Bretz
Jodi Alloway
Joan Runkle
Cora O’Dell
Tom McCutcheon
Dave Dyson

ADDRESS

4 East Main Street
12 North High Street
14 West Vine Street
4 Walnut Street
West Main Street
3 West Main Street
Bible Baptist Church

Ms. Clark questioned if the property neighboring her on East Main Street was dual zoned to allow inhabitation in the garage. Mr. Homer addressed the issue stating he was not aware that zoning in

that area was dual usage; however, he plans to investigate zoning more deeply and would get back to her with a more definitive answer. Ms. Clark provided contact information for Mr. Homer and questioned what the next step would be as she believes the garage is being used for housing. Mr. Sheely clarified that Ms. Clark was making a complaint to the Borough Council which should be directed to the Zoning Officer, Ms. Abigail Miller, at Barry Isett and Associates to determine if there is a use there that is inconsistent with the Borough's zoning ordinance. If there is, action should be taken to bring it into compliance.

Mr. Bretz reported observing on social media that an individual had expressed concern regarding the temporary STOP sign installed at the intersection of North Stoner and Front Street. He acknowledged his lack of familiarity with all zoning and traffic ordinances; however, upon conducting research, he determined that local ordinances do not override laws enacted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Additional research suggested that the placement of the fence may constitute a traffic hazard, although Mr. Bretz noted that altering the fence would necessitate substantial modifications. Another proposed solution, mentioned on social media, was the implementation of a three-way STOP at the intersection. After discussion between Mr. Bland and Mr. Bretz, the Council President requested that Mr. Bretz submit his research findings for further review by the Mayor and Police Department.

Mr. Bretz also raised a second issue before the Council concerning snow deposited in front of the Children's Garden located at the corner of East Main and Eberly Avenue. Mr. Homer confirmed that this matter was included on the agenda for upcoming discussion.

Mrs. Runkle, President of the Shiremanstown Historical Society, proposed gifting official America 250 flags to both the Borough and the Fire Department in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. Samples of the flag had previously been distributed to each Council member. President Homer acknowledged the generosity of the gesture and inquired about the intended date for their display. Mrs. Runkle agreed that a ceremony would be suitable and additionally requested the use of the town bell from the former Borough Hall. Mr. Bland moved to loan the bell to the Shiremanstown Historical Society until the Borough designates an official location for its permanent display. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Krpata and approved by the Council.

Mr. Dyson was attending as the eyes and ears for Bible Baptist Church, and if needed later in the meeting, for input about emergency shelter.

Ms. O'Dell, a resident of Shiremanstown and an employee at The Children's Garden, shared her experience regarding pedestrian safety during her commute. She explained that although her walk to work should take only two minutes, heavy traffic sometimes extends her commute to as long as twenty minutes. On such occasions, she is forced to walk six or seven feet into the crosswalk before vehicles yield to pedestrians. Ms. O'Dell expressed her gratitude to the police department as they are available for assisting her by providing an escort across Main Street when necessary.

She requested that the Council take additional measures to enhance pedestrian safety on Main Street, with particular emphasis on the intersection of Main Street and Rupp Avenue. President Homer responded by acknowledging her concerns and expressing empathy for her situation. He stated that while a solution is forthcoming, the process has been slow. Despite previous attempts by the Borough to lower the speed limit on Main Street, PennDOT denied the request. Recently,

PennDOT provided new instructions requiring the Borough to meet with their engineer to develop a plan based on their vision and present it to PennDOT's engineers, as PennDOT prefers engineer-to-engineer collaboration. Once the plan is approved, a clear course of action will be established, though funding for improvements will also require time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the January meeting, Mr. Sheely was tasked with drafting an ordinance to install a STOP sign at the intersection of Front Street and North Stoner Avenue, specifically heading eastward. However, the ordinance has not yet been advertised, as the Solicitor intends to present it to the Council before publication. Mr. Sheely noted he had reached out to the Chief of Police for recommendations; however, a response has not yet been received. With discussion now emerging regarding the possibility of establishing a three-way STOP at the intersection, Mr. Sheely reminded the Council that the drafted ordinance was for a single STOP sign facing east on Front Street. Once the ordinance is approved and the sign installed, the police will be able to enforce it.

Mrs. Krpata requested the Council consider placing the STOP sign facing west instead of east to discourage speeding as motorists attempt to avoid delays caused by the railroad crossing closure. Mr. Sheely indicated he is open to amending the ordinance but would prefer to have input from the Chief of Police before its adoption. Mr. Bland suggested amending the ordinance to establish a three-way STOP since it had not yet been advertised. Ms. Kendall raised concerns that such a change could clutter the intersection and cause traffic backups from St. Johns Road. The Secretary reminded the Council that a traffic study is required to implement a three-way STOP.

The Council discussed the most effective placement for an additional STOP sign. Mr. Bland suggested that, since a STOP sign already exists on North Stoner approaching Front Street, adding two more STOP signs might be permissible without a traffic study. Mr. Sheely explained that for any traffic control device to be enforceable, officers must be able to provide documented evidence at a hearing should a motorist challenge a citation.

The Solicitor reminded the Council to amend the draft before them, they would need to decide whether to have the STOP sign facing west or east, or to wait for the Police Chief's recommendation. Mayor Getz offered to consult with Chief Stoner. President Homer agreed that police input is important, as they must defend any citations in court. Another draft of the ordinance will be presented at the April meeting.

Mr. Sheely reiterated the importance of including items requiring council action on the agenda prior to meetings, ensuring citizens are informed and able to ask questions or express concerns.

Mr. Homer had requested that Mrs. Krpata collect feedback following the recent snow emergency, offering the Council an opportunity to review public comments and improve performance in future events. Mrs. Krpata reported substantial dissatisfaction regarding the quality of snow plowing, particularly noting that the plow was not properly lowered to the road surface. Market Street was cleared only to the width of one plow, and salting appeared insufficient. There was also significant confusion concerning the clearing of ADA ramps, with many remaining unclear. Another major complaint was related to vehicle towing, as enforcement of removal from Main Street and Green Street snow emergency routes occurred for the first time in years. This led to residents especially

on Main Street having to clear approximately six feet of snow before returning vehicles to the front of their homes.

Mr. Lane highlighted that the bill for snow removal from the landscaping contractor totaled nearly \$9,000, which included \$7,000 for salt and \$2,000 for plowing services. Mrs. Harris observed that the Borough paid for services that were not rendered by the landscaping company, a sentiment echoed by Mrs. Krpata, who recommended discontinuing the company's use in the future.

Mr. Bland noted the road crew operated with only one vehicle, due to prior maintenance shortcomings, which necessitated engaging the landscaping company. He mentioned his own experience with snow plowing, but the insurance provider prohibited him from operating the Borough's plow, and Council could not authorize use of his personal plow on public streets. He suggested the carrier be changed. Ms. Watson remarked that no insurance company would accept liability for volunteer snowplow drivers.

Mr. Sheely explained that, per communication with the insurance carrier shortly before the event, elected officials or others are not permitted to operate plows, though riding along is allowed. Only those insured, not elected officials or volunteers, may operate Borough vehicles, thus Mr. Bland's request was denied. For future emergencies, it was recommended to establish written guidelines to ensure proper procedures. Mr. Homer concluded by reminding all that no injuries resulted during the event, and that was a major accomplishment. It was further noted that despite Lower Allen Township partnering with the Borough, they had experienced vehicle difficulties as well during this last event.

Mr. Homer reviewed the sequence of events leading to the snow emergency and asked Council members if the declaration and route clearance were justified; it was agreed that it was. He emphasized that Shiremanstown faced challenges like other municipalities, but agreed improvements are necessary in the future. Mrs. Krpata inquired about ADA ramp clearance responsibility, which was clarified as the Borough's obligation.

Mr. Bretz, former road crew supervisor, recalled routinely receiving requests from Mr. Getz, as well as the police department, to push back snow, apply additional salt, and clear ADA ramps. Mr. Homer questioned oversight of the maintenance department, concluding that responsibility was transitioning from Mr. Getz, previous Council President, to himself, the current president.

President Homer commended the Council for achieving significant savings by opting to repair the dump truck at an approximate cost of \$6,000, rather than purchasing a new vehicle for \$140,000. He emphasized that such actions contribute to the Borough's ongoing efforts to reduce expenses. Mr. Bland noted that the next step involves inspecting the truck's framework and recommended it be evaluated at a weld shop. Additionally, he questioned whether the tree grinder had been listed on Municibid, since it is not utilized. Mr. Bretz responded that, to his knowledge, the tree grinder is used during the Christmas tree collection. As there was no definitive information, Mr. Bland made a motion to list the shredder on Municibid. Mrs. Harris raised a question regarding transparency and suggested inclusion of this item on the next meeting agenda.

The Solicitor reiterated previous guidance that agenda items should be submitted to the Secretary by 6:00 PM the Wednesday preceding the Council meeting to allow adequate time for review.

Furthermore, he referenced recent case law affirming that any item on the agenda must be publicly posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. He expressed the view that immediate determination was not required for this matter. He further cautioned Council to be mindful of proper meeting procedures, agenda presentation, and the public's right to participate. Generally, public comments are intended for the designated comment section, though dialogue between Council members and the public often continues throughout the meeting. While not advocating for policy changes, he advised that Council refrain from engaging with the public about issues already addressed, as excessive discussion can unnecessarily prolong meetings and complicates documentation for the Secretary. Such matters should be included as agenda topics to ensure clarity and accountability.

Regarding the current issue, he recommended its placement on the April meeting agenda, noting this approach safeguards both Council and the public, and allows Council members sufficient opportunity to fully assess the matters at hand. President Homer requested that no additional items be added to the agenda after the Wednesday before the meeting.

Mrs. Harris reviewed that Mr. Dyson had invited the Council to a tour of the Community Classroom as a potential Warming Center for the Borough. On February 14, 2026, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. deCoen, Mayor Getz and his wife, and Mrs. Colechio joined with Mr. and Mrs. Dyson as well as Pastor Bryan Sanders to explore the facility for potential partnership with the Church in providing a Warming Center to the Shiremanstown community. The facilities are impressive; however, questions the group included were is the facility exactly what the Borough is looking for, what would the Borough contribute to its use as none of the Borough representatives anticipates that full financial responsibility would fall to the Church, etc. Mr. Homer responded that his research found that other municipalities typically use the warming/cooling center four hours a day between the hours of noon and 4:00 PM, but it boils down to what would work best for the Church. Citing some criteria in use elsewhere, it could be a set number of days following consecutive days of extreme temperatures. Regarding advertising, Facebook could be used. Mrs. Harris questioned how soon would the Borough want to initiate such a partnership. Mrs. Harris indicated this would probably fall best under Emergency Management as she continues to be busy with the park renovations and working toward grant acceptance. Mr. Bland expressed reluctance to plan until he is officially named the Local Emergency Management Coordinator (LEMC) by the Governor; however, once the Secretary sends the approved minutes to Cumberland County, Justin Shaulis will contact Mr. Bland to move forward with the appointment process. Mr. Homer will work alongside Mr. Bland and Mr. Dyson to run through details moving forward.

The positions of Public Works Officer and Borough Manager were addressed by Mr. Homer. He stated that there are a few other Boroughs that use the model of Chief of Police/Borough Manager position. A draft of the position had previously been distributed to each Council member. The document detailed the powers and duties of the individual specifying the duties of the Borough Manager would supervise all municipal departments except where in conflict with legal police duties, implement all Borough ordinances, policies, and resolutions; manage expenditures according to the annual budget; recommend the hiring, suspension or discharge of employees, subject to Council approval; and act as the codes enforcement officer for the Borough. All activity for the above duties would be under the direction of the Council. Duties for the Chief of Police would be subject to the direction of the Mayor including supervise all members of the Police

Department and prescribe rules and regulations for the exercise of their powers, duties and authority; ensure the maintenance of peace and the enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of the Borough; keep records and make reports to the Mayor and the Council concerning the activities of the Police Department; and ensure all officers meet Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). This individual would be expected to attend all meetings of the Borough Council to be informed of all activities. Mr. Homer expressed his opinion that Shiremanstown is too small for the Chief of Police to be busy all the time as there is not much that happens in Shiremanstown.

The second position is the Public Works and Emergency Management position. This person would be responsible for the coordination of public works operations and emergency preparedness of the Borough, subject to the supervision of the Borough Manager and such other officials as provided by the law. The duties included for Public Works would include supervision of all Public Works employees and oversee day-to-day operations of streets, sanitation, stormwater systems, parks, facilities and related infrastructure; measure the proper maintenance, repair, and operation of Borough-owned property, equipment, vehicles, and facilities; plan, coordinate, and direct all snow plowing, salting, and ice control operations on Borough streets, sidewalks, parking areas, and other public ways by establishing snow removal priorities, deploying personnel and equipment during winter weather events and ensuring timely and safe roadway access for residents, emergency services and public safety, assisting the Borough Council in preparing budgets, capital improvement plans, and long-range infrastructure planning, including planning for snow removal equipment, materials, and staffing needs; coordinate and monitor public works contracts and projects approved by the Borough Council; ensuring compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and safety standards related to public works and winter maintenance operations. Duties of the Emergency Management Coordinator include the preparation, maintenance, and implementation of the Borough Emergency Operations Plan; coordinate emergency preparedness and response activities with county, state, and federal agencies as well as local police, fire, and emergency medical services; direct and coordinate Borough resources during emergencies, disasters, severe weather events, or declared states of emergency; organize and participate in emergency training programs, drills, and exercise; and assist in disseminating emergency and weather-related information to Borough officials and the public as appropriate. Mr. Homer explained that this position would be a full-time version of Mr. Rosnick, but more, as they would serve the Borough Manager as the Borough Manager could direct the Public Works Director to take care of potholes or if someone calls in, it could be addressed immediately. Citing the problem with Council overseeing the maintenance department/road crew is the fact they are volunteers without specific training of such matters. He went on to state there other small municipalities that use this model to their advantage as it provides an additional layer of responsibility. They would be able to have oversight which would help each department within the Borough. While unsure how the Council will reach this point, he went on to say he does know we have the people for both positions, solving half the problem. In full transparency for Police Chief/Borough Manager, Officer Montgomery is someone we would love to see in this position. Tom McCutcheon is the ideal choice for the Public Works/Emergency Management position due to his skills and experience in handling emergency calls. In Pennsylvania, volunteer fire

departments often struggle with funding and cannot rely entirely on support from local municipalities.

Mr. Homer stated it is his desire to draft an ordinance for Public Works first and approve the position in April. From there determine how to advertise to the public and how to pick the person for the position. Mrs. Harris questioned where the funding for this position would be coming, to which Mr. Homer responded the budget. Ms. Watson expressed concerns that the budget was not sufficient to support an additional full-time position after having raised taxes. Mr. Homer reminded her that general fund taxes had not been raised as had been his desire; however, a fire tax had been instituted. He went on to say it would benefit the Borough if Officer Montgomery would accept the position of Chief of Police and assume the duties of Codes Enforcement Officer as he had once acted in that position, then the money of that line item currently being paid to a third party could be able to fund his time as Codes Enforcement Officer. He asserted that if the Council wishes to see change, now is the opportunity to make changes or have things remain the same. He said it does seem frightening to make changes, step on toes, and even raise taxes, but asked what vision they would have for the Borough. Ms. Watson questioned the timeline for implementing this position.

Asked his opinion, Mr. Sheely stated he feels the Borough is experiencing problems as earlier discussed, and as long he has known this Borough, it has always dealt with problems as a body and has not delegated those problems to a Borough Manager. However, he conceded there are some positives with a Borough Manager who can assist with many of the things the Borough Secretary has been doing which are way beyond her capacity and scope of duties, including keeping track of ordinances, communicating with the public, which are things a Borough Manager can solve. There is a financial part as well, which he advised, is Borough Council's responsibility to decide. Some concerns he does have, which are not unique to him is the role of a police officer simultaneously serving as a Borough Manager, noting there have been some cases in the last 10-15 years where the dispute comes down to who has control over the Borough Manager and who has control over the Chief of Police. The amendments to the Borough Code mix these together; however, the responsibilities of the Mayor have not been changed, and the Mayor still has control over the Police Department making his job as a Borough Solicitor is to draft an ordinance that has a fine line what the Council can do, what the Mayor can do, and what the Chief of Police can do. Most Boroughs, including Mechanicsburg and New Cumberland, refrain from having the Chief of Police serve as the Borough Manager because of that potential conflict. The Police have a lot of responsibility when it comes to criminal matters that sometimes may get in the way of civil or codes enforcement. Going on to say it is within the Council's discretion to create a position of Borough Manager and determine a salary for that person, that has potential to benefit the Borough; however, he cautioned that he sees problems with that being a dual role.

The Public Works position should also be established by ordinance with defined duties and limitations. The Council will decide whether to create it now or include it in their budget discussions in November. Stating there are positives to both these positions because there are conflict and stress when an elected member takes on a dual role of "helping out" as a responsible employee. It is best to not commingle those responsibilities.

Mayor Getz spoke to the dual roles of Chief of Police, Borough Manager, as well as Codes Enforcement Officer. The presumption of Officer Montgomery stepping up to Police Chief is one issue, but for the Mayor to say, “but it comes with additional duties, the answer may be no. Or he may say yes, but what is in it for me?” He asserted that to think a Chief of Police is just another police officer, it is forgotten the scheduling of part-time officers, court appearances, monitoring the system for school bus offences, etc. that includes much behind the scenes work that no one sees. He went on to say he wished to discuss it with Officer Montgomery ahead of any decision. Mr. Homer agreed, saying he would appreciate that input as well. It is his belief that costs for Zoning and Codes Enforcement could be used to fund the position, rather than by using a third-party provider.

Mr. Getz addressed the issue of the system currently in place where applications are dropped off at the Borough Hall, the Secretary notifies Abigail Miller, the Zoning and Codes Enforcement specialist assigned to Shiremanstown at Barry Isett, and places all paperwork in the airlock for pick up the next morning either by Ms. Miller or Mrs. Alloway to take into the office. When they are processed, an honor system is not practical, so Mr. Getz will be notified by Ms. Miller, then accept the packets, notify the applicant, and set up an appointment for them to present their check and pick up their permit. Ms. Watson questioned who would then be responsible for things such as electrical inspections, etc. Mrs. Alloway spoke from the public that as the previous Zoning and Codes Enforcement official. She stated that Codes Enforcement and UCC are separate, and that when she was on staff, Barry Isett was only doing UCC plan reviews and inspections while she did the zoning, codes enforcement, and acted as BCO, the clerical portion, so the Borough has to have someone who could do all her former duties along with being BCO certified. Ms. Watson requested what amount was considered should the Council approve the position of Chief of Police/ Borough Manager/Codes Enforcement Officer. Citing Penbrook Borough as the example he would want to follow, he cited the Chief of Police would be paid from Police Protection and the Codes Enforcement from Code Enforcement. Confirming there is no money in the budget for the Public Works position for 2026, he noted that the Borough would have a deficit this year if the position were implemented and would need to cure next year.

Mr. Homer asked for a motion to direct Mr. Sheely to draft an ordinance for position of Public Works. Mr. Bland made a motion to direct the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to create the position of Public Works Director. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed 5-2 with Ms. Watson and Mrs. Harris objecting.

With Mrs. deCoen’s election to the Borough Council, the Zoning Hearing Board now has two active members: Mr. Aaron Leighow and Mrs. Jodi Alloway. The Zoning Hearing Sponsorship packets for potential donors previously were distributed to the members of the Council. Board has a meeting scheduled for March 30, 2026, and Mrs. Alloway has a conflict in the upcoming hearing as she was involved with enforcement on the case during her tenure as Zoning Officer. This leaves the Board without a quorum for the hearing which involves the sign at Dr. Raver’s old office on East Main Street. Mr. Leighow’s wife, Rachael, is willing to serve as an alternate member of the Board, and Mrs. deCoen has recommended a neighbor, Shawn Magee, who is willing to serve on the Board. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to name Rachel Leighow as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. With a second from Mrs. deCoen, the motion passed. Mrs. Harris made a motion

to confirm Mr. Magee as a third member of the Zoning Hearing Board. With a second from Ms. Watson, the motion passed.

Mrs. Harris proposed improvements and updates to Memorial Park. In addition to information previously distributed to the Council, the packet included a letter offering donors the opportunity to be recognized as a community leader with opportunities including naming rights, signage at high traffic amenities, event recognition, social media features, and inclusion in campaign materials. A board with name plaques for donors is also being considered. A page of anticipated sources and uses was included, is the committee's best estimate with flexibility for change as more things get nailed down. An example of cost restraints would be the use of mulch rather than rubber playground flooring. She reviewed the design and reiterated that she is open to ideas and suggestions. She requested permission to start reaching out to local businesses and churches to gain interest and give them any information they may need to know about the park renovation plans.

Mrs. Harris has been in contact with American Water Foundation regarding potential grants for rain gardens. She also requested that included on the April agenda would be resolutions needed for other grants she is working on and due by the end of April. She will send out details in advance for the Council's review.

Mr. Homer expressed satisfaction with the plans, and complemented Mrs. Harris on the professionalism of the presentation. He opened the floor for any comments or questions from the Council. Mrs. deCoen inquired if grant from the American Water Foundation would include the mister pads included in the park plan. The grant is an invite only grant, and the mister pads were not within the guidelines; however, the Foundation expressed enthusiasm for the rain garden projects. If the grant is awarded, it would be \$15,000. Two quotes received from landscaping companies came in at \$20,000 and \$15,000. Mrs. deCoen recommended contacting the Master Gardeners Association who include such projects in their program without costs. Mrs. Harris acknowledged other volunteer opportunities such as Eagle Scout projects as valuable resources.

Ms. Kendall asked if the new Council has opportunity to change the layout of the plans previously approved for the park. Mrs. Harris explained that nothing had been voted on the playground; however, the rest of the plans had been approved. Mr. Homer confirmed that the layout had been voted on and approved. Asked if she had concerns, Ms. Kendall explained that the fire department is running out of room, and there had been talk in the past that the fire department could use the baseball field for that purpose. Mr. Homer, as well as other members of the Council, said they had never heard of this proposal for a new building to be built. Mr. Homer confirmed this would have to be at a different location.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Getz announced that Chief Stoner has 83 days left prior to his retirement. Graduates from the HACC Police Academy are hired throughout the class. He asked the Council to approve a flier advertising a full-time officer position, offering \$67,000 for new graduates and higher pay for experienced officers. Mr. Bland asked if any of the current part-time officers expressed interest in moving to a full-time position. Mayor Getz responded he had polled the part-time officers, and none had expressed interest.

Mr. Sheely suggested that the Council take the opportunity to consider the starting salary and additional factors before taking a vote by including the matter on the April agenda.

With only three candidates in the graduating class at the Academy, Mr. Bland made a motion to approve the posting of the flier. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed.

Mayor Getz previously provided a written report to the Council for January 2026.

General Information Police Activity

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| Complaints Received | 30 | Traffic Citations | |
| 12 | | Non-traffic | 1 |
| Criminal | 1 | Verbal Warnings | 0 |
| Assist Other Departments | | Parking Tickets | 1 |
| Traffic Accidents | 3 | Written Warnings | 12 |
| | | Faulty Equipment | 5 |
| Fines/Penalties Received | \$818.87 | | |

Citations – Traffic

| <u>Vehicle Code Violation</u> | <u>Number of Violations</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Speeding in a School | 3 |
| School Bus – Passing Caught by Camera | 12 |
| Expired Registration | 1 |
| Driving w/o License | 1 |
| Permitting a Violation | 1 |
| STOP Sign Violation | 2 |
| Failure to Pay | 1 |
| Illegal Tires | 1 |
| Sunscreen Violation | 1 |

Non-Traffic

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| Disorderly Conduct | 1 |
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Assistance to Other Departments – Mutual Aid

| | <u>Number of Calls</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Police | 2 |
| Fire | 1 |
| Ambulance | 7 |
| Traffic Control | |
| Other | |

Notes/Matters of Public Awareness

Mayor Getz previously provided a written report to the Council for February 2026.

General Information Police Activity

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|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Complaints Received | 26 | Traffic Citations | 7 |
| | | Non-traffic | 1 |
| Criminal | 1 | Verbal Warnings | 1 |
| | | Parking Tickets | |
| Traffic Accidents | 0 | Written Warnings | 3 |
| | | Faulty Equipment | 4 |
| Fines/Penalties Received | \$338.85 | | |

Citations – Traffic

| <u>Vehicle Code Violation</u> | <u>Number of Violations</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Speeding | 1 |
| School Bus – Passing Caught by Camera | 6 |
| Expired Inspection | 3 |
| Driving w/o License | 1 |
| Windshield Obstruction | 1 |
| Failure to Remove Tint | 1 |

Non-Traffic

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| Disorderly Conduct | 1 |
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Assistance to Other Departments – Mutual Aid

| | <u>Number of Calls</u> |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Police | 2 |
| Fire | 0 |
| Ambulance | 6 |
| Traffic Control | |
| Other | |

Notes/Matters of Public Awareness

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Mr. McCutcheon announced the Shiremanstown Fire Department had been awarded a grant by the State Fire Commissioner’s for approximately \$12,000, the majority of which is earmarked to make maintenance improvements to the firehouse including a new roof, painting of the inside walls, and repairing the sign in front of the fire hall. Improvements will begin on March 16, 2026, as Anderson Paint, a Shiremanstown-based business, was selected for painting the interior walls.

Mr. McCutcheon spoke with Brian Hamilton at the County, and it was determined that some older radios could be reprogrammed to the SR channel providing a way for the police, fire, and maintenance department to communicate as needed. The Shiremanstown Fire Department has agreed to donate two of the radios to the Maintenance Department. Mr. McCutcheon plans to get an estimate for the reprogramming when the proper communications company official available. Police Department radios are encrypted. However, once an officer switches to the SR channel it is open, but they can easily switch back to the encrypted channel.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely reminded the Council of the Sunshine Law and the need to have the Agenda posted ahead of time to give the public ample opportunity to review and make comments if they wish.

A second item issue was the position of Zoning Codes enforcement had been advertised as directed in January. Barry Isett & Company is the only response received. There is no action to take as they are currently appointed.

An email from the General Codes has been received requesting a liaison be named. He asked that the Secretary include this on the April agenda to give the Council an opportunity to consider who they may wish to appoint.

Mr. Sheely announced that he has served as the Borough Solicitor for fourteen years and, following a recent discussion with his wife, has decided to transition out of the appointed position. He expressed a preference for making this change sooner rather than later. It is now the responsibility of Council to appoint a Solicitor who meets the Borough's requirements.

Ms. Kendall inquired whether Mr. Sheely had any recommendations for his successor. Mr. Sheely responded that during his fourteen-year tenure, he did not raise his rates, viewing his service as a public responsibility. He advised Council to prepare for increased resources allocated to the Solicitor role, which is mandated under Borough code. Noting that numerous law firms provide solicitorship services to municipalities, he recommended researching these options. Mrs. Krpata suggested Gareth Pahowka as he lives in the Borough and is currently the Mechanicsburg Area School Board Solicitor. Mr. Homer asked for Mr. Pahowka's contact information, so he can reach out.

Mr. Bland asked if Mr. Sheely had established a departure date, to which he replied that an earlier transition would be preferable, though by summer is ideal.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Krpata asked Mayor Getz the status of weeding out part-time officers who refuse to pick up hours. Mr. Getz said he had been under the impression there were many part-time officers refusing; however, in discussion with the Police Department, found there are only four part-time officers currently on roll, and each picks up hours as much as possible.

Mr. Bland suggested there are trees in his neighborhood that should be cited or removed by the Borough as they pose a danger to homes and children. He stated that surrounding townships send strongly-worded letters to the homeowners reminding them it is their responsibility to remove the trees, or they will be found responsible for any injuries or damage caused by the falling trees.

Mr. Sheely explained that the determination hinges on whether the tree is situated on private property or within the Borough's right-of-way. If located on private property, the homeowner is responsible for its removal. Generally, municipal authorities do not involve themselves in disputes between property owners, and the Borough does not proactively examine trees on privately owned land.

Mr. Bland reported the old Council had not completed repairs to the Borough Garage situated by East Strawberry Alley, and that Mr. Rosnick relayed that the doors have been in disrepair for three years. Mr. Bland had a quote from Ames Garage Doors in Eppers for twelve-foot doors with openers which would cost a total of \$8,060. Mr. Sheely again stated that this is one of the issues that Council should have ahead of time on their agenda. There should be three telephonic quotes for each member to review.

Just a reminder from Mrs. Harris that Git-R-Down will be trimming and removing some trees in Memorial Park on March 17th.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kendall requested that the curb from Railroad Avenue to the apron of the fire department drive be painted red, along with the installation of two signs and a stencil designating "Fire Department Parking Only." It was determined that this matter will be added to the April agenda for further discussion.

Mr. Bland inquired about recent email correspondence concerning vehicles passing the fire engine. Mr. Getz reported his review of surveillance footage, confirming that the Fire Chief enters the post office's one-way entrance with emergency lights activated to back into the firehouse, during which an unrelated vehicle passed behind the firetruck. The Mayor noted that local residents are familiar with the fire house location, but visitors may not anticipate the firetruck's movements. Mr. Bland recommended issuing a written warning, and both Mr. Homer and Mrs. Krpata concurred with this suggestion.

Mrs. Harris announced that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, March 29, 2026, at 1:00 PM, and she requested the release of her allocated funds. Ms. Watson moved to approve the release of \$700 for the event, which was seconded by Mrs. deCoen; the motion carried.

On September 12, 2026, the Recreation Committee will partner with the Shiremanstown Historical Society to host a celebration of America 250. Mrs. Harris sought guidance on potentially downsizing the Halloween party to reallocate funds for the America 250 celebration. However, the Council preferred to maintain the Halloween party as planned, and Mrs. Harris will utilize miscellaneous funds to support both events.

The Annual Tree Lighting is scheduled to take place in Memorial Park on December 6, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Ms. Kendall reported that the section of West Courtland Alley behind The Children's Garden requires repaving and that the adjacent crosswalk should be repainted, and will consult with Mr. Rosnick regarding these issues. Lisa, representing The Children's Garden, expressed concerns regarding frequent speeding in the alley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary announced that each member had received a Statement of Financial Interest for 2025 to be completed and returned to the Secretary before May 1, 2026.

Ms. Kendall 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 9:16 PM. With a second from Ms. Kendall, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary