

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held its regular monthly meeting on May 11, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Homer, Council 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 Ms. Kendall and seconded by Mrs. deCoen, the minutes of April 13, 2026, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report for March 2026 previously had been distributed. Ms. Watson made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and file it for audit. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion passed unanimously.

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CITIZEN’S REPORT

CITIZENS PRESENT

ADDRESS

Tom McCutcheon	Shiremanstown Fire Department
Justin Shaulis	Cumberland County Department of Public Safety
Jeff deCoen	410 East Main Street
Jodi Alloway	14 West Vine Street
Jeff Pechart	Shiremanstown Maintenance/Road Crew
Cora O’Dell	17 West Main Street
Lucy Getz	21 East Main Street
John Getz	21 East Main Street
Fay Geegee	104 South Stoner Avenue
Joan Runkle	4 Walnut Street
Darlene Cline	110C West Vine Street
Paul Mumford	324 West Green Street
Paula Bland	200 East Walnut Street
Aiden Stoner	Shiremanstown Fire Department
Dave Dyson	Bible Baptist Church
Veronica O’Leary	15 North Stoner Avenue
Elana Chalmers	Shade Tree Commission

Brandi O'Toole
Katy Zarker

199 East Walnut Street
304 East Green Street

Due to the large turn-out, President Homer announced that the time for public comment and/or participation would be restricted to three minutes rather than the usual six minute limit.

Mr. Pechart inquired about the Public Works Director position saying he has had three years' experience as a seasonal maintenance and road crew worker within the Borough. Mr. Homer explained the position has not yet been posted as it is awaiting approval by the Council to create the position.

Ms. O'Dell explained that the students attending The Children's Garden have been working on a farewell presentation for Chief Stoner and inquired about the number of years he has served the Borough. The Secretary believed it to be twenty-five years; however, promised to check and respond to her as quickly as possible.

Having signed the Citizen's roster, Mayor Getz addressed the Council as a concerned citizen and a taxpayer about the establishment of various positions within the Borough. He related that in the past each Council member was assigned duties and responsibilities corresponding to their interest and abilities, such as parks and recreation, streets and pavements, Main Street Corridor, overseeing the grounds and roads crew, Mechanicsburg School Board representative, etc. to support a reasonable tax rate. Noting that each mil of tax equals approximately \$10,000 of income for the Borough, he continued that with the Borough's Building Codes Official resigning as of December 31, 2025, and the upcoming retirement of the Secretary, there will be a portion of money in the 2026 budget to foot the bill for new positions. He continued that he is not opposed to continuing the creation of new positions if fiscally responsible. However, there are tangible and intangible means of establishing any position including description of job duties, education requirements, background checks, certifications relevant to the position, and work experience relevant to the position to which a candidate is applying. Any position should be posted via public announcement including the salary and benefits associated with the position. Comparing the search for garage doors for the Borough garage requiring three bids, he questioned whether it would not be wise to expand the search for an employee. Ms. Watson also expressed concern about the predicted increase in spending for a Borough Solicitor charging current rates, rather than the rate kept by Mr. Sheely for the past fourteen years.

Mrs. Runkle attended for informational purposes and to express her concern about potential tax increases, particularly given the Borough's aging population and the limited incomes of many residents.

Mr. Mumford agreed that, in the past, the Borough Council was able to keep a lower tax rate by using the abilities of its members, as Mayor Getz had previously said.

Mr. Stoner requested guidance and permission to conduct live-fire training for volunteer members of the Shiremanstown Fire Department. He said that a concrete surface would be

preferable and suggested that business parking lots within the Borough would be ideal locations. Council agreed to review the Borough's ordinances regarding open fires and respond to Mr. Stoner with a decision.

Ms. O'Leary questioned whether action was planned on the temporary STOP sign at the corner of Front Street and North Stoner Avenue facing east, and whether any action would be taken to install a STOP sign at the same location facing west. Mr. Homer advised that the ordinance for the three-way STOP sign at that location was included on the Agenda under the President's Report.

Ms. Chalmers returned to the Council seeking further clarification and direction on the re-establishment of a Shade Tree Commission. She had previously addressed the Council about her concerns for codes on shade trees within the Borough. A copy of relevant codes had been provided, and she noted that though she is willing to act as the Chair for the commission, the code requires at least three active members, including herself. The Secretary was authorized to advertise on the Borough's website and Facebook page for volunteers to serve alongside Ms. Chalmers

Ms. O'Toole presented several concerns about vacant or soon-to-be vacant positions of Borough staff. Specifically, she asked if a new Secretary would be hired to step in to the current Secretary's position and can the public know how many hours she puts into her position and how much she is paid. She also expressed concern that a zoning officer has not yet been hired to replace Mrs. Alloway. Lastly, to fulfill these positions, she questioned if a cost-of-living increase will be necessary and what starting salary is being considered for the new position being created. Mr. Homer said that it is an issue to be looked at later. Ms. O'Toole asked if that would be decided prior to hiring someone to which Mr. Homer replied, absolutely. Ms. O'Toole then asked if that would be when the Council prepares the budget in November. Mr. Homer explained there are two sides to the issue, some would like to create a full-time position to cover both the Secretary and Codes Enforcement Officer, while others are more interested in keeping part-time positions for the Secretary and Codes Enforcement. Until final determination by the Council which direction will be taken, it is difficult to definitively state. He said current salary is something that can be provided by saying it is encouraging to see the interest the public is taking. Mr. Homer asked Ms. O'Toole if she was interested in the position of Secretary, to which she responded, "No." She further explained that she knows Mrs. Colechio and that the hours she is working exceed the hours put in at the office. She expressed doubt that the funds for two part-time positions could finance two full-time positions. Ms. Watson agreed saying the problem they potentially face is that while the Secretary does not say no and puts in far more hours making herself available off-hours, a replacement will not likely adopt that perspective. Mr. Homer added there would be continuing discussion on the positions and the funding for them later in the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Homer began his report with a written statement detailing his vision for the Borough.

We currently have several openings within the borough, creating a rare opportunity to evaluate and redesign certain operational structures for long-term stability and sustainability.

At present, several critical functions are spread across multiple part-time positions with limited overlap, limited continuity, and minimal succession planning. As a council, we have a responsibility to evaluate whether our current structure is the best model for serving the borough not only today, but 5–10 years from now. This discussion is not a reflection on any individual who previously served the borough. We appreciate the contributions and dedication of those employees. These openings simply provide council with an opportunity to assess whether our organizational structure still fits the borough’s present and future needs. One common assumption in municipal government is that: “Full-time automatically means more expensive.” In some cases that is true. In many cases, however, the actual long-term cost can be offset through:

- Reduced overtime
- Elimination of duplicate training
- Improved operational efficiency
- Reduced contractor dependency
- Better continuity of work
- Reduced delays in project execution
- Consolidation of fragmented responsibilities

In small municipalities, part-time positions can also become tied to:

- Historical arrangements
- Community identity positions
- Political relationships
- Patronage expectations

However, our primary responsibility is to ensure borough operations are structured in a way that best serves our residents.

The goal of any restructuring effort is:

- Faster resident response times
- Better grant management
- More consistent code and safety oversight
- Stronger project follow-through
- Reduced contractor dependency
- Increased office coverage
- Improved emergency responsiveness

Ultimately, this discussion is about: Better service and accountability for borough residents.

Mr. Homer addressed positions within the Borough saying the Council currently has a rare opportunity to evaluate and redesign certain operational structures for long-term stability and sustainability. As a Council there is the responsibility to decide if the current structure is the best for serving the Borough.

Addressing the position of Public Works Officer, Mr. Homer stated that recently the Mayor, former Council Member Lucy Getz, and himself had a meeting with James Leshner, a PennDOT Municipal Services Supervisor and learned that monies from the Liquid Fuels account can be used to fund 70% of the wages for the Public Works Officer using form MS907 with the remaining amount being part of the budget for Highways Salaries and Wages. This money, they confirmed, may be used as well as repairing streets and alleys. With the Liquid Fuels Fund having over \$500,000 he feels there are a lot of opportunities with finances to look at ways to reduce costs. He pointed out that in 2025 expenditures were reduced by 15% across the board, and in 2026, the Council did a cost avoidance of a bit less than \$140,000 by repairing the truck rather than

purchasing a new truck. The position of Public Works Officer is intended to be a full-time position with the person overseeing multiple responsibilities such as repairing equipment, doing grounds work, plowing snow, etc. The Solicitor has drafted the ordinance. The next step is the details of the responsibilities which Mr. Homer has prepared for him. He suggested the next step would be advertising the position. Mrs. Harris asked if the Borough could afford. Citing the use of the Liquid Fuels funding, which amounts to \$48,000 annually, Mr. Homer assured her this is affordable. Ms. Watson questioned how the position be addressed, suggesting a committee being formed to review all the resumes assuming the position will be advertised. Mr. Homer said that in the past recommendations had been made to the Council with a nomination, so a committee would not need to be formed. Ms. Watson asked if the Council would have an opportunity to review the resume of any nominees, to which Mr. Homer replied affirmatively. Mrs. Harris asked the Treasurer what the budget looks like with the proposed position happening sooner rather than later and sustaining it in coming years. Mr. Lane replied that he has no idea what the proposal is as he has not been asked to look at it. Mrs. Harris asked if Mr. Lane could look at the proposal to which Mr. Homer agreed. Mayor Getz said he believes the Treasurer would need to know the proposed salary/benefits package would be prior to providing an opinion. Mr. Lane responded that he is not an HR person, he would have to consult as to the requirements necessary for full-time employees. Mrs. Harris asked what the plan for the part-time staff is as it appears this position would replace some of the duties currently provided by them. Mr. Homer reported that currently three workers work from 7:00-11:00AM with two of the three part-time workers who are also seasonal workers working from spring through leaf collection, leaving in December. Mr. Homer said he is offering a full-time position and one part-time position with Mr. Rosnick staying on staff. Mrs. Harris questioned if there is enough work for a full-time position. Mrs. Krpata interjected that currently three part-time workers are paid and cannot even be bothered to take trash cans back in the park, and she would like to think a full-time work could do that. Ms. Kendall said that this position would allow for better maintenance of street issues not requiring contractors. Ms. Watson questioned how removing two part-time workers and having a full-time and one part-time is an advantage. Secondly, she recounted that it had been mentioned that Council members formerly took care of all these issues as volunteers, so what is the issue now. Mr. Homer responded that anytime you have an employee working 40 hours a week, they will naturally form a good relationship, and they will be able to better know what is expected of them. A full-time position also allows the Borough to work on added things. He mentioned they could address Barry Isett & Co. regarding an engineering proposal for Main Street, they could also take the Emergency Management Coordinator role full-time, and if a tree falls down in the middle of the night, they are salaried and could be called out for that, not to mention they would be available for emergency response if need be. He questioned why if this does not affect taxes what the opposition would be. Ms. Watson reminded him that the first proposal for the position was brought up at a meeting where it was said this was what the position would be and who it would be. She recounted that she has had messages and phone calls asking if the position would not be advertised in the paper, and how can a Borough just handpick someone. Mr. Homer replied that it will be posted and hiring will be fair. The question is, does the council want a full-time position or not? Ms. Watson responded that she could see this possibility when the Council has replaced the Secretary, hired a Zoning Officer, and the Solicitor is replaced, a cost unknown since Mr. Sheely charges \$100 per hour and \$300 - \$500 per hour is an average which is a dramatic difference. Mr. Homer asked for a motion to provide the details to the Treasurer to vet the proposal. Mr. Bland made a motion to provide details of the position for Mr. Lane to review. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion passed.

Mr. Homer explained the Borough Manager Position has been retired because originally it had been suggested it be a part of the Chief of Police position. However, Mr. Homer said he wants to give the Mayor time to form his vision for the Police Department following the retirement of Chief Stoner.

Recounting that the issue of additional traffic control at the intersection of Front Street and North Stone had been discussed and revised since March, Mr. Sheely advised that the final draft of the ordinance had been advertised and is now before the Council to enact. When enacted, the ordinance allows for traffic control devices at the intersection facing oncoming traffic east and west on Front Street. Mrs. Krpata made a motion to adopt the ordinance as written. With a second from Mr. Bland, the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence has been received regarding the updates to the recodification process. It was noted that the original contacts had been Mrs. Alloway, who at the time was the Borough's Codes Enforcement Officer, Mr. Sheely, and the Secretary. Mr. Sheely explained the project is designed to allow the public and courts an online version of the Borough's ordinances. Considering the length of the continued project, Mr. Sheely recommended that two Council members function as contacts to review and approve upcoming correspondence from General Code. Mr. Homer volunteered to act as a contact for the project. Mrs. deCoen offered to collaborate with the Council President in review of the project.

Mayor Getz reiterated that the Shiremanstown Police Department has been given the opportunity to fully evaluate the Axon License Plate Reader through the end of 2026 with full integration of national and state-wide systems. The system would only read plates and check NCIC, the national system, for stolen vehicles, wants and warrants on individuals; while the state system would provide information on expired registrations, suspended registrations, expired and suspended drivers who are the owners of the vehicle.

Advantages of the ALPR for the Police Department would include:

- Increased traffic stops for both full and part-time officers.
- More written citations and warnings.
- A more proactive approach to traffic stops.
- Increased revenue generated by the department.
- Safer tactics, as the system automatically reads plates and notifies officers instantly, reducing manual entry while driving.
- Enhanced DUI investigations, as violations provide probable cause for stops.
- Assistance to other jurisdictions searching for specific vehicles.

The ALPR system incurs an integration fee of \$3,000. If the system does not meet expectations, no further payment will be needed. Should the decision be made to keep the ALPR system, there will be no added integration fee; instead, an annual fee of \$1,538.36 will apply for the following four years. Overall, the Police Department and the Mayor believe the system could be an asset to the Department and the Borough.

He added he had inquired with neighboring municipalities currently using the system with reports that the ALPR has been a game changer. Noting that AXON had only recently approached the Shiremanstown Police Department, the system had not been included in the 2026 budget. Ms.

Watson made a motion to authorize the trial period for the ALPR. With a second from Mr. Bland the motion passed.

Andrew Dudziak, District Director, for Representative Delozier's office forwarded an email regarding Federal Rail Crossing Grants that are now available. The FY 25-26 round and applications are due June 8, 2026. Recognizing that the deadline makes it difficult for the Borough to apply this year, he recommended requesting input from the Borough Engineer to review for a potential grant application in the FY 26-27 year of the U.S. Department of Transportation. There were no objections, and the Secretary was asked to send information to the Borough's Engineer.

Mr. Homer noted that to date three potential candidates within the Borough have been contacted, and all have declined the position. Ms. Kendall had recommended an attorney with the firm of Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner. He thanked Ms. Kendall for the recommendation and Mr. Sheely for reaching out and beginning the conversation with him. As it is, the attorney is not interested; however, a member of the firm has expressed interest. Ms. Watson questioned where the position had been posted. Mr. Homer expressed that, to the best of his knowledge, it had not been posted.

Mr. Sheely explained the position of Solicitor is one that is appointed by the Council and however the Council decides how to seek a person or firm to fill that position, they may decide. He assured the Council that Johnson, Duffie, Stewart & Weidner is the Solicitor for many municipalities in the Harrisburg area, and they do represent other Boroughs. They are also familiar with the Pennsylvania Borough Code. He will be requesting a letter of interest in which they will outline their fees. Some other areas for the Council to consider would be how important it is to have a Solicitor at each meeting because there are times when there are topics that need to be addressed, so having someone sit with the Council for an hourly wage is something the Council may wish to negotiate.

The position of the Borough Secretary was addressed. Mr. Homer suggested that with the upcoming vacancy, the Council may consider the opportunity to combine the Secretary position with the Codes Official as well as including grant writing into a full-time position. He saw that combining the established ordinances for Secretary and Codes Enforcement into an updated full-time position would be the first step. Ms. Watson questioned by combining the two part-time positions whether there would be enough to establish a full-time position. Mr. Homer replied that by combining Secretary, Borough Codes, and grant writing there would be ample work for a single full-time position.

Mayor Getz confirmed that with the volunteer hours he has put into working with Ms. Miller at Barry Isett, issuing permits is more than many assume.

Mrs. Krpata said she is glad to note that this would not create any new extension of bureaucracy. It is a matter of restructuring fragmented pieces that already exist. It will also eliminate the issue of accessibility the citizens currently have to the office. She said that she is aware change is scary; however, much time, research, and due diligence have been put into a way to improve services and save the Borough money. She went on to say that posting inflammatory postings on

Facebook warning of increased taxes and implying that Council intentionally and maliciously intends to break protocol is fearmongering and unnecessary.

Ms. Watson responded that she would like to address that it was not the intention, noting that it is often discussed there is lack of community interest in attending Council meetings. She said that these positions are particularly important and the Council was unaware of the availability of \$500,000 through the Liquid Fuels Fund. She said the Council needs to consider not only how to improve efficiency for the Borough, but citizens like the 85 year old widow who barely makes it now, citing widows who had difficulty paying the increased waste fees and the additional cost of having a water heater inspection, these are the people the Council needs to consider so even a 1.5 mil increase for a single household income becomes a hardship. She remarked she as a widow is blessed due to her years of service with the Commonwealth providing a generous pension, but not everyone is, and lives only on social security. She feels that those in attendance deserve to know that sometime an increase would be coming and it is more beneficial to know that rather than to come in after the fact and complain. Stating she felt she had addressed that in Mrs. Krpata's email; however, if not, she felt it would be best to address that privately.

Mr. Homer interjected, saying she is correct, the economy is not good. However, the Borough has a budget and acts as a business and must increase taxes at least by cost-of-living to make-up. Otherwise, there will be a dramatic increase in taxes. That increase is generally 2% each year average. He asked that each Council member consider each of these positions as value vs. non-value with value meaning the taxes being paid by an individual gives back increased service. He repeated he is an advocate of a cost-of-living increase in taxes each year, which is 2%.

Mayor Getz concurred that while he differs on the position of Public Works Director saying at the April meeting, it was requested to give the maintenance/road crew members a bonus Now it has been recommended that will be let go. He feels the combination of the Secretary and Codes Enforcement Office with grant writing included would be a benefit.

Ms. Alloway said that she was the Borough Codes Official (BCO), and by law each municipality must have one whether on staff or as a third party, which is what Barry Isett is now. Ms. Miller, who is assigned to the Borough, has her BCO. Multiple members at Barry Isett & Associates have the BCO certification which provides constant availability. She clarified that the certification for BCO requires a one-week class and a test. Mayor Getz continued that looking at the hours that Mrs. Alloway provided and the paid hours that Mrs. Colechio does, along with grants, the position could almost pay for itself.

Mr. Bland made a motion to have a draft ordinance created combining the position of Secretary/Borough Codes Official/Borough Grant writer. With a second from Mrs. Krpata, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Harris presented Memorial Park Updates. The Cumberland County Land Partnership has awarded the Community in Motion \$35,000 for the paved walking trail. She now needs Mr. Homer to sign off on it, so it may be returned by June 1, 2026.

Application was also made to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for \$93,939, which would cover the benches on the trail, the trail, and the pickle ball court. Grants will be awarded in October of 2026. Work would not begin until the January-February period of January or February 2027.

An award of \$15,000 was received for the rain gardens. This work must be completed prior to the end of 2026. A meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, in the Borough Hall at 6:00. Plans will be presented at the meeting and brought to Council for their review.

She asked what Borough staff may complete Park tasks. Using the construction of park benches as an illustration of a project she knows may be done but questioned if erection of a do-it-yourself pavilion is permissible or would that be beyond their scope of work. If it must be outsourced, would prevailing wage be mandatory? Mr. Getz responded that there is a maximum for certain projects; however, he was uncertain what that amount currently is. However, given the fact that one of the maintenance workers is a former contractor, he believes it could be done in house. Mrs. Harris noted that there are restrictions on grant funds; however, private donations are being received, and if the pavilion kit of several thousand dollars can be done in house, it could save thousands more than the projected cost using grant funds. Mrs. Harris will confirm the amount requiring prevailing wage and determine if the pavilion must be bid out, or if it can be completed in house.

Ms. Watson congratulated Mrs. Harris on the funds being received through grants and private donations. Mrs. Harris thanked Mrs. deCoen for all her assistance through the many intense hours of completing grant work.

Mr. Bland asked for clarification on the Chestnut Street Tree Planting. It was noted that a letter from Ms. Miller had been included stating she had reached out to two contacts previously contacted by Mrs. Alloway. Mr. Grace, the original owner, is no longer involved with this property. The second contact, Mike McCorkel, is the new owner. Jim Bennett of Lower Allen Township recommended working with the HOA to apply pressure to the owner to replace the trees. Based on this information, Ms. Miller recommends the Borough Council consider preparing a formal letter to the Birch Grove HOA saying communication from the Council may help encourage the HOA to take the necessary steps to address the situation and facilitate the planting of the trees on Chestnut Street. She added that the letter should also contain wording directly from the Borough's tree ordinance.

Because the Solicitor had previously been involved with the issue, Mr. Getz explained that there had been complications in the matter years back. Mr. Sheely explained that it was not clear to him where the border between Borough property and the property on which the new development is built. Allegedly, an independent contractor who went on Borough property had removed trees. That person or entity would be the one from whom to get recovery if they were maintained trees by the Borough. Being unaware who the person or entity was or the worth of the trees, and the Borough has no authority over Lower Allen Township to enforce the subdivision and land development ordinance. It is his understanding that Lower Allen Township tried to include new trees planted along the boundary in the plan. If the Council has strong positions about trees, bringing letters to an HOA with no knowledge of the arrangements, in his opinion, will not bring any changes.

Mrs. Alloway said that she and Mr. Getz had previously met with Lower Allen Township and they met with the property owner who hired the excavating company and Scott Akens, of Akens Engineering, had surveyed the property lines. She advised Mr. Getz copies of this information could be found in her office. Her last conversation with Mr. Bennet indicated that copies of all the agreements would be provided to the new owner and the HOA. She is unaware of any activity since that time.

Mr. Bland announced the new doors for the Borough's garage have been ordered and expected for delivery and installation on June 9, 2026.

Foust Machine and Tool located on Bayshore Road in Mechanicsburg had checked the truck for rust damage and if welding would be necessary. The Mayor had been at the Borough building as it was determined the rust was surface and recommended a rust reversal product which has been purchased. Mr. Bland noted the stone guard on the truck needs repaired before the condition worsens and will meet with Mr. Rosnick to have it repaired before any further damage incurred. Inspection is not a problem as Emory Transmissions confirmed they provide PA inspection services as well as repair transmissions. A simple repair to the snowplow will ensure it is ready for next winter. Ms. Kendall asked that Mr. Bland ensure that there are functional back-up alarms on the dump truck as well as the pick-up truck.

Ms. Watson announced the hanging flower baskets for Main Street are to be delivered on Thursday, May 14th. Mr. Rosnick had reported that twelve new flagpole hardware kits and twelve new American flags were needed to replace ones damaged in the previous year. The estimated cost for all is estimated at a little less than \$700. Ms. Watson requested an amount not to exceed \$800 from Main Street Corridor. Mrs. Harris made a motion to purchase the new flags and hardware not to exceed \$800. With a second from Mrs. deCoen, the motion was approved.

Unrelated to Main Street, Ms. Watson stated her neighbor had sent a picture of a pothole that originated with the blasting for the construction of the development abutting the abutting the Borough. Ms. Watson confirmed the next step was to have the road crew review the situation.

Jeffrey McCauley, a representative of the September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance, sent information announcing a project throughout the state of Pennsylvania in time for the 25th anniversary of 911. The Alliance has funding to purchase and install the signage and is seeking approval of the locations on the Borough roads. Additional information is available at 911trail.org. Ms. Kendall made a motion to approve the signage connecting Shiremanstown to the September 11th National Memorial Trail. With a second from Mrs. deCoen, the motion was approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

General Information Police Activity

Complaints Received	27	Non-traffic	10
Criminal	0	Verbal Warnings	2
Assist Other Departments	12	Parking Tickets	23
Traffic Accidents	2	Written Warnings	4
Traffic Incidents	7	Faulty Equipment	3
Fines/Penalties Received	\$1,160.97		

Citations – Traffic

Vehicle Code Violation

Number of Violations

Speeding	6
School Bus – Passing stopped by Police	1

Assistance to Other Departments – Mutual Aid

	<u>Number of Calls</u>
Police	4
Fire	0
Ambulance	8
Other	0

Notes/Matters of Public Awareness

Interviews for a full-time officer to be hired upon Chief Stoner’s retirement continue.

Ten Non-Traffic Failure to Respond to a Street Sweeping Parking Ticket will generate \$300 unless any go to Warrant.

Mayor Getz reported he had investigated two separate EMS complaints. The first was an incident on East Main Street in which it was reported that police presence was not provided unless deemed necessary. The Mayor reported Chief Stoner was the officer on duty and was on standby but had not been dispatched later.

The second involved an incident where a youth was being treated for swallowing bleach. Officer Montgomery was on duty at that time of this EMS call and was interviewing a candidate for patrol officer.

The Mayor reported that the Department is watchful for school bus violations and ever mindful of safety on the roadways.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Ms. Kendall provided a financial report.

Fire Chief McCutcheon left the meeting prior to this agenda item.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Sheely stated that amendments to the Borough Code in 2004 saw that Boroughs are losing their ability to function in the Commonwealth and that boroughs are suffering. Amendments to the Borough Code all boroughs consider consolidating the positions of Borough Manager and Street Commissioner as well as the Secretary and Treasurer. While looking at consolidation of responsibilities and how to fund them, the Borough Code allows for consolidation. He noted the ordinance he has prepared for Borough Manager was taken from New Cumberland Borough’s, which is similar because they eliminated the Secretary and combined it into the responsibilities of the Borough Manager. The road map for their use is available. Citing the problem with being the Solicitor is there are seven elected officials, and he does not want to assume their responsibilities. He wants to be able to draft an

ordinance that fits into what the Council sees as their future. He asked they look at the draft for the Borough Manager position and see how it fits into their vision for the other positions. He explained that usually the municipalities he works with combine the Secretary and Borough Manager to work with the Borough Treasurer. Mr. Sheely reminded the Council the Secretary's last meeting is in one month, and it is necessary to appoint, temporarily, a Secretary to take minutes at the Council meeting to take the minutes. He further encouraged Council to take what was discussed at this meeting and the Borough Manager Ordinance and possibly consolidate the position of Secretary, Codes Officer, and Borough Manager and have that person accountable each month to sit at the table and report back to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Watson questioned whether action has been taken on the issue of Chestnut Street as previously discussed by herself and Ms. Kendall. She reported that her neighbor had emailed the Borough three times requesting a date when the road would be fixed and had received no response. Mr. Homer requested an email be sent to the shiremanstownboro@comcast.net for the Secretary to send to the proper party. Mr. Getz reported that the area had already been evaluated and that the work required would be extensive. Because liquid fuels funds would be used, the project would need to be put out for bid. He said the work area would extend from Stoner Avenue to Walnut Circle.

Mrs. Harris commended the juniors of West Shore Christian Academy for the workday on April 24, 2026, in Memorial Park. Citing a spirit of comradery and teamwork as they organized the storage shed, painted, etc. while the Maintenance crew repainted the basketball court lines and surprised the students by personally purchasing pretzels for them.

Following up on her previous suggestion of turning the concession stand into a mini café, Mrs. Harris reported that her daughter, Juliette, is looking for Eagle Scout projects, and she would like to take the idea of the cafe as her choice. John Getz has agreed to function as the liaison if Council has no objections as she has removed herself from the process. Juliette will be responsible for her own fundraising and completing plans which Mrs. Harris hopes will be available to the Council in June.

Citing the draft agreement provided by the Solicitor in April, Mrs. Harris asked the Council to review. Mr. Sheely explained it is an agreement included in last month's report which clarifies the responsibilities and expectations of both the Borough and Fire Department. Mr. Homer agreed to include it on the May Agenda. Mrs. Harris then asked with the end of six-month agreement for the Borough to repay the Fire Department what the plan is going forward. Mr. Homer explained that the payments from the Borough will end in June as planned, and the implementation of the fire tax is boosting the ability of the Fire Department to assume the loan payments without additional help from the Borough.

Mrs. Harris reminded the Council the Planning Commission had requested a liaison from the Council be appointed in the absence of Mrs. Alloway. Mr. Sheely explained the purpose of the liaison is to make the Commission aware of the wishes of Council and the Council knows what the Commission is thinking about and to help you streamline your ordinances. Mrs. deCoen expressed some interest; however, was uncertain if her schedule would allow. Mrs. Harris inquired about the status of the heating and cooling station. Mr. Homer explained there are some things that need to be discussed regarding expectations for the building and

law requirements for the facility. Mr. Homer is in discussions with Mr. McCutcheon about this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Harris requested that benches in Memorial park be repaired. There is also a hole in the roof of the pavilion in need of repair. Mr. Getz agreed to investigate both items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Ms. Kendall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM. With a second from Mrs. Harris, the motion was approved.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary