

SHIREMANSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2026
7:00 P.M.

President Bryan E. Homer, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Bryan E. Homer, Jr., President
Stevie Krpata, Vice President
Amanda Kendall
Mary DeCoen
Jeffrey Bland
Anna Harris
Cindy Watson

Also Present:

Mayor John Getz
Andrew C. Sheely, Esq., Borough Solicitor
George Lane, Treasurer
Janna Colechio, Borough Secretary
Various residents and guests

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Stevie Krpata, seconded by Jeffrey Bland, to approve the May 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stevie Krpata, seconded by Anna Harris, to approve the June 1, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Mary DeCoen, seconded by Cindy Watson, to approve the May 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE PENSION PLAN RESOLUTION

Treasurer George Lane explained that PMRS requires annual approval of a resolution waiving employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan when the plan is sufficiently funded.

Motion made by Anna Harris, seconded by Stevie Krpata, to approve the 2026 Resolution waiving employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mark Rosnick provided an update regarding a stormwater pipe repair project and inquired about the status of improvements to Chestnut Street. Council discussed obtaining engineering review and cost estimates.

Abigail Miller discussed zoning administration procedures, permit processing, code enforcement communications, and points of contact following the Borough Secretary's retirement.

Nancy Trowbridge expressed concerns about minors operating electric bicycles within the Borough. Mayor Getz reported that the Police Department is reviewing applicable laws and enforcement options.

Additional residents were present for observation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognition of Borough Secretary

Council recognized Borough Secretary Janna Colechio for more than twenty-five years of dedicated service to the Borough. Mayor Getz and members of Council expressed appreciation for her commitment and contributions to the community.

Chief of Police Position

Officer Devin Montgomery addressed Council and presented his vision for the future of the Shiremanstown Police Department, emphasizing community engagement, officer preparedness, modernization efforts, and interdepartmental cooperation.

Motion by Cindy Watson, seconded by Jeffrey Bland, to appoint Officer Devin Montgomery as Chief of Police effective July 2, 2026. The appointment includes a ninety-day probationary period at his current annual salary of \$83,000. Upon successful completion of the probationary period on September 29, 2026, the salary shall increase to \$98,750 annually. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Solicitor Position

Council discussed ongoing efforts to identify a successor Borough Solicitor in anticipation of Solicitor Sheely's retirement. No action was taken.

Borough Secretary Position

Motion by Stevie Krpata, seconded by Mary DeCoen, to accept the retirement of Borough Secretary Janna Colechio effective June 29, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Manager Position

Council discussed staffing challenges, succession planning, administrative needs, and organizational options available to the Borough.

Council reviewed potential alternatives, including maintaining the current part-time structure, creating a Borough Manager position, and exploring a municipal merger study.

Following the discussion, the Council expressed no interest in pursuing a municipal merger study at this time.

Motion by Jeffrey Bland, seconded by Mary DeCoen, directing Solicitor Andrew Sheely to prepare and finalize a Borough Manager Ordinance for Council consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Updates

Anna Harris reported on the progress of the proposed rain garden project and provided updates on landscaping proposals received by the committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Getz had nothing further to report.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Tom McCutcheon had nothing further to report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Sheely directed the council to review the Fire Agreement. Council discussed matters relating to the Fire Agreement. No formal action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No formal action was taken under New Business.

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No formal action was taken under New Business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Stevie Krpata, seconded by Anna Harris, to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Stevie Krpata, seconded by Cindy Watson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan E. Homer, Jr
Borough Council President