

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 April 12, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. at Borough Hall, One Park Lane, Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

John J. Getz, President  
Gary Gardner  
Cindy Gaumer-Watson  
Lucy Getz  
Matthew Simmons  
Grant Tankersly

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Tammie G. Dailey, Mayor  
Andrew Sheely, Solicitor  
Janna Colechio, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

On a motion by Mrs. Getz and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Council Meeting were approved as written.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2021 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had reported that there was nothing to add to the written report. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2021 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN'S REPORT**

Citizens Present:

Jeffrey Bland  
Eric Stouter

200 East Walnut Street  
218 East Chestnut Street

Mr. Bland questioned if Waste Management had bought out Advanced Waste Disposal. It was confirmed that it had been purchased by Waste Management and the contract will expire in March 2022. He expressed dissatisfaction with their service and the handling of receptacles. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson confirmed that she has had poor experiences with Waste Management stating that an item she placed in recycling apparently did not meet their standard for recycling, so they threw it into her yard rather than placing it with the trash or placing it at the spot where her totes are placed weekly.

Mr. Stouter inquired about the construction project at 145 South Locust Street and how this will affect the neighborhood on Chestnut Street and Walnut Circle. Mrs. Alloway will respond to his concerns when she presents her monthly report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Solicitor requested authorization from Council to have a title search conducted to gain the exact dimensions of the Spruce Street properties to follow up on the Petition to Vacate the parcel of land between Mr. and Mrs. Bland and Ms. Carol Mull-O'Leary. Mr. Gardner made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to have a title search conducted at a cost of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to accurately process the Petition to Vacate the specified portion of Spruce Street.

An email from the Borough Engineer, Phillip Brath, advised Council that the property survey has been completed and that he is currently working on drawings for the proposed Borough garage. He had questions regarding the right of way for Front Street, North High Street, East Strawberry Alley, Carlton Alley and Church Alley. The question was referred to Mrs. Alloway as she would have access to the subdivision plan for this information. Mr. Sheely offered to assist if needed.

Management of the Borough's webpage and Facebook page were discussed. Mr. Sheely specifically addressed that the Borough's Facebook account is updated and used by residents with no Borough sanction or endorsement. Additionally, it was recently brought to his attention that websites are to be ADA compliant. A check with the Borough's website host confirmed that the Borough's compliance level is ranked at 92%, which is 12% above the required level. She also reported that there are no errors or anything specific that stands out as a violation. The Zoning Officer would like to have a zoning map and zoning ordinances available if possible, along with forms in a more convenient and accessible tab than currently listed on the webpage. It was noted that pages for events with the Parks and Recreation Board as well as police updates would be beneficial for public use. The Secretary was directed to contact the web designer to determine the best procedure to include the Facebook link and other items to the Borough's web page.

Justin Miller, Recycling Coordinator for the Cumberland County Recycling & Waste is required annually to enter recycling tonnages for the previous calendar year by municipality. This year, the Department of Environmental Protection is requiring an actual name for contact purposes. Council agreed to name the Secretary as the Recycling Coordinator for 2020, since she, along with the Treasurer, has been submitting the Act 101 Recycling Report in recent years.

Mr. Getz reminded all Council members and Borough employees of the need to update required clearances in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law. These include the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, the Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance, and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Criminal History Clearance. Options for payment are either to contact the Secretary for use of the Borough's credit card or to make payment personally and request reimbursement through the Treasurer. The Secretary will email the link to the Department of Human Services for completion of the forms. It was agreed that a plan of action for those found to have a criminal history would need to be adopted. Mrs. Getz made a motion that clearances should be applied for and submitted to the Secretary by June 30, 2021. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed.

### **MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD**

There was no report.

### **MAIN STREET**

Mrs. Getz reported that an accident had occurred at North Locust and Main Streets and recommended that signage be contemplated in the area. Citing that each driver has a personal responsibility to ensure that both lanes of traffic are clear and conditions safe prior to pulling into traffic, Office Montgomery recommended painting speed lines

east of Railroad Avenue on Main Street to enable officers to patrol the area for traffic violations since currently there is no way to enforce those who may be speeding.

David Lenker's mother had passed away; however, he will be returning to work and giving the Borough an estimate for paving Strawberry Alley.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**March**

Complaints Rec'd	31	Traffic	17
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	2
Assist. Other Depts.	12	Verbal Warn	0
PD Revenue	\$1,191.25	Parking Tkts	2
		Written Warn	6

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	207.0	5
Montgomery	207.0	11
Shaughnessy	80.0	0
Holley	36.0	0
Hutcheson	27.0	0
Hall	33.0	1
Pidcock	0.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmiller	0.0	0

Citations for the month included eight (8) for speeding, two (2) for expired inspection, one (1) suspended registration, one (1) driving without Insurance, one (1) for careless driving, and four (4) summary offenses. The two Non-Traffic citations were one (1) for public drunkenness and one (1) for disorderly conduct.

Mayor Dailey reminded Council of the plans for a second annual celebration of *Bells Across Pennsylvania* to be celebrated on Sunday, May 2, 2021. This is a celebration of hometown heroes who have done much to enable their communities to prevail against the pandemic and to honor them in concert with municipalities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. At 7:00 PM on May 2, the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association is requesting that municipalities ring out bells, whether individuals with handbells or noisemakers, churches and public buildings with bells, or any organized group to ring bells for 3 (three) solid minutes to show support for those who have put themselves in harm's way to serve the public in the continuing pandemic. Those interested in joining in this celebration were encouraged to contact the Mayor or the Borough Office. The Secretary will provide a summary for the webpage and the Facebook page to encourage participation.

## **CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER**

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of March had previously been distributed to Council. Two building permits, two zoning permits, and one sidewalk permit had been issued in March for a total of two hundred fourteen dollars (\$214.00) collected in fees.

The Zoning Hearing Board met on Monday, March 29, 2021 and approved the request for a variance.

The property at 230 East Main Street is under contract to be sold to an investor who will repair the fire damage from January 13, 2021. The tenant in the third unit will be permitted to stay.

The project at 145 South Locust Street will include 8 single family homes and 18 town homes. Mrs. Alloway has been in contact with Abel Construction regarding replanting the area. She reported that a road cut application has been received from UGI for work on Walnut Circle and East Walnut Street related to this project. She advised that a walking path will exit from the project into the Borough at both ends of Walnut Street. Mr. Sheely reminded the Zoning Officer that Lower Allen Township has no authority to approve construction beyond the Township limits including sidewalks into the Shiremanstown Borough. He reiterated that she must convey this to the Contractor and no construction is to take place inside the Borough as it has not been approved by the Planning Commission nor the Council.

In conversation with Pastor Carlen of the Shiremanstown Church of God, it was agreed that the Church would post special notices and events for the Borough, which will be submitted by the Zoning officer.

## **STREETS AND PAVEMENTS**

Mr. Gardner completed several surveys relating to County Road Work and traffic signals. He was also provided information regarding Herbie the Elm Tree who has been cloned by the Liberty Tree Society to restore the Elm Tree population in America. He agreed to forward information regarding the tree to Mrs. Getz for potential Main Street plantings.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Backboards for the Memorial Park basketball court will be ordered for placement for the summer park season. Universal brackets are to be received by April 22, 2021.

Plans to refurbish the shuffleboard in Memorial Park are being made.

The spring action car for Manor Park has been purchased and should shipped within 4 weeks.

## **SANITATION**

Mr. Simmons will contact Waste Management regarding the complaints by Mr. Bland and Mrs. Gaumer-Watson.

Flyers were distributed detailing the Cumberland County 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. Information will be posted on the Borough's website as well.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

As the daughter of a former fire chief, Mrs. Gaumer-Watson expressed interest in acting as the liaison to the Shiremanstown Fire Department. She relayed that she had a conversation with several members of SFD at the firehouse and may be interested in becoming a member as well. Neither Council nor Mr. Simmons had any objections, so it was agreed that Mrs. Gaumer-Watson will be the liaison from Council the Shiremanstown Fire Department.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Secretary expressed appreciation to Mr. Simmons and Mr. Lane for recently assisting a young student with a disability struggling to complete a mandated project shortly after the loss of his father to brain cancer. With the help of their input, he not only completed the project, but earned an "A."

Mr. Simmons made a motion to accept the receipts and pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tankersley and carried.

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio  
Borough Secretary