

The Borough Council of Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania held an abbreviated regular monthly meeting due to the restrictions of COVID-19 May 10, 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
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. Gaumer-Watson and seconded by Mr. Tankersly, the minutes of the April 12, 2021, Council Meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2021 previously had been distributed to Council. Mr. Lane had nothing additional to add to the written report. Mrs. Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2021 and file it for audit. With a second from Mr. Gardner, the motion passed unanimously.

Troy Truax, of Michael Baker International presented to Council information regarding the Gettysburg Road Corridor Study initiated by Lower Allen Township, who is developing a Master Plan to identify and prioritize improvement for the Gettysburg Road Corridor. The Corridor extends from St. Johns Road in the Borough east to 17th Street near the Borough of Lemoyne. In addition to making Council aware of the Master Plan and requesting potential input, Mr. Truax elaborated that participation in expanding the project to include Main Street would be potential progress in improving future traffic along the route by increasing connectivity between the Borough, Lower Allen Township, and Lemoyne Borough and by utilizing a bicycle lane/walking path lessen traffic. Participation may also make the Borough eligible for various grants available. Mayor Dailey questioned if a state road, such as Main Street may be used for a bicycle route/walking path. Mr. Truax explained that such improvements may be made to the road; however, the Borough would be responsible for maintenance. An Urban Design Workshop is being hosted by Lower Allen Township at the Township Building and via Zoom meeting on May 25-26, 2021. Registration is required and questions should be addressed to Erin Trone at Lower Allen Township.

CITIZEN'S REPORT

Citizens Present:

Troy Truax
Jeffrey Bland
Eric Stouter

Michael Baker International
200 East Walnut Street
218 East Chestnut Street

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Secretary met with the Webpage Designer to discuss upgrades to the Borough's website as well as linking announcements from the website directly to the Borough's Facebook page currently maintained by former council member, Ms. René Waltz. It was reported that Ms. Cawley has many creative ideas to improve the website but is anxious to have more input from the Borough to optimize use of the site. One improvement discussed was the possibility of including forms which could be completed online and returned to the Borough electronically, aesthetic changes in the design, etc. Because this will require additional research and development by Ms. Cawley, Council agreed that rather than the \$200 bi-monthly fee, payments for the remainder of 2021 will be \$200 monthly. The Secretary was instructed to request that administrative permission be given to Ms. Cawley by Ms. Waltz so that events and emergency updates can be posted to Facebook in real time.

Local Emergency Management meetings continue to meet via Zoom. It is time for the Borough to update the Emergency Management Plan. Mr. Getz will review the previous plan(s) to include any updates.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL BOARD

The Board met on April 27, 2021, in person at the Kindergarten Academy and via Zoom.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Gaumer-Watson invited Mr. Tom McCutcheon of the Shiremanstown Fire Department to attend the Council meeting and answer some of the questions previously brought up regarding the requirements for driving the Fire Department vehicles. Mr. McCutcheon explained that each candidate for driving privileges must take an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) and receive certification from Harrisburg Area Community College, a sixteen-hour course that instructs firefighters and emergency responders to operate emergency vehicles. This is then followed by a forty hours of driver trainer with Mr. McCutcheon prior to completing a course with the Fire Chief, Simon Hertzler, to become eligible to drive and Department vehicle. Currently there are eight individuals authorized to drive vehicles on the Fire Department Roster. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson was given a copy of the current roster.

MAIN STREET

Mrs. Getz reported she and Mayor Dailey have been improving the gardens and landscaping in Memorial Park and surrounding the Borough Building.

Twenty new flag sets have been purchased for Main Street for the Memorial Day and Summer season.

MAYOR'S REPORT

April

Complaints Rec'd	26	Traffic	19
Criminal	1	Non-Traffic	2
Assist. Other Depts.	8	Verbal Warn	1
PD Revenue	\$1,199.46	Parking Tkts	26
		Written Warn	20

Officer	Hours	Traffic Tickets/Arrests
Stoner	198.0	0
Montgomery	198.0	18
Shaughnessy	33.0	0
Holley	18.0	0
Hutcheson	18.0	0
Hall	36.0	1
Pidcock	9.0	0
Shifflet	0.0	0
Kitzmilller	0.0	0

Citations for the month included fourteen (14) for speeding, four (4) for expired inspection, one (1) summary offense.

Mayor Dailey presented information on a prospective new hire for the position of part-time officer. Jeremy Metz currently serves as a police officer in the City of Baltimore; however, he is Act 120 certified in Pennsylvania. He is married and lives in Marysville. Following reference checks and interviewing Mr. Metz, Chief Stoner feels that he would make a great addition to the Shiremanstown Borough Police Department. Mrs. Gaumer-Watson made a motion to authorize Chief Stoner to hire Mr. Metz as a part-time patrol officer effective immediately. With a second from Mr. Tankersly, the motion passed unanimously.

CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING OFFICER

The Zoning Officer's Report for the month of April had previously been distributed to Council. Four building permits, two zoning permits, and five sidewalk permits had been issued in April for a total of one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1413.00) collected in fees.

Following final inspection of 129 West Vine Street it was reported that the contractor continued to do additional work finishing the basement to include two bedrooms and a bath. D & F Realty has been non-responsive to the STOP WORK issued, and a certified letter had been mailed on May 7, 2021. Mrs. Alloway and Mr. Sheely will meet to develop a course of action.

An accessibility Audit will be conducted by the Department of Labor and Industry. This is the first audit since 2016.

STREETS AND PAVEMENTS

Mr. Gardner had nothing new to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Mr. Tankersly reported that he would like to see Movie Night in the Park return this year, possibly in September. In discussion, Council agreed with the vaccination numbers for COVID-19 approaching 70%, planning should take place since the Governor intends to lift restraints. If numbers increase, plans may need to be altered.

The issue of finding volunteers to serve on the Committee was discussed, including the reason for the recent resignations as a lack of interest and openness to ideas presented by the newer members to the rest of the Committee. With younger families moving into the Borough and their children involved in programs, it was determined that is necessary to include a willingness to adapt and adopt new ideas.

SANITATION

Mr. Simmons continues to receive complaints regarding the lack of consistency displayed by Waste Management. He has reached out to the company several times and receives the same answers as those now complaining to the Borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sheely reported that due to COVID-19, requests for title searches at the County are taking additional time, therefore, he has not received the title search to move forward on the request by Mr. Bland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Secretary researched standards for employment based on results of background clearances. In her research, she learned that basic concepts are to review each applicant/employee on an individual basis. Any charges endangering a child would deem the applicant/employee excluded from being considered. Charges considered "young and dumb" may be reviewed and judged depending on the charge and any record since. When multiple charges continue, the applicant/employee may be excluded based on not displaying good decision-making skills. Charges of theft or dishonest money management would exclude an applicant/employee from handling money or balancing financial records. Included on many job applications is a note stating the Borough reserves the right to right to exclude anyone with charges. Also included on many employment applications is a warning stating that having successfully completed a background check makes that applicant/employee a mandated reporter of suspected child abuse, and failure to do so may result in termination of employment and charges ranging from a misdemeanor of second degree to a felony of the second degree. The Secretary reminded Council that job applications for the Borough have not been updated in several decades, so these reminders are not included.

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

Mr. Simmons made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 P.M. With a second from Mrs. Getz, the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL,

Janna E. Colechio
Borough Secretary