

The July 11, 2019, Shillington Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President John W. Hoffert. Following the invocation by Mayor Hivner and the oath of allegiance, roll call was taken. Council members Elizabeth M. Bentz, and Michael A. Hoffert were absent. Council members in attendance were: George B. Clark, John W. Hoffert; Ronald R. Klee, Jr.; Edward B. Michalik and Conrad Vanino. Present in addition to the Council members were: Borough Manager Michael D. Mountz, Assistant Borough Manager Scott D. Brossman, Police Chief Brett A. Hivner, Fire Chief Timothy Deamer and Secretary Jan M. Boyd. Thomas Klonis from the Solicitor's office and Kenneth Fulmer of Great Valley Consultants were also in attendance along with the following residents and visitor:

Diane Beck - 437 March Street
Michael Hart - 618 March Street
Timothy Pulaski - 620 March Street
Patricia Gilmore - 34 North Waverly Street

Thomas Comstock - 1624 March Street, Cumru Township

As there were no objections, the minutes of the June 13, 2019, council meeting were approved as forwarded to each member, on a motion by Mr. Vanino, seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Hart addressed Council relative to the poor water drainage in the alley to the rear of his property, which runs parallel to Lancaster Avenue. His specific concern is between Woodland Avenue and Summit Avenue. The water comes down this alley and then into their driveways and into their basements. During the last heavy rainstorm on June 20, he had 3½ feet of water in his basement.

He questioned whether anything was being done to mitigate this situation.

Mr. Pulaski and Mr. Comstock both experienced similar situations and reiterated the same concerns.

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President Hoffert responded that he is aware of the limited storm sewers in the area. However, the storm that occurred on June 20 was very unusual in that a major amount of rain was received in a short time. He noted that any type of project to try to remedy the situation may need to include Cumru Township, the City of Reading and possibly the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (for storm sewers on Lancaster Avenue).

President Hoffert advised that at the next Streets-Sanitation-Water Committee meeting, the Committee will request the Borough's engineers to investigate the situation to see what can be done to potentially alleviate the problem.

Mr. Comstock expressed his appreciation to Council for listening to him even though his property is in Cumru Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Hivner gave the Police Department's report for the month of June. During this month, the Department handled 482 incidents, with 71 arrests being made. Also during this month, 2,897 patrol miles were traveled.

Police and Personnel - On a motion by Mr. Ronald R. Klee, Jr., chairman, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, Council approved the payment of \$8,274.22 in overtime paid to the members of the Police Department during the month of June. Roll Call - 5 ayes

On a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Clark, and unanimously approved, Council took the following action on the Handicapped Parking Space applications that were received and presented:

a. Approved **NEW** permits:

- 1) 31 E. Broad Street - Frances E. Bergman
- 2) 102 Philadelphia Avenue - Julia Olivera
- 3) 27 Philadelphia Avenue - Mary A. Roach

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b. Rescinded the following permit:

1) 215 N. Brobst Street - Darlene Steinmetz -
applicant moved

c. Authorized the preparation and advertising
of the ordinance for the above.

Administration-Law-Finance - By motion of Mr. Klee, vice
chairman, seconded by Dr. Clark, and unanimously carried,
Council confirmed the payment of the bills associated with
the June 30, 2019 Financial Statements as follows:

General Fund - \$166,609.28
Water Fund - \$208,121.85
Sewer Fund - \$43,366.90
Recreation Board - \$43,448.23
Fire Fund - \$7,491.83
Streets Improvement Fund - \$3,671.60
Roll Call - 5 ayes

Mr. Klee made a motion, which was seconded by
Dr. Clark, and duly carried, reappointing Frank C.
Gutekunst to the Recreation Board for an additional 5-year
term.

Fire - Mr. Conrad Vanino, vice chairman, gave the Fire
Chief's report for the month of June. During this time,
the Department responded to a total of forty-nine (49)
dispatches consisting of seven (7) calls in the Borough
and forty-two (42) assists to neighboring departments.
The Department also conducted four (4) training sessions
during the month.

The members covered 158 hours of available
daytime staffing for the month.

Streets-Sanitation-Water - Mr. John W. Hoffert, chairman,
noted that there was nothing to report for June from the
Engineers.

President Hoffert continued by giving the report
of the work done by the Public Works Department during the
month of June.

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Recreation - Dr. Edward B. Michalik, chairman, gave the minutes of the July 1, 2019, Recreation Board meeting.

The Recreation Board submitted the following additional list of summer personnel and their respective salaries to Council for their approval:

SWIMMING POOL

Lifeguards:

Abigail G. Steckiel	\$	8.00/hour
Emma Steckiel		8.00/hour

On a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly carried, Council gave approval to the hiring of the above summer personnel and their respective salaries, conditional upon receipt of all three (3) clearances, as required by State law.

Playground registration for the season:

Residents: 61
Non-residents: 85

Zoning - Mr. Conrad Vanino, chairman, gave the Borough's Building Code Official's report for the month of June. During this time, five (5) new permits were issued, eighteen (18) certificates of use/occupancy were issued and thirty-one (31) permits remain open.

Solicitor - Solicitor Klonis advised Council that the Commonwealth Court found that wording in an ordinance allowing for an automatic update of a code is not lawful. Therefore, anytime the International Property Maintenance Code is updated, the Borough's ordinance which adopts the Code must also be updated.

Mr. Klonis prepared, as directed, a resolution that urges the State representatives to enact an amendment to the State's Right-To-Know Law to provide relief from "vexatious requesters" who are using the law as a retaliatory weapon rather than for the good of the public.

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Each member of Council had received a copy of this resolution prior to the meeting. This resolution was presented as **Resolution No. 6-2019**. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Vanino made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, to adopt **Resolution No. 6-2019**, as presented.

Manager - Mr. Mountz reported that on July 2, 2019, the Borough received \$38,160.04 from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau representing the Borough's share of the local earned income tax processed from June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

The Borough received \$3,841.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection representing a 904 Performance Grant for 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously carried, Council gave permission to the Governor Mifflin School District to utilize the Borough's tennis courts for the BCIAA Tennis Tournament and the Memorial Park for the home cross country meets. The signed waivers would be necessary to complete this approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The unfinished business pertained to the resolution on the Right-to-Know law and was completed under the Solicitor's report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter was received from the Borough's Tax Collector, Carol A. Leiphart, requesting that the fee for tax certifications be increased from \$20 to \$25. President Hoffert turned this request over to the Administration Committee for their review and a recommendation at the August meeting.

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QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mr. Hart thanked the members of the Fire Department for their quick response when he called regarding the water in his basement.

Ms. Gilmore questioned what is being done regarding compliance with the Borough's ordinances. President Hoffert advised these matters are still being monitored, however, the Borough no longer has an employee doing this as a full time position.

Ms. Beck believes that the water runoff is coming from Gregg Street, as there is no alley between Gregg Street and March Street. Further she believes that if the problem is not resolved more sinkholes will develop in the area.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Vanino and duly carried at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd
Borough Secretary