

The April 8, 2021, Shillington Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Hoffert. Following the invocation by Mayor Hivner and the oath of allegiance, roll call was taken. Council members Elizabeth M. Bentz and Ronald R. Klee, Jr. were absent. Council members in attendance were: John W. Hoffert; Michael A. Hoffert; Edward B. Michalik, Jr. and Conrad Vanino. Council member Alec M. Ernst participated by telephone. Present in addition to the Council members were Mayor Andrew R. Hivner, Borough Manager Scott D. Brossman, Police Chief Brett A. Hivner, Assistant Fire Chief Robert Knouse, Solicitor Thomas L. Klonis and Secretary Jan M. Boyd. Kenneth Fulmer of Great Valley Consultants and Kyle Kuser, the Borough's Recreation Director were also in attendance, along with the following resident:

Harold Stupp - 115 South Miller Street

As there were no objections, the minutes of the March 11, 2021, council meeting were approved as forwarded to each member, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Hivner gave the Police Department's report for the month of February. During this month, the Department handled 380 incidents, with 60 arrests being made. Also during this month, 2,302 patrol miles were traveled.

Police and Personnel - On a motion by Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., member, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and

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unanimously carried, Council approved the payment of \$6,531.65 in overtime paid to the members of the Police Department during the month of March. Roll Call - 5 ayes

Dr. Michalik made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly approved, to accept the Eligibility List, as received from the Borough's Civil Service Commission and to authorize the Police and Personnel Committee to proceed with the interviews of the three (3) candidates on the list.

Administration-Law-Finance - Dr. Michalik, chairman, made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried, confirming the payment of the bills associated with the March 31, 2021 Financial Statements as follows:

General Fund - \$204,702.66
Water Fund - \$238,234.33
Sewer Fund - \$61,896.21
Recreation Fund - \$15,164.34
Fire Fund - \$10,601.83
Streets Improvement Fund - \$8,888.24

Roll Call - 5 ayes

Each member of Council received a copy of the Borough's 2020 Audit. Dr. Michalik requested that the members review the audit for action at the May meeting.

Dr. Michalik, on behalf of the Memorial Day Parade Committee, recommended that no parade be held again this year due to the uncertain and ever-changing rules related to the pandemic. Instead, the Committee would like to hold a public ceremony at the Town Hall on May 29 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. This will be subject to being able to follow the Governor's mandates and the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) guidelines.

On a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Michael Hoffert, and duly carried, Council concurred with the holding of the public ceremony instead of the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Solicitor Klonis reminded Council that the Borough has still not received confirmation from its insurance company that there will be any coverage should there be a claim.

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Fire - Mr. Michael A. Hoffert, chairman, gave the Fire Chief's report for the month of March. During this time, the Department responded to a total of forty-nine (49) dispatches consisting of ten (10) calls in the Borough and thirty-nine (39) assists to neighboring departments. The Department also conducted five (5) training sessions during the month.

The members covered all of the 184 hours of available daytime staffing for the month.

Tree-Pole and Light - Mr. Alec M. Ernst, chairman, advised Council that the Shillington Tree Advisory Committee (STAC) will be holding its Arbor Day event in the Park on Saturday, May 1, 2021 instead of April 30, 2021, as previously reported. A white oak tree will be planted in the Park as part of this event. On a motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried, Council confirmed the date change for the Arbor Day event.

April 15, 2021 is the last day to request a tree for STAC's spring planting. The Boy Scouts will probably do the planting of these trees.

Mr. Ernst noted that STAC trees are being removed throughout the Borough for various reasons. However, this may be in violation of a grant that the Committee received. STAC will be looking into this matter.

Mr. Ernst further noted that his Committee will discuss the eligibility of a property owner to receive a tree from STAC when there is a lien filed against their property due to funds owed to the Borough.

Streets-Sanitation-Water - Mr. John W. Hoffert, chairman, reviewed with Council the April Engineer's Report. He noted the following:

°The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed the permit for the work at the Overbrook Pump Station. DEP's comments are currently being addressed and the permit will be resubmitted.

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°The bid opening for the Reed Street Water Main Project has been scheduled by Cumru Township for April 16, 2021.

President Hoffert then gave the report of the Public Works Department for work done during the month of March.

Recreation - Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., member, reported on the minutes of the Recreation Board meeting held on April 5, 2021.

The Borough's Recreation Director, Kyle Kuser, addressed Council on the Recreation Board's recommendations for the summer programs. Currently, the pool is able to open at fifty (50) percent capacity. This would be approximately three hundred (300) people. At this amount, the Recreation Board felt the pool could open safely and follow all of the required guidelines.

Mr. Brossman advised that exact occupancy numbers are being worked on so that a better decision can be made on specific protocols.

Since the Snack Bar is considered "take out" food, the Snack Bar is allowed to open under State regulations.

Solicitor Klonis reminded Council that the Borough's insurance company has still not confirmed that there is coverage. Therefore, Council should assume that there is no coverage and the Borough may have potential exposure.

After much discussion, Dr. Michalik made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ernst authorizing the opening of the pool and snack bar following all of the current CDC guidelines and Governor's mandates, knowing that the Borough may not have insurance coverage should a claim be made.

President Hoffert requested a voice vote on the above motion, with the following results:

Ayes: Mr. Ernst, President Hoffert, Dr. Michalik
Nays: Mr. Michael Hoffert, Mr. Vanino

With three (3) in favor and two (2) opposed, the motion carried.

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Council then discussed the summer playground program. It was noted that the State does not currently have capacity requirements for outdoor playground facilities. Again, the Recreation Board felt that the playground program could be held following all of the CDC guidelines.

President Hoffert requested that the playground facilities be sanitized each morning as an added precaution.

Following further discussion, Dr. Michalik made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ernst, and duly carried, authorizing that the playground program be held following all of the current CDC guidelines and Governor's mandates, including a thorough sanitizing each morning, knowing that the Borough may not have insurance coverage should a claim be made.

Dr. Michalik then made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Ernst, and unanimously carried, giving conditional approval to the hiring of the following summer personnel, contingent upon receipt of their required clearances:

SWIMMING POOL

Pool Manager:

Trevor Woolwine \$ 11.50/hour

Assistant Pool Manager:

Saige Yoder \$ 10.00/hour

Assistant Pool Manager/Sub:

Timothy Mangan \$ 10.00/hour

Lifeguards:

Mackenzie Beerman \$ 8.00/hour

Paige Fryberger 8.00/hour

Hannah Gann 8.00/hour

Benjamin Gerhard 8.25/hour

Ella Holmes 8.00/hour

Nicholas Kaszmetskie 8.00/hour

Chris Mangan 8.00/hour

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Lifeguards (continued):

Aubrey Miller	\$ 8.25/hour
Paige Progansky	8.50/hour
Emma Seifert	8.00/hour
Tedd Stabolepszy	8.25/hour
Abigail Steckiel	8.50/hour

Front Desk Attendants:

Brynna Sue Bentz	\$ 7.75/hour
Faith Bentz	8.00/hour
Olivia Butler	7.75/hour
Mary Pahl	10.25/hour
Tedd Stabolepszy	8.25/hour

Snack Bar Manager:

Leonard W. Przydzial	\$675.00/week
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Window Attendants:

Brynna Sue Bentz	\$ 7.75/hour
Faith Bentz	8.00/hour
Olivia Hill	8.00/hour
Brooke Mock	8.00/hour

COACHING STAFF

Head Swim Coach:

Trevor Woolwine	\$375.00/week
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Assistant Swim Coaches:

Saige Yoder	\$250.00/week
Aubrey Miller	8.25/hour
Paige Progansky	8.50/hour

PLAYGROUND

Head Leader:

Kristina Yerger	\$ 10.00/hour
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Leaders:

Bryнна Sue Bentz	\$ 7.75/hour
Faith Bentz	8.00/hour
Olivia Butler	7.50/hour
Aiden Clark	7.50/hour
Eliza Enriquez	7.75/hour
Benjamin Knox	7.50/hour
Gabrielle Kopala	7.50/hour
Brooke Mock	8.00/hour
Jay Schoenen	7.75/hour
Sophie Stanislawczyk	7.50/hour

Council then discussed whether or not to hold the two (2) "Concerts in the Park." Mr. Kuser noted that funding from the State may not be available. A definitive answer on this will not be available until after July 1, 2021. However, he felt that the Borough currently had enough funding to have the first concert. Therefore, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Ernst, and duly carried, Council authorized to proceed with having the first concert, again with following all of the current CDC guidelines and Governor's mandates.

Zoning and Codes - Mr. Conrad Vanino, chairman, gave the report from the Borough's Building Code Official, James Franey, for the month of March. During this time, Mr. Franey issued six (6) new permits and six (6) certificates of use/occupancy thereby leaving twenty-one (21) permits open.

Solicitor - Solicitor Klonis presented **Ordinance No. 1217**, which establishes the Handicapped Parking Spaces, as approved at the February meeting. This ordinance was adopted, as presented, on a motion by Mr. Michael Hoffert, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously approved.

Manager - Mr. Brossman reported that on April 2, 2021, the Borough received \$71,553.07 from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau representing the Borough's share of the local earned income tax processed from March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Vanino and duly carried at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd
Borough Secretary