

The June 10, 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 then taken. Council member Elizabeth M. Bentz was absent. Council members in attendance were: Alec M. Ernst; John W. Hoffert; Michael A. Hoffert; Ronald R. Klee, Jr.; Edward B. Michalik, Jr. and Conrad Vanino. Present in addition to the Council members were Mayor Andrew R. Hivner, Borough Manager Scott D. Brossman, Police Chief Brett A. Hivner, Fire Chief Timothy Deamer, Solicitor Thomas L. Klonis and Secretary Jan M. Boyd. Kenneth Fulmer of Great Valley Consultants was also in attendance, along with the following residents and visitors:

Lori Mentzer - 4 West Lancaster Avenue  
Harold Stupp - 115 South Miller Street

Anthony Martin - representative, TowerDIRECT

As there were no objections, the minutes of the May 13, 2021, council meeting were approved as forwarded to each member, on a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Martin is the Quality and Outreach Manager for TowerDIRECT, the Borough's emergency medical services provider. Mr. Martin attended the meeting to introduce himself to Council and to answer any questions they had regarding the service provided to the residents of the Borough.

Ms. Mentzer who lives at 4 West Lancaster Avenue attended Council to express her concerns regarding 22 New Holland Avenue, as some of her neighbors had previously done. Her main concern is about the parking in the area, which is currently limited and would be a greater problem with a sports center in the neighborhood. She questioned

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whether the use permit was issued properly and why none of the neighbors were aware that this use was approved.

Solicitor Klonis advised that if the use is in accordance with the zoning ordinance, then a permit may be issued without any hearing or involvement of the neighborhood.

President Hoffert noted that the intended use is a continuation of the former use (an athletic association for children).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS.** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Mayor** - Mayor Hivner gave the Police Department's report for the month of May. During this month, the Department handled 352 incidents, with 56 arrests being made. Also during this month, 2,161 patrol miles were traveled.

MacKenzie Adame and Andrew Dittmann, who were conditionally hired last month, have been scheduled to begin their field training in June. Within the next ten (10) to twelve (12) weeks, they should be placed into the schedule rotation.

Mr. Brossman presented the letter from the Greater Governor Mifflin League with the following requests:

- °To hold Community Days in the Borough from July 5 through July 10, 2021; and
- °To have Waverly Street closed to vehicles during this time period; and
- °To have an occasional police patrol through the grounds each night; and
- °To hold a fireworks display on Saturday, July 10 at 10:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Vanino, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly approved, Council approved the above requests and also gave retroactive approval to the preparation and advertising of an ordinance to close Waverly Street.

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**Police and Personnel** - On a motion by Mr. Ronald R. Klee, Jr., chairman, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously approved, Council approved the payment of \$9,846.36 in overtime paid to the members of the Police Department during the month of May. Roll Call - 6 ayes

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

General Fund - \$253,589.48  
Water Fund - \$228,610.03  
Sewer Fund - \$54,193.33  
Recreation Fund - \$36,483.32  
Fire Fund - \$29,712.63  
Streets Improvement Fund - \$7,542.76  
Roll Call - 6 ayes

**Fire** - Mr. Michael A. Hoffert, chairman, gave the Fire Chief's report for the month of May. During this time, the Department responded to a total of fifty-five (55) dispatches consisting of seven (7) calls in the Borough and forty-eight (48) assists to neighboring departments. The Department also conducted four (4) training sessions during the month.

The members covered all of the 160 hours of available daytime staffing for the month.

The Borough of West Reading requested Fire Police Assistance to maintain safe pedestrian crossings during their "Arts on the Avenue" event to be held on June 19, 2021. On a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Michael Hoffert, and duly carried, Council authorized the Fire Department's Fire Police to participate in West Reading's event.

**Tree-Pole and Light** - Mr. Alec M. Ernst, chairman, advised that a local landscaper contacted the Town Hall regarding a large Ash tree in the Park, that appeared to be infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Brossman contacted the Borough's landscaper, who recommended a treatment for the tree.

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

°Authority authorized GVC to prepare plans, specifications and contract documents and to advertise for bids for the Overbrook Pump Station. Bids will be opened prior to the Authority's July 20, 2021 meeting.

°Cumru Township awarded the contract for the Municipal Campus Water Main Extension, which includes the Reed Street Water Main Project. Work cannot proceed until permits are received.

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

**Recreation** - Mr. Alec M. Ernst, vice chairman, gave the minutes of the June 7, 2021, Recreation Board meeting.

The Recreation Board approved the following additional list of summer personnel and submitted it to Council for their consideration:

**SWIMMING POOL**

**Assistant Pool Manager/Sub:**

Paige Progansky \$ 9.50/hour

**Lifeguard:**

Dawson Pianka \$ 8.00/hour

**Front Desk Manager:**

Kristina Yerger \$ 10.00/hour

**Front Desk Attendants:**

Ali Abdur-Rahman \$ 7.75/hour

Cormick Costello 8.00/hour

Emily Gauker 7.75/hour

Benjamin Gerhard 8.25/hour

Ethan Griffith 7.75/hour

Mark Hofmann 8.00/hour

Trevor Schoenen 8.00/hour

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**Swimming Pool (Continued):**

**Snack Bar Window Attendants:**

Alexia Cavallucci	\$ 7.50/hour
Faith Drago	7.50/hour
Fallon Hickey	7.50/hour
Megan Hoppman	7.50/hour
Danielle King	8.50/hour
Jocelyn King	8.25/hour
Ciara Millan	7.50/hour
Trevor Schoenen	8.00/hour
Rory Sea	7.50/hour

**COACHING STAFF**

**Assistant Swim Coach:**

Abby Steckiel	\$ 8.50/hour
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**Co-Head Diving Coaches:**

Charlie Crowell	\$ 11.00/hour
Adrienne Miller	11.00/hour

On a motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried, Council gave conditional approval to the hiring of the above additional list of summer employees, contingent upon receipt of their required clearances.

By motion of Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and unanimously approved, Council concurred with the Recreation Board's recommendation and agreed to refund the playground registration in the amount of \$115.00 paid by Gretchen Morris of 1173 Cedar Top Road, Cumru Township for her son to attend playground, as she does not like the mask rules and new playground regulations put in place as a result of COVID19.

The Huck family of 507 Morris Place, Cumru Township, requested a pass for the Behavioral Therapist that works with their daughter with disabilities. It was the Recreation Board's recommendation to reinstate the Babysitter pass in order to accommodate this family and

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others. Council concurred with this recommendation and voted to reinstate the Babysitter Pass at a cost of \$90.00 (pre-season) and \$115.00 (in-season), on a motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and unanimously carried.

The Recreation Board approved the request received from the Governor Mifflin Football Club to hold a Zombie Run in the Park on October 31, 2021. On a motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, Council also granted approval, conditional upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, with the Borough named as an additional insured, prior to the event. As the time of the event was unknown, Mr. Ernst amended his motion and Dr. Michalik amended his second, which was duly carried, to reflect that the event must end no later than 8:00 p.m., so as not to conflict with the Borough's Halloween curfew.

In response to several requests, the Recreation Board recommended that the pool hours be extended on the weekends to allow for earlier swimming. They would like to see the pool opening at 10:00 a.m. on a Saturday and Sunday, provided that it does not create more work and that it does not interfere with the Public Works Department getting their work completed.

Council did not concur with this recommendation, as the extra cost was not budgeted nor was the additional staffing requirements considered.

On a motion by Mr. Ernst, seconded by Mr. Vanino, Council approved that the Concert in the Park that was postponed from June 11 due to weather will be held on Sunday, July 25.

**Zoning and Codes** - Mr. Conrad Vanino, chairman, gave the report from the Borough's Building Code Official, James Franey, for the month of May. During this time, Mr. Franey issued ten (10) new permits and fifteen (15) certificates of use/occupancy thereby leaving thirty-one (31) permits open.

**Solicitor** - On a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, Council adopted **Ordinance No.**

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**1218**, which authorizes the closing of Waverly Street for Community Days. This ordinance was adopted, as presented by Solicitor Klonis.

Solicitor Klonis presented **Resolution No. 2-2021**, which authorizes the Greater Governor Mifflin League to hold a fireworks' display in the Borough on Saturday, July 10, 2021, as part of the Community Days celebration. This Resolution was adopted, as presented, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Ernst, and unanimously approved.

**Manager** - Mr. Brossman reported that on June 3, 2021, the Borough received \$90,080.16 from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau representing the Borough's share of the local earned income taxes processed May 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President Hoffert advised that the pool is currently following Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) recommendation to wear masks while in the bathhouse and while walking around the pool area. However, with the lifting of many of these regulations by State Officials, the mask regulations at the pool have also been lifted, as of tonight.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd  
Borough Secretary