

The July 8, 2021, 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 member Alec M. Ernst was absent. Council members in attendance were: Elizabeth M. Bentz; 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.

As there were no objections, the minutes of the June 10, 2021, council meeting were approved as forwarded to each member, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly carried.

At this time, President Hoffert turned the meeting over to Police Chief Brett Hivner, who introduced to Council the two (2) recently hired police officers: MacKenzie Adame and Andrew Dittmann. Both officers have already begun their field training with senior officers.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS 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 417 incidents, with 51 arrests being made. Also during this month, 2,731 patrol miles were traveled.

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 \$8,669.22 in overtime paid to the members of the Police Department during the month of June. Roll Call - 6 ayes

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By motion of Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, Council took the following action on the Handicapped Parking Space applications that were received and presented:

- a. Approved **NEW** permit:
 - 1) 221 Reading Avenue - Arnold Burns
- b. Rescinded the following permits:
 - 1) 31 E. Broad Street - Frances Bergman - applicant deceased
 - 2) 110 Philadelphia Avenue - Veronica Colon - applicant moved
- c. Authorized the preparation and advertising of the ordinance for the above.

Administration-Law-Finance - Dr. Edward B. Michalik, Jr., chairman, made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly approved, confirming the payment of the bills associated with the June 30, 2021 Financial Statements as follows:

General Fund - \$228,994.07
Water Fund - \$245,002.06
Sewer Fund - \$59,355.85
Recreation Fund - \$49,695.01
Fire Fund - \$10,233.23
Streets Improvement Fund - \$2,440.10
Roll Call - 6 ayes

Fire - Mr. Michael A. Hoffert, chairman, gave the Fire Chief's report for the month of June. During this time, the Department responded to a total of thirty-six (36) dispatches consisting of five (5) calls in the Borough and thirty-one (31) assists to neighboring departments. The Department also conducted four (4) training sessions during the month.

The members covered all of the 176 hours of available daytime staffing for the month.

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

°Cumru Township received the permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their Municipal Campus Water Main Extension Project, which includes the Borough's Reed Street Water Main Project. To date, a construction schedule has not been received.

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

Recreation - Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bentz, chairman, reported that the Recreation Board met on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Unfortunately, there was not a quorum for the meeting. Therefore, no formal actions were taken by the Recreation Board. All recommendations are coming from the Recreation Committee of Council.

On a motion by Mrs. Bentz, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried, Council authorized hiring Caden Coutz for a front desk position at the pool at an hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour.

The Mifflin Broncos were authorized to use the Borough's field across from the Municipal Building to hold practice for their flag football team (ages 5 and 6), conditional upon them providing a Certificate of Insurance to the Borough with the Borough being named as an additional insured, by motion of Mrs. Bentz, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously approved.

A letter was received from Richard Gipprich requesting consideration for some type of recognition to honor the significance that the Gipprich family has made to the Borough and the Borough's business community. It

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was suggested that a tree be planted in the Park with a memorial plaque.

President Hoffert tabled this matter until Mr. Gipprich can be contacted to determine if this would be suitable to the Gipprich family.

A request was received from grandparents who live in Flying Hills who wanted to add their grandchildren (who are living with them for the summer) to their family season pool membership. They were advised at the Borough Office that they would need to show custody of the grandchildren in order for this to be done. They did not have custody of the grandchildren.

Mrs. Bentz had polled the Recreation Committee prior to the meeting. Based upon their discussion, she made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Michalik, to allow the family to add the grandchildren to their membership and to pay the difference between the family pre-season rate and the family in-season rate, which would be approximately \$25.00.

Roll Call - 2 ayes
4 nays

This motion failed. President Hoffert, Mr. Michael Hoffert, Mr. Klee and Mr. Vanino cast the dissenting votes.

The general consensus of Council was for the family to purchase individual season tickets for the grandchildren, which will be reduced to half-price as of July 15, 2021.

President Hoffert advised that if the requirements are to be changed, it should be done prior to the start of selling memberships.

Zoning and Codes - Mr. Conrad Vanino, chairman, gave the report from the Borough's Building Code Official, James Franey, for the month of June. During this time, Mr. Franey issued eleven (11) new permits and five (5) certificates of use/occupancy thereby leaving thirty-one (31) permits open.

Mr. Vanino also advised that at its meeting held on June 1, 2021, the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board denied the application of Zyaire Martinez of 15-4 Cranberry Ridge, Reading for a special exception to operate a video game arcade at 34 East Lancaster Avenue.

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Solicitor - Solicitor Klonis presented **Resolution No. 3-2021**, which supports the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States semi-Quincentennial (AMERICA250PA). Council adopted this resolution, as presented, on a motion by Mr. Michael Hoffert, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried.

Manager - Mr. Brossman reported that on July 2, 2021, the Borough received \$32,309.57 from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau representing the Borough's share of the local earned income tax processed from June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

As part of the Recycling Grant awarded to the Borough, the following action was taken:

- Permission was given to purchase a 2022 F-550 Dump Truck at a Co-Stars price of \$61,825, on a motion by Mr. Michael Hoffert, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried. Sixty (60) percent of this cost will be reimbursed to the Borough.
- Permission was given to buy back the 2007 F-550 Dump Truck, that the Borough will trade-in with the above purchase, for a cost of \$11,000, on a motion by Mr. Vanino, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Brossman noted that fencing around the yard waste facility, security cameras, key cards for the facility and paving are all part of the Grant that the Borough received.

On a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Mr. Vanino, and duly approved, permission was given to renew the Borough's membership for 2021 with the following organizations:

- Schuylkill River Greenway Association - \$50.00
- Berks History Center - \$65.00

Mr. Brossman apprised Council that the Borough also received a Green Light Go Grant in the amount of \$320,911.69 to upgrade the Borough's traffic signals. The Borough's share of the cost would be approximately \$80,000.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Vanino questioned whether he requires Council's permission each time that he plays Santa. His question was based upon the action taken by Council at the last meeting which authorized the Borough's Fire Police to provide assistance to the Borough of West Reading for a special event.

Solicitor Klonis advised that the formal action was requested by the Borough of West Reading and was not required by the Borough. He continued that playing Santa is not acting in an official capacity, so no formal action would be needed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Vanino, and duly carried at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd
Borough Secretary