

The October 14, 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. Councilmen Alec Ernst, Michael Hoffert and Conrad Vanino were absent. Council members in attendance were: Elizabeth M. Bentz; John W. Hoffert; Ronald R. Klee, Jr. and Edward B. Michalik, Jr. 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:

Harold Stupp - 115 South Miller Street
LaTasha Thomas - 318 South Sterley Street
representative, Mifflin Community
Library

Abigail Brumbach - Little Free Library
Alison Delewski - Little Free Library
Brittany Thompson - representative, Mifflin Community
Library

As there were no objections, the minutes of the September 9, 2021, council meeting were approved as forwarded to each member, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Abigail Brumbach and Alison Delewski built a little free library structure, as part of their Bronze Award for Girl Scouts and to encourage reading over the summer. They requested that it be placed at the pool at the beginning of summer for everyone to enjoy.

Council thanked the girls for the great idea for the community and for their hard work in putting the project together.

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Ms. Thomas and Ms. Thompson addressed Council on behalf of the Mifflin Community Library. They provided an update on the Library's activities and the services that it provides to the members of the community. They concluded their presentation by thanking Council for their past support and requested that the Borough maintain its current level of funding support.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor - Mayor Hivner gave the Police Department's report for the month of September. During this month, the Department handled 447 incidents, with 86 arrests being made. Also during this month, 2,858 patrol miles were traveled.

As of October 17, 2021, both new officers will have completed their field training.

On a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Klee, and duly carried, Council established "Trick or Treat" night in the Borough as Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Council authorized the Fire Police to assist the Borough of West Reading during their "Friends of the Reading Hospital Fun Run" event on October 17, 2021, by motion of Mr. Klee, seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Hivner advised Council that he attended the ceremony that opened the John Updike Museum on October 2, 2021. He noted that the event was a nice affair and well attended.

Police and Personnel - On a motion by Mr. Ronald R. Klee, Jr., chairman, seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and duly carried, Council approved the payment of \$7,874.07 in overtime paid to the members of the Police Department during the month of September. Roll Call - 4 ayes

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

General Fund - \$251,284.37
Water Fund - \$218,309.97
Sewer Fund - \$66,902.59
Recreation Board - \$28,629.04
Fire Fund - \$6,287.03
Streets Improvement Fund - \$948.25

Roll Call - 4 ayes

Fire - Dr. Michalik, vice chairman, gave the Fire Chief's report for the month of September. During this time, the Department responded to a total of fifty-three (53) dispatches consisting of nineteen (19) calls in the Borough and thirty-four (34) 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.

Dr. Michalik commended the members of the Fire Department for their professionalism and bravery during a recent fatal fire on Philadelphia Avenue.

Fire Chief Deamer thanked the members of the Police Department and the Public Works Department for their assistance at this fire.

Tree-Pole and Light - Mrs. Bentz advised Council that an additional one hundred and fifty (150) free trees will be received from the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company (PPL) under a program offered by PPL in April 2020.

The Tree Advisory Committee has planned its fall planting for mid-November.

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

°At a meeting held on September 14, 2021, the Shillington Municipal Authority awarded the contract for the Overbrook Pump Station Project to Eastern Environmental Contractors, Inc. of Green Lane, Pennsylvania for a bid price of \$212,200.00.

°Construction on the Reed Street Water Main Project has started.

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

Recreation - Mrs. Elizabeth M. Bentz, chairman, reported that the Recreation Board meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021 was cancelled.

Zoning and Codes - In the absence of the members of this committee, President Hoffert gave the report from the Borough's Building Code Official, James Franey, for the month of September. During this time, Mr. Franey issued ten (10) new permits and two (2) certificates of use/occupancy thereby leaving thirty-three (33) permits open.

Solicitor - Ordinance No. 1220, which establishes a 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. curfew for anyone under the age of 16 during the Halloween season from October 15 thru October 31, 2021, was adopted as presented by Solicitor Klonis on a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried.

Mr. Klonis presented Ordinance No. 1221, which authorizes the temporary closing of Waverly Street on November 6, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for "Strike Up the Bands," was adopted, as presented, on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mr. Klee, and unanimously approved.

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Manager - Mr. Brossman reported that the Borough received \$23,814.42 on September 21, 2021 from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General representing the 2021 allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Associations. By motion of Mr. Klee, seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and duly approved, Council gave permission to turn these funds over to the Relief Association of the Fire Department.

On September 28, 2021, the Borough received \$153,180.36 from the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General representing the 2021 allocation of General Municipal Pension State Aid. These funds will be deposited into the Borough's pension plans according to the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation.

The Borough received \$2,494.90 on October 4, 2021 from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue representing the funds due to the Borough under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Realty Tax Act (PURTA).

On October 6, 2021, \$46,965.66 was received from the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau representing the Borough's share of the earned income tax processed from September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

Mr. Klee made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and unanimously approved, giving permission to accept the proposal from Mt. Penn Video to install security cameras and monitors at the front and back doors of the Police Office for a cost of \$2,301.

Council authorized the execution of the Animal Control Services Agreement with Safety Net Sanctuary for services during the calendar year of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 at a cost of \$3,000, on a motion by Mr. Klee, seconded by Dr. Michalik, and duly carried. Mr. Brossman noted that there was no increase to the current Agreement. He also advised that the Agreement had been reviewed by Solicitor Klonis.

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The Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Audit for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 is available for public inspection, as received from the Department of the Auditor General.

On a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and duly carried, Council agreed to an extension of the Land Development approval process for the Governor Mifflin Community Athletic Building and Campus Project through March 15, 2022.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Stupp question if there will be a meeting in November to discuss the 2022 budget.

President Hoffert responded that Council will be holding a Budget Workshop sometime after the November Council meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Michalik, seconded by Mrs. Bentz, and duly carried at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan M. Boyd
Borough Secretary