

**JANUARY 20, 2009**

Mayor Cooperhouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, Keegan, McGuire and Murphy. Council Member Menapace was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

**RESOLUTION #2009-17 (Executive Session)**

Mayor Cooperhouse read Resolution #2009-17 to enter into executive session.

**Reconvene Public Meeting**

Mayor Cooperhouse reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, Keegan, McGuire and Murphy. Council Member Menapace was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

**Salute to Flag**

Mayor Cooperhouse led the Salute to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes of December 15, 2008**

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman McGuire to approve the meeting minutes of December 15, 2008. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Council Members McGuire, Murphy, Dodge and Keegan who abstained.

**Certificate of Appreciation: Ruth Lyons**

Mayor Cooperhouse read the Certificate of Appreciation for Ruth Lyons in appreciation of her employment with the Borough for almost 20 years. Mrs. Lyons was not in attendance.

**RESOLUTION #2009-18 (Reimbursement for Sick Time Accrued for Ruth Lyons)**

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2009-18. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**RESOLUTION #2009-19 (Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayment)**

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman McGuire to approve Resolution #2009-19 authorizing a refund of tax overpayment to Robert and Katherine Suliennik. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**RESOLUTION #2009-20 (Appropriation Reserve Transfer No. 1)**

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman McGuire to approve Resolution #2009-20 authorizing Appropriation Reserve Transfer No. 1. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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**RESOLUTION #2009-21 (Refund Business License Surety Bond to Roberts Group, LLC)**

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2009-21 refunding a business license surety bond to the Roberts Group, LLC. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Administrator's Report**

Administrator Seaman reported that the Borough Directory is in the process of being updated and it should be published in the beginning of March.

Administrator Seaman reported that he attended a seminar offered by the League of Municipalities on budget issues. He also informed that the Finance Department has closed out 2008. Auditors will be coming in the next week to begin their process.

Administrator Seaman also reported that he is still waiting for the status of the White Street project from the Borough Engineer.

**Reports of Council**

**Councilman Keegan** reported that the Recreation Committee has asked if there can be a shared service agreement with Little Silver for a sport that is not actually within the Shrewsbury Recreation program. The Borough Attorney advised that Little Silver would be the lead agency. They should prepare an agreement and he will review it.

**Councilman Dodge** indicated that he has met with the insurance agent to discuss POS Insurance and the discussions are ongoing.

**Councilman Burden** announced that Detective Lt. Lou Ferraro has been accepted into the FBI Academy and he is one of only eight (8) from the New Jersey that were accepted.

Council Burden also reported that the Shade Tree Committee met on Saturday and had a guest speaker, Bill Young who presented a proposal for Community Forestry Management Plan and if accepted, would be no cost to the Borough. He also noted that he and Miles Swvikart will be attending a seminar for training that would go along with the application for the grant that is for a Tree inventory.

**Councilman Murphy** reported that he is meeting with the Department heads to work on the budget, we are letting them know that budgets will not be increased this year. He said we expect that the normal budget workshop will be held on a Saturday morning, probably in April.

**Councilman McGuire** had no report.

**Correspondence**

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There was no correspondence to report.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Cooperhouse reported on a letter from the Monmouth County Department of Human Services needing to appoint a delegate and an alternate. *A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman McGuire to appoint Thomas Seaman as Senior Citizen Municipal Coordinator and Lynn Spillane or Kathleen Kruger as Alternate Senior Citizen Municipal Coordinator Council Representative to the Morris County Department of Human Services. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.*

**Open Meeting to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman McGuire to open the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Carol Clark, 203 Garden Road indicated that she had seen speed signs on the Delaware Memorial Bridge that are working properly. She said she had seen those signs on some other major highways. Ms. Clark also voiced her objection to carrying over sick or vacation time given today's environment.

**Close Meeting to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Murphy to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman McGuire to authorize payment of all bills as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman McGuire to enter into executive session at 8:25 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Reconvene Regular Meeting**

Mayor Cooperhouse reconvened the public meeting at 9:18 PM. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, Keegan, McGuire and Murphy. Council Member Menapace was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at 9:20 PM was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman McGuire and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn A. Spillane, CMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Terel J. Cooperhouse, Mayor