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

RESOLUTION #2009-110 (Executive Session)

Mayor Cooperhouse read Resolution #2009-110 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, DeNofa, Dodge, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Cooperhouse led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2009

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except for Councilman Burden and DeNofa who abstained.

SYAA - Presentation

Seth Karakas and Steve Gardella, Members of the Shrewsbury Youth Athletic Association, gave a presentation to the Council indicating that they do not work closely with the Borough Recreation Department as they used to and they would like some guidance from the Council as how to proceed. They noted that Manson Park needs new benches. They questioned if they have to go to bid for the benches and how do they proceed. If they contribute money to help the Recreation Committee buy something, we do not want the Recreation budget cut by that much the next year

Mayor Cooperhouse asked if there could be a liaison between the two groups that could attend both meetings.

Mr. Gardella said so far they are taking turns going to the Rec. meetings.

It was noted there was a misconception that the town disallowed any installation of lights in the past. Mayor Cooperhouse responded that since he had been on the rec. committee, or on the Council, the Council never said no to lights at the field. Even if the SYAA pays for the lights, it is on public property and it has to go to bid and prevailing wage has to be paid. The same goes is if they donate a scoreboard or have the electricity connected.

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The SYAA also questioned other improvements proposed and questioned whether there is a plan for Phase 2 for Manson Park.

Mayor Cooperhouse responded there is a concept Phase 2 plan and said we have applied for various grants, but no luck so far. He also said the Borough would handle the bid process.

Mr. Karakas indicated that they will continue to work with the Recreation Committee and keep connected with the Council.

Council Burden questioned if there was anything proposed for seniors.

Mr. Karakas responded that there is some small area in Rumson dedicated for outdoor exercise equipment and he knew some senior trips had been planned.

Mr. Gardella and Mr. Karakas thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and input.

Submission of Recommendations by Traffic Ad Hoc Committee to Mayor and Council

Councilman Menapace introduced Marianne Quirk, James Morraller and Pat Redmond of the Traffic Ad Hoc Committee. Marianne Quirk advised that the report covers most of what Councilman Menapace had presented to the Council. That the Committee mainly wants input from the Chief of Police, Superintendent of Public Works and others copied on the report. Pat Redmond said that White Street should really be looked at. Mrs. Quirk asked if crossings and lights are separate issues. The Mayor said yes, the lights are either governed by State or County. The Council and the Committee discussed the number of items raised in the report including the use of rumble strips on certain streets. Ms. Quirk closed by thanking the Council for the culvert on White Street indicating that it is definitely an improvement and a long time coming.

RESOLUTION #2009-111 (Dedication by Rider for Recreation Activities)

A motion was made by Councilman Keegan, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Resolution #2009-111 allowing the Recreation Committee to collect money from residents and give it to the Borough for trips, etc. and will go into a separate fund. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-112 (Authorizing Municipal Tax Sale)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2009-112 authorizing the municipal tax sale. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-113 (Appointing Acting Court Administrator)

A motion was made by Councilman Keegan, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2009-113 appointing Sydney Lineberry as Acting Court Administrator effective September 1, 2009 at a salary of \$58,000. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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RESOLUTION #2009-114 (Appointing Municipal Clerk/Registrar)

A motion was made by Councilman Keegan, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2009-114 appointing Kathleen Kruger as the Municipal Clerk/Registrar effective November 1, 2009 at a salary of \$57,000. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-115 (Step Increase for Police Dispatcher)

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-115 authorizing a step increase for Police Dispatcher Jessica Renz effective October 1, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman reported that the newsletter will be going out in November. The request for inclusions will be made this week.

Administrator Seaman also reported that Captain Spencer is checking New Jersey Alert which includes another test of the Reverse 911.

Reports of Council

Councilman Keegan reported that the Recreation Committee is drafting a field policy and it will be sent to the Borough Attorney.

Councilman DeNofa had not report.

Councilman Dodge had no report.

Councilman Burden noted that on September 29th Jay Eaton and Pat DiBello attended a scenic byway meeting in Freehold and Shrewsbury was included for four sites.

Councilman Burden also advised that on October 15th Boy Scout Troop 50 will have a flag burning at Gopher Field.

Councilman Burden also noted that the Police Department is collecting old medicines from all residents in November for appropriate disposal. Mr. Burden also thanked everyone for helping out while he was incapacitated.

Councilman Menapace reported on vandalism at Stickles Park that happened Saturday night. There was graffiti painted on signs and on the stanchions. The police were notified and the DPW will clean up.

Councilman Menapace also reported that there will be a delay in the completion of the work on the tennis courts owing to the weather. The contractor will make the courts usable and will return in the spring to complete the job. The Borough Engineer advised that the contractor for the tennis courts provided 2 estimates to resurface the basketball court; \$8,849.00 for an acrylic system or

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\$12,779.00 for armor crack repair. The work can be done in the spring in conjunction with the tennis courts.

Councilman Menapace also report that the additional road work on the White Street culvert will be done by the County sometime in the next 90 days.

He also reported that the new Municipal Building complex sign at the corner is completed and looks great. The Garden Club is discussing a project to landscape the area with the girl scouts and the brownies.

Solicit Bids for Solid Waste and Recycling

A motion was made to authorize the borough to solicit bids for Solid Waste and Recycling. This was seconded by Councilman Burden and the motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Councilman Murphy questioned whether or not it is possible to change the Ordinance to allow dogs in the parks.

Mayor Cooperhouse said that if it is not being enforced it can either be removed or enforced.

Councilman Keegan said that the Ordinance should be left alone.

Councilman Menapace said it should be changed to allow dogs.

Mayor Cooperhouse said that the matter will be discussed at a later time. Some research needs to be done.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cooperhouse reported that the PBA Contract is being started and there is an opening on the Planning Board for an Environmental Commission seat. There is still time before the Planning Board meeting on October 21st.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Open/Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Burden to open the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Seeing no one to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Burden to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Councilman Keegan, seconded by Councilman Menapace 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest: _____
Lynn A. Spillane, CMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: _____
Terel Cooperhouse, Mayor