

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

Salute to Flag

Mayor Siciliano led the Salute to the Flag.

RESOLUTION #2008-121 (Executive Session)

Mayor Siciliano read Resolution #2008-121 to enter into executive session.

Reconvene Public Meeting

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

Approval of Minutes of October 6, 2008 and October 20, 2008

A motion was made by Councilman Cooperhouse, seconded by Councilwoman Hotaling to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2008 and October 20, 2008. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Burden who abstained on the October 6th minutes and Councilman Murphy who abstained on the October 20th minutes.

ORDINANCE NO. 927: FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION: Ordinance Authorizing the Borough of Shrewsbury to purchase the Development Rights and Public Access Easement for the real property known and designated as Block 28, Lot 45, Qualifier Q on the Shrewsbury Borough Tax Map

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Burden to authorize the introduction/first reading of Ordinance No. 927, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY BY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY TO PURCHASE THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 28, LOT 45, QUALIFIER Q ON THE SHREWSBURY BOROUGH TAX MAP. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Second Reading Public Hearing will be on December 15, 2008, at 8:00 PM.

RESOLUTION #2008-122 (Award Bid for Sickles Place)

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilwoman Hotaling to approve Resolution #2008-122 authorizing the bid for improvements to Sickles Place to Lucas Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$102,376.00. Councilman Cooperhouse questioned what improvements would be made. Administrator Seaman advised that there would be some curbing, drainage improvements, and the road will be resurfaced. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2008-123 (Award Bid for West End Avenue)

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2008-123 awarding the contract for improvements to West End Avenue to Lucas Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$144,508.00. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Burden who abstained.

RESOLUTION #2008-124 (Authorization to Cancel Grant Appropriation Reserves)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman McGuire to approve Resolution #2008-124 authorizing the Finance Officer to cancel the surplus grant appropriation reserves. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2008-125 (Post Performance Guaranty – Seashore Estates LLC)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman McGuire to approve Resolution #2008-125 giving consent to the posting of an interim performance guaranty for Seashore Estates, LLC. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Murphy who abstained.

RESOLUTION #2008-126 (Authorization to Hire Susan Milnes as Alt. Deputy Registrar/Secretary)

A motion was made by Councilwoman Hotaling, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve Resolution #2008-126 authorizing the hiring of Susan Milnes as a part time secretary/deputy registrar/court assistance effective January 6, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Raffle Applications #2008-08 & 09 for Impact OASIS at Memory Lanes on 2/6/09

A motion was made by Councilman Cooperhouse, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Raffle Applications #2008-08 and #2008-09 for Impact OASIS at Memory Lanes on February 6, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Raffle Application #2008-10 for Harbor House at the Shadowbrook on 4/30/09

A motion was made by Councilman Cooperhouse, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Raffle Application #2008-10 for Harbor House at the Shadowbrook on April 30, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman reported concerning the Meadowview project and that he contacted Verizon to expedite the removal of the utilities on Meadow Drive.

Administrator Seaman also pointed out that he had seen the notice in the newspaper concerning the Borough's Affordable Housing Plan. This will meet the obligation before the December 31st deadline and it will be up for the Planning Board to adopt and the Council to endorse.

Administrator Seaman also reported on the White Street Bridge. The Borough Engineer has been in contact with the NJDEP concerning the emergency permit. The NJDEP will not issue an emergency permit in that they do not feel that this is an emergency issue. The NJDEP is establishing a special unit to handle the municipal projects review and the Borough Engineer has a meeting with them on Tuesday, December 2nd.

Administrator Seaman also pointed out that Sherry Gaffey has received certification from the DCA as a qualified purchasing agent which will raise the bid threshold for the Borough.

Reports of Council

Councilman Cooperhouse noted an article in the Sunday paper concerning the house prices and the value of houses in Shrewsbury, noting we were among the 12 communities in Monmouth County that prices did not go down substantially.

Councilwoman Hotaling noted that Vito Marra has submitted his resignation as Code Enforcement Officer effective 12/31/08 and the Borough will be advertising for a replacement.

Councilman Burden had no report.

Councilman McGuire noted that one of the sand spreaders needs to be replaced as it is almost 10 years old. He said the Bob Wentway received three quotes. The best quote was received from Tirus Equipment in the amount of \$6,500.00.

Councilman Murphy stated that the departments in the Borough really need to advise the Council as to when equipment is old and needs to be replaced and it could be placed in the capital budget. This was poor planning. Councilman Cooperhouse questioned if the replacement could be held off until January 1st and if there was an advantage to that. Mr. Seaman advised that it could wait, but it does not necessarily have any financial advantage since they have enough in their current budget under equipment. A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Burden

to authorize the replacement of the sand spreader in the amount of \$6,500.00. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Councilman Menapace advised that he will be attending a seminar for MELJIF on January 11, 2009 at Wall for elected officials. We save the Borough \$250. For each elected official that attends.

Councilman Menapace also reported that the front end loader is in bad shape and they are looking to rent one temporarily.

Councilman McGuire said they expected the rental would be delivered here today.

The Mayor asked if we could borrow one from a neighboring municipality.

Mr. McGuire said they are all being used at the moment.

Councilman Murphy asked if DPW had requested the purchase of a new one in the capital budget.

Mr. Seaman said they will be requesting one this coming year.

Councilman Murphy noted the school speed limit signs mentioned at their last meeting. The Chief feels that the street is too narrow and movable signs will be used initially.

Correspondence

Mayor Siciliano reported on a letter from the NJDOT denying the traffic calming plan for Laurel Avenue and Patterson Avenue.

Resignation of Mayor Siciliano

Councilman Cooperhouse noted the resignation of Mayor Siciliano effective December 31, 2008. Councilman Cooperhouse also noted the incredible amount of time and effort Mayor Siciliano has put into her time in office. Councilman Cooperhouse made a motion to accept the Mayor's resignation with deep regret. The motion was seconded by Councilman McGuire and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilwoman Hotaling 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 noted a deep hole in the White Street Bridge that has to be fixed. It is very dangerous. She went on about the hole and how the town should be responsible.

Councilman McGuire acknowledged her comments.

Ms. Clark also questioned the people hired in the past three to four months and asked if it is necessary to bring on another person and that the Council is not thinking about the economy and the affect on the residents. She asked is this fiscally responsible?

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Councilwoman Hotaling pointed out that the person hired tonight is not a new position, it is a replacement for someone who is leaving at the end of the month.

Councilman Cooperhouse pointed out that the most recent hires have all been part time dispatchers, hired as fill-ins when needed.

He pointed out that this Council has always has been fiscally responsible.

Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilwoman Hotaling 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 Cooperhouse 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 8:50 PM was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Murphy and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Emilia Siciliano, Mayor