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Council President Don Burden called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Mr. Burden read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, DeNofa, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Mayor Cooperhouse was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Salute to Flag

Mr. Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes of February 16, 2010

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the meeting minutes of February 16, 2010. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except Councilmen Keegan and Murphy who abstained.

Presentation by the Shrewsbury Elementary School Environmental Club

Jill Gwydir, Coordinator for the Shrewsbury Environmental Club introduced the students from Shrewsbury Elementary School who participate in the club and extended the other Coordinator, Susan Binns' regrets for not being able to attend. Ms. Gwydir stated that the students put together this presentation for the "Green Team" the younger children in the Environmental Club at school. The speakers were Jackie O'Dor, Holly Gwydir, Mackenzie Clark, Olivia Lipp, Nick Polis, Jaclyn Gisondi, Elizabeth Paterno, Elysha Paterno, Charlie Weisman, Jake McAvoy, Mike White and Connor Kelly. The presentation given by the children explained that they were the Shrewsbury Elementary School Environmental Club grades 6 through 8 who consist of about 20 students who meet every 3 weeks and work on educational projects. The student speakers listed the different activities they have been involved in this year which included writing letters to US Senators requesting things like the "Clean Car" rule, the institution of a walk to school Wednesday program at the school to reduce carbon emissions, a program to get kids to use re-useable lunch items and participation in the Clean Ocean Action Beach cleanup last October. They spoke about their planned participation in the Earth Day Fair on April 17th, the Clean Ocean Action Sweep on April 24th and the Clean Ocean Action Environmental Summit at Sandy Hook in the spring.

Students from the Environmental Club spoke about saving the trees and gave reasons why this is important. They related information about idling your car and the problems it causes to the environment. Student speakers spoke about using "green cleaners" and different ways to conserve energy, utilizing environmentally friendly light bulbs and conserving gas. They concluded by providing general ideas for staying "green". The students thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak at the meeting and present their ideas.

Council President Burden thanked all the students of the Shrewsbury Elementary Environmental Club for their presentation and fine work and thanked the school for the support they have offered the students. Jill Gwydir thanked the Council in return and requested that the children be able to take a picture with the Council. The meeting paused while the students and Council took a picture together.

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SYAA Discussion Regarding Capital Improvement Donations – Mr. Steve Gardella

Mr. Steve Gardella, President of the Shrewsbury Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) spoke with the Council seeking their approval on capital improvement projects SYAA planned for the spring. Mr. Gardella explained the SYAA would like to replace the benches at Manson Park. He stated they were also exploring the feasibility of installing a scoreboard at Sickles Field. He noted that Sickles Field receives a lot of use by both the recreation and travel teams. Mr. Gardella referred to the new field, sod and fencing at Sickles Field and stated that the SYAA felt a new scoreboard out in center field would be a nice asset to the field. He informed the Council that he had acquired three bids covering cost, delivery and installation leaving the only issue remaining the electrician to run the electric from the actual boards themselves to a power source.

The Council discussed the actual location of the board and the power source on the corner of the tennis court where the bathrooms were located and the plan to run the power from there. The Council and Mr. Gardella discussed the usage of the board. Councilman Keegan mentioned that Recreation is charging a small fee for any travel team that wants to use the field which is covering the usage of the shed and as well as any ancillary costs. Councilman Burden questioned if DPW had any issues with this plan. Councilman Menapace stated that he would run this idea by DPW for their input. Mr. Gardella explained his purpose speaking to Council was to obtain a sense of how they felt about the proposal. He reiterated that he had obtained three quotes and they were under \$10,000. Until all the issues in question are resolved the Council decided not to take a formal vote but indicated to Mr. Gardella that his initial proposal was acceptable.

Deer Population Discussion – Lt. Louis Ferraro, Shrewsbury Police Department

Councilman Burden read a statement to the public before he introduced Lt. Ferraro to speak about the deer population. He invited the members of Council and the residents of Shrewsbury to participate in a discussion regarding the escalating deer population within the Borough. He explained that this discussion was a result of inquiries from constituents as to what action might be taken given the damage they are experiencing with their shrubs, trees and gardens. Mr. Burden stated that the Recreation Commission is concerned about the deer droppings on the playing fields and pathways. The Board of Health is concerned about the threat of Lyme disease to humans and animals alike. The Environmental Commission is concerned about the health of the animals and reduced coverage for the bird population. The Shade Tree Commission is concerned about the reduction of the undergrowth and new saplings. The DPW is concerned about the deer carcasses on the highways and the Police are concerned about deer related auto accidents. Councilman Burden stated that the Mayor and Council extended an invitation to the Chief of Police, John Wilson, to review the issue from a police/public safety issue and that speaking for Chief Wilson would be Lt. Louis Ferraro who has been following this matter for several years.

Lt. Louis Ferraro spoke about how Chief Wilson had asked him to look into this and provide the Council with some of the options that are available. Lt. Ferraro spoke how he had reviewed the statistics noting that the current record system only goes back to June of 2006. He related that the Borough has been averaging about 20 reported deer related accidents, 18% average deer related incidents and 5% of the Borough's total motor vehicle accidents per year. Lt. Ferraro added that this only represents what is reported. The deer related incidents always involved the Police

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Department. Lt. Ferraro explained that injured deer, deer on pool covers, deer stuck on fences as all being part of the incidents involving deer in the Borough. Lt. Ferraro informed the Council that currently the State Fish and Game are the only ones who regulate the hunting of the animals and Municipalities cannot control the hunting. Lt. Ferraro referred to Ordinance 1062 which prohibits discharge thereby eliminating the ability to hunt and control the herd that way. Lt. Ferraro stated that he had reached out to Fish and Game principal biologist, Susan Predel, who is in charge of their Community Based Deer Management Program. Lt. Ferraro referenced information provided to him by Ms. Predel and contained in the booklet “An Evaluation of Deer Management Options” put out by Northeast Deer Technical Committee (available in the Clerk’s office) which detailed the different options that are available to the Borough. Lt. Ferraro explained the Community Based Program which has been used throughout the State where Municipalities apply to the State and they are able to setup some type of control management outside the normal hunting season.

Lt. Ferraro discussed the “Trap and Transfer” option whereby excess deer are captured and relocated to other locations. He explained that the problem with this is it is expensive and the problem involving what you do with the deer once they are captured.

Lt. Ferraro discussed “Trap and Euthanize” which again is expensive and the use of fertility control agents to regulate the deer populations which again is cost prohibitive and has a very limited success. “Shooting by Authorization” which is a program where sharpshooters are brought in to systematically cull the deer by skilled marksmen who are highly trained professionals and approved through the State as used by a company called White Buffalo. Again the cost of this kind of program can be very expensive.

Lt. Ferraro discussed the “Hunter Based Program” which by addressing our current ordinance we could allow hunting specific under very restrictive guidelines. Lt. Ferraro stated that Holmdel had recently utilized such a program. He explained how this could be implemented and the different options for consideration. He spoke about the required buffer zone of 450 feet from a school or playground or property line and explained how this could be addressed and the guidelines that would need to be considered.

Open Meeting to the Public

Mr. Michael Bell, 43 Trafalgar Place, stated the deer population over the last 20 years has exploded. He stated that 18 years ago there were 6 to 12 deer here in the Borough but today there are anywhere from 120 to 200 deer that come through the town. He stated he felt the deer were well fed and healthy and he noted that he has not been successful maintaining a garden because it is destroyed whenever he has attempted to plant one. Mr. Bell stated that we have a lot of open space in the Borough and referenced Parker’s Creek, behind Williamsburg and Paddington, Strauss Drive, Winding Brook and over in Thornbrooke. He commented that there is a lot of open space where if managed properly the Borough could have a very effective hunt. Mr. Bell stated that he feels we do our deer and our residents a disservice because they have overpopulated and are growing exponentially. He concluded with a strong statement of support for the Council to follow Lt. Ferraro’s suggestion to conduct a controlled hunt.

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Mr. Peter Meyer, 53 Beech Tree Lane, stated he is a resident and also the President of the Shrewsbury Board of Education. He stated that he is one of the unfortunate people who had an accident in the past month and not reported it. He explained how 5:30 AM his car was broadsided by a deer which caused \$3,000 worth of damage to the car. Mr. Meyer stated that he is a hunter and he has observed some sickly deer around as this has been a difficult winter and there is not a lot of vegetation around to feed on. Mr. Meyer expressed his concerns with the safety of the kids at the school as he has observed the deer out and running around where the school backs up to the creek. He touched on the situation of a deer getting alarmed and just running in front of cars which could in turn swerve to avoid hitting the deer and ultimately put pedestrians in danger. Mr. Meyer concluded with he would support some form of culling of the herd in order to control the deer population for everyone's safety.

Louise Usechak, 20 Corn Lane, stated then when she moved here 24 years ago she never saw deer unless she was doing an onsite for one of the properties in town for the Environmental Commission. Ms. Usechak stated that now she has 7 to 15 that visit her every day on her lawn. She stated they are constantly out and visiting the different properties. She gave examples of where the deer had the traffic tied up as they moved back and forth from Silverbrook across Route 35. She stated how they have destroyed 4 to 4 ½ feet up of the border shrubbery on the whole side of her house. Ms. Usechak stated how she participated in a seminar in the mid 90's where the Biological Conservation Director of New Jersey Conservation Foundation spoke on preserving New Jersey's forest biodiversity and what was stated was the deer were New Jersey's number one problem in terms of preserving biodiversity. At that seminar it was stated that you can't have more than 10 deer at a maximum per square mile and have any sort of sustainable biodiversity. She presented her concerns with the deer population where her grandchildren are concerned because of the deer excrement in her backyard as she cannot keep them out.

Ms. Usechak commented that we have created the situation and they will not come under control without taking action such as Lt. Ferraro has suggested. She read an article from the paper which spoke to the deer herd losing their fear of people and some of the behaviors being exhibited by the deer. Ms. Usechak concluded by stating she felt we had no choice but to take some kind of action to do something about the problem.

Marshall Wright, 4 Corn Lane spoke about how his wife had called him that very day saying how she was throwing snowballs at deer trying to chase them from the yard as there were 8 to 10 deer in the backyard. He spoke of the numerous bushes completely destroyed and his vegetable garden constantly being destroyed. He stated that in order for the deer to survive the herd has to be brought down to a level that is sustainable in the natural area and habitat that we have in Shrewsbury. Mr. Wright stated that they have far exceeded that and now in order for them to survive they need the food and vegetation that is available on the different properties in Shrewsbury. He concluded with the statement if we don't act in a responsible way to maintain the deer population at a level that is sustainable they will be gone from Shrewsbury at some point because they will be starving here. Mr. Wright thanked the Council for approaching this topic because of the importance it holds for the town.

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Mr. Jim Curley, 30 Shady Lane, stated that he has been a resident since 1945 here. He stated that he is a wing shooter and how he never saw the deer in Shrewsbury going back. Mr. Curley stated that there are probably 200 times more deer in Continental North America today than when the Pilgrims landed. He spoke to the intelligence of the deer and how they are living off of humans. Mr. Curley stated he felt we need to control the deer population through hunting as suggested by Lt. Ferraro. He commented that one of the best ways to do this may be through bow and arrow hunting. He offered his services to work with Lt. Ferraro on a committee or in whatever way he could help on this issue.

Patricia Windecker, 155 Spruce Drive, spoke about the substantial deer population on the Shadowbrook property and the herd which comes through her property daily and on her front yard. She expressed her main concern was Lyme disease and she explained that she is a Microbiologist. Ms. Windecker stated that anyone in Shrewsbury who does gardening is at a very high risk of contracting Lyme disease. She wanted to go on record that the risk of Lyme disease is very high and we have no idea what percentage of the population of Shrewsbury is suffering with this disease.

Mr. Donald Foster, 63 East End Avenue stated that he is a deer hunter and he is a firm believer that the herds have to be managed. He stated that he agreed with Lt. Ferraro but stated he felt to alleviate the cost of paying an outside company that he would suggest opening it up to the hunters in New Jersey versus paying an outside company.

Christine Speck, 30 Colonial Drive, stated that she would like to bear witness to all of the residents on Colonial Drive who struggle with the huge population of deer which are not afraid of humans. She stated how they are on her property day after day. She stated that they snort and beat their hoofs and many times when she has gone out for a walk she has been forced back into her house because of their behavior. Ms. Speck stated how they congregate on her patio and have eaten all the shrubbery around her home and they are not afraid of people. Ms. Speck concluded with she would be extremely grateful for anything the Council would decide to do because it is a huge problem. She stated that she didn't realize the cost involved to solve this problem.

Council President Burden thanked everyone for their participation. Mr. Burden stated that both his daughter and son have had Lyme's disease. He spoke of the struggle his daughter had with this disease and related how she was on home infusion for three months.

Close Meeting to the Public

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

Councilman Menapace questioned Lt. Ferraro on the mechanics of the deer hunting process.

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They discussed bow hunting and Councilman Menapace shared his concerns on rapid and successful, safe administration of the process. Towns that had successful hunts were discussed. Lt. Ferraro discussed options on the safety zone currently in the Borough ordinance. The option of using the firearms approach was touched on and the concerns involved were discussed.

Resolution #2010-25 (Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation #2)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation #2 adding \$15, 000 to the current budget to cover \$4,000 for Parks, \$6,000 for Municipal Court and \$5,000 for Natural Gas. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-26 (Temporary Capital Budget)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the Temporary Capital Budget which is required by the State whenever a capital ordinance is passed before the adoption of the budget. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-27 (Resolution to Participate in the Safe and Secure Communities)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Keegan to approve the Participation in the Safe and Secure Communities which is a grant the Borough participates in every year through the State and is used to subsidize one of the Police officers. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-28 (Resolution Amending the AXA Equitable Plan)

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Keegan to approve the resolution amending a paragraph on the resolution passed a couple of months ago for the AXA Equitable Plan which is a deferred compensation plan. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-29 (Resolution Authorizing Refund of Late Fee)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the refund of late fees to Mr. Greg Campi of Willow Court who overpaid on his dog license. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-30 (Resolution to Reappoint Plumbing Sub-Code Official)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the reappointment of the Plumbing Sub-Code Official, Herbert Moore at a yearly salary of \$10,660. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Resolution #2010-31 (Resolution to Appoint Electrical Sub-Code Official)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the appointment of the Electrical Sub-Code Official, Thomas Klich at a yearly salary of \$10,660. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 938 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION:
Ordinance to amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by amending Chapter 94,
Zoning and Land Development, 94-8.34 (10.1), Real Estate Signs**

Open/Close Hearing to the Public

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

Adopt

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Keegan to adopt Ordinance No. 938, an Ordinance to amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by amending Chapter 94, to allow real estate Open House signs in public rights of way only on Sundays between 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except Councilman Murphy who abstained.

CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 941 – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION: Providing for the Acquisition of the Conservation Easement and Public Assess Easement for the Real Property Known as Block 28, Lot 45, Qualifier Q on the Shrewsbury Borough Tax Map, Appropriating \$1,327,000 and Authorizing the Issuance of \$450,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs by The Borough of Shrewsbury. A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the introduction/first reading of Ordinance No. 941, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT AND PUBLIC ASSESS EASEMENT FOR THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 28, LOT 45, QUALIFIER Q ON THE SHREWSBURY BOROUGH TAX MAP, APPROPRIATING \$1,327,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000 BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS BY THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. It was announced that the Public Hearing will be scheduled for April 5th, 2010.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman reported that the Borough had received a Grant reimbursing the Borough for Hepatitis B shots which were administered to the Emergency Personnel and DPW in the

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amount of \$2,720. Mr. Seaman stated that articles are due by March 15, 2010 for the April Newsletter.

Mr. Seaman reported that Captain Spencer informed him of a kickoff meeting he organized for the Cooper Notification System. He stated that there were representatives from Red Bank Regional, Little Silver Borough, Little Silver Board of Education and Shrewsbury Board of Education and that it was a very well received meeting. Mr. Seaman informed the Council that the Plan was put in place with the Emergency Service list that will go on line this week. He stated that the roll out to the public will be by April 1 where they can go on line and self register cell phone numbers, email addresses and pager numbers which provide for a wide range of communicating emergency information.

Reports of Council

Councilman Burden reported for the Shade Tree Commission that Miles Svikhart has agreed to be Vice Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission.

Councilman DeNofa had no report.

Councilman Dodge had no report.

Councilman Keegan had no report.

Councilman Menapace reported that costs for the snow storm of February 25, 26th which was on a Thursday and Friday shouldn't be as high as prior storms even though there are no firm cost figures yet. Mr. Menapace noted that because of the timing of the storm we were able to send DPW employees home at 4:00 PM and give them 12 hours at home to eat, sleep and come back in fresh on Friday. He noted that only 4 hours overtime were charged per employee.

Councilman Menapace stated that the DPW Manager, Bob Wentway, has requested that the Council considers adopting a no parking on any Borough roadway when they are snow covered ordinance. He explained their concern with hitting parked cars and they want to be in the position to plow as quickly and effectively as possible. This ordinance would be in addition to the "No Parking" from 2 AM to 6AM ordinance. Mr. Menapace gave examples of where the DPW workers had been threatened with bodily harm in the most recent storm by a contractor as well as residents. Councilman Menapace stated that based on discussions he has had with the Director of DPW he would support such an ordinance that would basically empower the Mayor to declare a snow emergency and give the Police Department power to order cars to be moved. Councilman Menapace explained that he was seeking the consensus of Council to ask Mr. Barger to explore different ordinances in other towns to allow the Borough to move forward on this. The consensus of Council was that it was a good idea and they supported having Mr. Barger explore such an ordinance.

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Mr. Menapace stated that the Borough is aware of the existing pot holes and that DPW put down 2 tons of cold patch however, there were lots more to do in this area and DPW is doing the best they can. He noted that we need warmer weather to be able to apply a more permanent fix to the pot hole problem.

Councilman Menapace noted that the bid for Laurel Avenue had been changed to March 24th because the NJDOT had to reprocess the bid information with updated wording and more current specifications for our current grant involving \$150,000 from the State. He noted that the Borough's out of pocket will be less than \$45,000.

Mr. Menapace reported that the Borough Engineer is finishing up designs on the truck wash and the Borough's intention is to move as quickly as possible to finalize the plans. He informed the Council that discussions with Little Silver as to their level of commitment about entering a shared service agreement on the truck wash would be forthcoming.

Councilman Murphy reported that the Finance Committee is meeting with the different Departments and are hoping to have things in place concerning the budget shortly. Mr. Murphy stated that the Finance Committee is looking to have a workshop meeting at some point in late April.

Correspondence

The Clerk reported that she had received the signed Shared Service Agreement along with a signed Resolution from Shrewsbury Township for Emergency Fire Protection Services.

She stated that also received was a letter from Assemblywoman Casagrande, Assemblyman O'Scanlon and Senator Beck in reference to meetings they will be scheduling with each of Governor Christie's Commissioners. In the letter they stated they will be meeting with the Department of Transportation Acting Commission, Jim Simpson and would like to take the opportunity to bring to his attention any DOT projects the 12th District towns might have an interest in. She noted the letter requested input on any ongoing projects or prospective projects within our municipality which we would like the DOT to examine.

Additionally the Clerk stated she had received a letter from the Program Director for Community Development in reference to an application for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds. The letter pointed out that the deadline for the application is June 4, 2010 and that the maximum funding for an application should not exceed \$250,000.

The Clerk noted that she received an email from Jill Gwydir of the Environmental Commission requesting the opportunity to present the Sustainable New Jersey Program at the April 5th Borough Council meeting. Ms Gwydir stated that she will be putting together packets of information for the Council beforehand.

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

Michael Bell, 43 Trafalgar Place, responded to an earlier question posed in the meeting about automobile injuries related to deer. Mr. Bell who is President of the Shrewsbury First Aid stated that they see 3 to 5 calls on average a year where people have been injured due to deer.

Mr. Bell spoke about the Reverse 911 that was used in the last snow storm which spoke to removing cars from the street to allow for snow plowing. Mr. Bell thought one of the things Shrewsbury should address is the overnight parking band from November until April as being unreasonable. Mr. Bell explained that First Aid has had a lot of night calls this year and one of the problems they encountered is that more than half the houses in town have small driveways and multiple cars and everybody has to park their cars in the driveway. Mr. Bell stated that the EMS have a difficult time getting people out of the house due to the cars parked in the driveways and in many instances on peoples lawns. Mr. Bell felt this policy should be limited with the availability of Reverse 911 for snow emergencies for getting cars off the road when necessary for plowing. His position was that under normal circumstances this creates a hazard during the process of First Aid calls.

Mr. Bell questioned if the monies used for the grants for the Bonanno Property has to be paid back. Mr. Seaman responded that it is a 50% matching grant which does not have to be paid back. Mr. Bell stated that he felt this was a really good thing.

Mr. Bell stated that in reference to the score boards we may want to take a look at where the wetlands are designated in the back half of Sickles Field before giving SYAA the right to construct a permanent fixture there. He noted that the Borough may need to get approval from the DEP first. Councilman Menapace stated he would check with the Borough Engineer to gather that information.

Mr. Peter Meyer, President of the Board of Education, 20 Obre Place, thanked DPW for all they have done with the snow removal at the school this winter. Mr. Meyer stated that this will be the first time since he has been on the Board that they have a 4% Cap on their budget. Mr. Meyer noted that they have about a 6 ½ million dollar budget and they have been cut 15% by the State on the State Aid. He noted that additionally they do not have a teacher's employment agreement in place as it is still being negotiated. Mr. Meyer stated that the Board is planning a budget meeting around March 28th and he would welcome a member of Council at that meeting as they expect a difficult budget year.

Ms. Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, asked if there had been feedback on the recycling and bulk pickup and if so she questioned if it was positive. Councilman Menapace responded that the reaction has been very positive because it is considered simple and that the Borough doesn't look like a junk yard with the bulk pickup lying around for days on end. Mr. Menapace stated that on

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the environmental side it discourages people from having a “throw away mentality” and that they are finding people feel more encouraged to give away and donate which reduces the contributions to landfills. Mr. Menapace also spoke to the cost savings being realized with this whole program and how the savings are significant. He covered all the points of savings the Borough is realizing through the current program.

Ms. Clark raised concern over the lack of provision for these continual snow storms as to alternate pick up days on the bulk pickup or recycling. Councilman Menapace relayed the good relationship the Borough is experiencing with our garbage contractor. Mr. Menapace stated that on one of the days scheduled pickup the Borough used Reverse 911 to inform people on the East side of town about moving the pickup day due to the impending storm. He informed Ms. Clark that this would be the way we would inform residents if need be.

Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman DeNofa 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 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.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Council President Burden reconvened the public meeting at 9:50 PM. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Dodge, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Mayor Cooperhouse was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:54 PM was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest: _____
Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: _____
Donald Burden, Council President