

**April 5, 2010**

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, Menapace and Murphy. Mayor Cooperhouse and Councilman Keegan were 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 March 15, 2010**

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the meeting minutes of March 15, 2010. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except Councilmen Burden and Menapace who abstained.

**CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 941 –SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION: 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.** Borough Administrator Seaman explained that this Capital Ordinance was for the Bonanno property and the total project was 1,327,000 and that the issuance of bonds and notes for this project is \$450,000. Mr. Seaman noted that we had just received Green Acres checks today for \$365,000 and that we are ready to move forward with the process at this point. Mr. Seaman pointed out that we have the Green Acres money (\$365,000) and over \$500,000 in Open Space money along with this Bond Ordinance will fund this project and we will pay down with the Open Space monies that we raise a penny a year with nothing out of the General budget.

**Open/Close Hearing to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace 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 DeNofa 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 Murphy, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to adopt Bond 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 for the costs by the Borough of Shrewsbury. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Resolution #2010-37 (Performance Guaranty Release - M.G.D. Partnership)**

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the release of the Performance Guaranty for M.G. D. Partnership, Block 40, Lots 26 & 27, per their

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request and the approval of the Borough Engineer after performing a site inspection indicating that all bonded improvements installed pursuant to the site plan approval were successfully completed. The Borough Engineer requested that all bonds and escrow account balances which totaled \$11,700.97 be released. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Approval of new Member of Hose Co. #1: Charles W. Witherow**

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the application for membership to N.J. State Fireman's Association to be admitted as a member to Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 for Charles W. Witherow. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Administrator's Report**

Administrator Seaman stated that he received a memo from Jerzy Chojnacki, the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator that Monmouth County was not included in the declaration of reimbursements for February's snow storm. Mr. Seaman stated that they hoping that we may be included in those that receive reimbursement for the March storm but that we would have to wait to see.

Mr. Seaman reported that he had spoken with the Tax Assessor and the total number of appeals for the County is 18 and 12 for the State. Attorney Barger commented that the 18 will probably have their hearing date in May or June unless they are settled and he noted that Mr. Walters was very good at handling Tax Appeals. Mr. Barger noted that the ones for the State probably will not have a hearing date till next winter sometime.

**Councilman Burden** reported that he had attended the Board of Health Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> and that the Board of Health reviewed and approved final changes to their by-laws, which were relatively minor. Mr. Burden stated that they approved a pilot program for Nurse practitioner/public health nurse position at no cost to the Borough. He noted that they wish to announce that the H1N1 Vaccination clinic is still available for April 17<sup>th</sup> at the VNA offices in Red Bank.

Mr. Burden stated that on March 22 he attended the Greentable session at Thompson Park with Frank Clark of the DPW regarding the County Park offerings and support and an update on the Green Acre funding. He continued that on March 22 he attended the Police Committee meeting to review the police budget as we move forward.

On March 25 Mr. Burden stated that he attended the Personnel Committee meeting with the focus being a review of budgets. Councilman Burden stated that on March 27 he attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting and at that meeting they accepted the resignation of Gordon Ogden and they are currently in the process of selecting another name to recommend for his replacement. He noted that at the end of the meeting the landscape architect for the Hovnanian project came and discussed the landscaping plan as they exist right now.

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Mr. Burden stated that he had attended the Environmental Commission meeting and they wanted to remind everybody that the Computer Recycling/Earth Day program is scheduled for April 17, 2010. The Environmental Commission also wanted to remind everyone about the “Lawn Care Without Toxic Chemicals” free workshop scheduled for Thursday, April 22 to be held at 7:30 PM at Shrewsbury Borough Hall.

Councilman Burden reported that on March 31<sup>st</sup>, he attended the Local Assistance meeting and they have one case pending.

Mr. Burden stated that Jay Eaton, Pat DeBello and himself met the deadline and finalized for copying of the Five sites in Shrewsbury which will be part of the Monmouth County Planning Board Scenic Highway Project. Mr. Burden also noted that the Traffic Safety Committee will be meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilman DeNofa** had no report

**Councilman Dodge** had no report

**Councilman Menapace** stated that there was a new sign out at the corner replacing the deteriorated old one and that there are daffodils that are starting to bloom which were planted last fall by the Shrewsbury Garden Club with the assistance of the Brownies and Girl Scouts from town. He acknowledged all the color that their plantings are providing and he acknowledged the Shrewsbury Garden Club and the moms and scouts for their work which we are benefiting from now.

**Councilman Murphy** reported that the Drug and Alcohol Alliance Committee had a program called Surviving The Teen Years on March 25, 2010. Mr. Murphy stated that the keynote speaker was Dr. Rajiv Juneja who spoke about when adolescent issues warrant intervention with either medical and/or therapy. Councilman Murphy commented that it was quite interesting and was followed up with “breakout sessions” covering all different topics of concern such as teens and digital technology, texting, chat rooms and all different things that affect the teenager and what parents should look out for. Mr. Murphy noted that they also covered the legal ramifications for the parents on certain issues such as hosting parties.

Councilman Murphy stated that he felt it was a success and very well attended. Mr. Murphy commented on the excellent job Karen Lloyd had done putting this whole program together and the fantastic job she has done for many years now with the Drug Alliance. As he put it “hat’s off to her” for a job well done.

Councilman Murphy reported on the Finance Committee that it was still a major task in progress right now with its work on the budget. He stated that they did not have a date to share as to the Public Meeting Budget Workshop that would be held within the near future but that once a date was decided they would provide that information to the public.

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**Open Meeting to the Public**

A motion was made Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy 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, questioned for clarification if the Tax Appeals mentioned are currently going on in Shrewsbury and have been appealed to the County and State? To which Mr. Seaman responded that was correct. She asked what period of time these appeal cover, to which Mr. Barger responded that the valuation date is set as of Oct. 1, 2009 but that they are tax appeals for 2010. Mr. Barger stated that the County hearings will be handled pretty expediently although they haven't received a date yet but it is usually May or June. Mr. Barger noted that the State is usually much slower more like nine months to a year. He noted that there is only one Judge in the Tax Court at the State that handles Monmouth County

**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

**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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to adjourn at 8:15 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Burden, Council President