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Mayor Cooperhouse called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Dodge, Menapace and Murphy. Council Member Keegan was absent. 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 of April 19, 2010

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the meeting minutes of April 19, 2010. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except Councilman Murphy who abstained.

Certificate of Appreciation: Paul David Roman

Mayor Cooperhouse read the Certificate of Appreciation to Paul Roman. Mr. Roman addressed the Mayor and Council, Borough employees and friends by stating "Winston Churchill once said we make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." He related that the members of the Volunteer Community are very proud of the time and effort they give to their community and to the greater community at large. Mr. Roman stated that he has been fortunate to have served in leadership positions in different areas of different organizations, many of which have benefited the Borough and its citizens. He noted that he is very proud of the time and effort that he has given and he is proud of the people that he has had the pleasure to serve with. He thanked the Mayor and Council for being recognized with the Certificate of Appreciation on the heels of the Red Bank "Regional Distinguished Alumni" honor he had just received. He stated that he was very grateful for this acknowledgement. Mr. Roman was responded to by applause from all present.

**ORDINANCE NO. 942 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION:
Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 152,
Licenses**

Open to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to open the meeting to the public specifically to comment on Ordinance 942. The Mayor explained that based on the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and CFO the Surety Bond requirement for individuals obtaining Business Licenses in the Borough will no longer be required due to the fact they have become a deterrent to new businesses being established in the Borough. It was decided after careful analysis of the usefulness of the Surety Bond versus the process for all involved that the negatives outweighed the positives in continuing this practice.

Close Hearing to the Public

Seeing no one to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Burden, 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.

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Adopt

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Murphy to adopt Ordinance No. 942, an Ordinance to amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by amending Chapter 152, Licenses. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except Councilman Murphy who abstained.

ORDINANCE No. 943 – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION: Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to authorize the introduction/first reading of Ordinance No. 943, an ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a cap bank. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-47 (Authorizing the Deferral of 2010 School Taxes as Promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize Resolution 2010-47 the deferral of 2010 school taxes as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except for Councilman Dodge who voted no.

Resolution #2010-49 (Approval of Local Budget Examination)

It was decided that Resolution 2010-49 would be addressed first before the introduction of the Municipal Budget as indicated by the agenda. Mr. Seaman explained the process where two out of three years the State allows a municipality to perform a local exam without the State first reviewing the budget. Mr. Seaman reviewed the process that it entails and how we met all the criteria required to do this. A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Burden to approve that all applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled to allow for the approval of the local budget examination process. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-48 (Introduce 2010 Municipal Budget)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to introduce Resolution 2010-48, the 2010 Municipal Budget. Councilman Murphy reviewed the budget for the public. The Mayor explained that there would be no comments on the budget at this meeting and that the public hearing for the budget will take place on June 21, 2010 at 8:00 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-50 (Approval of Budget of the Red Bank Regional School District)

The Mayor stated that as everyone was aware the Red Bank Regional School budget was defeated and that there were several meetings between the three governing bodies' representatives and the Board of Education at the Red Bank Regional administrative offices. As a result of those discussions the three town representatives have recommended to their governing bodies that a resolution be passed where \$270,500.00 is deducted from the tax levy at Red Bank Regional High School. The Mayor explained that all three municipalities will need to pass a resolution approving

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this action and if it fails in one of the three municipalities the budget would then go to the State Commissioner of Education. Councilman Dodge commented that it was important to address the wishes of the Shrewsbury residents who voted to approve the budget and he acknowledged that pretty significant ground had been given during the discussions and negotiations. A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution 2010-50 approving the decreased budget of the Red Bank Regional School District. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Raffle No. 2010-03 Christ Church Shrewsbury on 7/04/10

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Raffle License No. 2010-03 for Christ Church Shrewsbury to be held at the Church, located at 380 Sycamore Avenue, on July 4, 2010 at 12:00 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

The Borough Administrator reported that employee handbooks had been distributed to all employees and the updated version will be given to the Mayor and Council within the next week. Mr. Seaman noted that Newsletter articles are due in his office by June 10th.

Administrator Seaman referred to the documentation distributed to the Council in reference to the New Jersey American Water Co. Conservation Water Rate Pilot Program. He stated that he had been involved in discussions with the Water Company representatives concerning how being part of the Pilot Program would affect the Borough. He noted that if a resident was to use over 10,000 gallons a month they would realize a possible \$1.46 increase in their water bill. He pointed out that was if the Water Company is granted the full increase they are seeking. Mr. Seaman stated that if the Borough was against being part of this Pilot Program he would write a letter to the BPU reflecting the Borough's desire to opt out of the Pilot Program at this time and that most likely the Borough would be removed as a participant. He pointed out that this program is focused on the usage of water during the summer months.

Administrator Seaman stated that the timeline for the Pilot Program is the end of 2010, with the new rates taking effect sometime in early 2011. The Mayor pointed out that there is no time line that is concerning right now and that this Pilot Program brings to mind our commitment to the Sustainable Jersey Program which should be figured into the mix. One issue Councilman Burden was interested in finding out was the length of time this Pilot Program would be in effect to which Mr. Seaman responded that he would obtain that information.

Mr. Seaman questioned the Council as to whether they would be in favor of holding just one meeting a month during the summer months of July and August as usually these months have less activity. The Mayor and Council discussed the option of eliminating the second meeting of July and August and if need be holding the second meeting as previously scheduled. All were in agreement with this idea and it was noted that the Clerk would publish the change of meeting schedule.

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Councilman Burden reported that the Recycle Day held at the Borough in April set a new record of collecting 11,040 pounds of electronic materials to recycle.

Mr. Burden announced that arrangements were being made in conjunction with the County for a shredding day to be held in the Borough for November 13th.

Councilman Burden stated that he had just attended a meeting in recognition and celebration of the closing of the Fort which is scheduled to be held on July 16th, 17th and 18th 2010. He stated that the celebration would include parades, fireworks and additional festivities. Mr. Burden stated he would keep the Council informed on the arrangements as they unfold as there will be meetings every Monday night until the celebration.

Councilman DeNofa had no report.

Councilman Dodge had no report.

Councilman Menapace reported that Laurel Avenue is moving along ahead of schedule. He had visited the First Aid building earlier in the day and found there was a lot of work being done by the building which should be wrapping up within a short period of time.

Councilman Murphy had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cooperhouse reported he had received correspondence from Freeholder, Amy Mallet in reference to the Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans' Interment of Monmouth County and that every municipality in the County should have a representative in order to help senior constituents in the community. The Mayor relayed the importance of having a representative to better serve our community and he asked for a volunteer. He requested the Council contemplate who they might ask to serve in this position.

Correspondence

The Clerk stated there was none.

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.

Meg Gerth, 33 East End Avenue, Shrewsbury stated that she just wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for their part in handling the defeated RBR School budget. She stated that she wanted to thank them for taking numerous phone calls and emails and for supporting the decision that the Shrewsbury residents made on April 20th, and for coming to an agreement in working with Little

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Silver and Red Bank in support of the high school. Ms. Gerth thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support.

Close Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one else to speak, 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 8:30 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Terel J. Cooperhouse, Mayor