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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, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Council Member Dodge was absent. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

RESOLUTION #2009-76 (Executive Session)

Mayor Cooperhouse read Resolution #2009-76 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, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Council Member Dodge was absent. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Salute to Flag

Boy Scout Troop 50 led the Salute to the Flag.

Certificates of Appreciation: June 5, 2009 - Fire @ Memory Lanes

Mayor Cooperhouse briefed everyone about the fire that took place on June 5th at Memory Lanes Bowling Alley on Newman Springs Road and explained to the audience the situation with the fire when he arrived at the scene and he was told that if it were not for the local fire companies and other people and groups that helped, things could have been much worse. He said that only Memory Lanes was lost and nothing else. Mayor Cooperhouse read and gave the first certificate to the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1, whose officers were present to receive the certificate. The next certificate was presented to the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad, whose officers and members were in attendance to receive the certificate. In all the following certificates were presented:

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad
Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1
Windmill Restaurant
Red Bank Volvo, Inc.
The Red Cross
LaRossa Bakery
Dunkin Donuts.

Representatives of Dunkin Donuts and the Windmill Restaurant were not present and the Mayor said theirs would be mailed to them.

Mayor Cooperhouse also noted all the other volunteers and local businesses that assisted during the fire, they are as follows:

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Fire Department's

Shrewsbury
Shrewsbury Ladies Auxiliary
Red Bank
Little Silver
Little Silver Fire Dept. Women Auxiliary
Northside (Tinton Falls)
Eatontown
Oceanport
Sea Bright
River Plaza
Lincroft
Monmouth Beach
Fort Monmouth
Neptune
Brevent Park
Wannamassa

The EMS Squads that were present at the fire are as follows:

Shrewsbury First Aid Squad
Little Silver EMS
Red Bank EMS
Fair Haven First Aid Squad
Fairview First Aid Squad
Lincroft First Aid & Rescue Squad
Leonardo First Aid & Rescue Squad
Neptune First Aid Squad

Additionally, the following also responded:

Monmouth County Sherriff's Department Fieldcom Unit (provided communications and support for EMS agencies)

Neptune OEM (Set up Rehabilitation Tent)

MONOC (Provided an ALS rig as standby until fire was out)

The Mayor introduced Alex Melladoff, owner of the Memory Lanes. Mr. Melladoff expressed his appreciation and presented the Shrewsbury Hose Company with a plaque. He also presented a plaque to the Shrewsbury ladies Auxiliary, Shrewsbury First Aid Squad and the Shrewsbury Police Department. Mr. Melladoff also informed he intends to rebuild the bowling alley. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and consideration.

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Recess

The Mayor called a short recess at 8:20 PM. Councilman Murphy made the motion and was seconded by Councilman Burden and all agreed upon voice vote.

Reconvene

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 PM. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Keegan, Menapace and Murphy. Council Member Dodge was absent. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Shade Tree Commission: Presentation of Tree City USA

Mayor Cooperhouse asked Chairwoman, Nancy Schmaltz to come forward. Mrs. Schmaltz presented the Tree City USA award to the Mayor and Council and a flag with two little signs that say 11 years and noted that this is the third year the Borough received the "Growth Award". She gave the Council each a packet of information on tree care which she would like put on the Borough website and she also wanted to leave pamphlets in the Municipal Building. Councilman Menapace voiced his appreciation to Ms. Schmaltz for her many years as a Shade Tree Member and Chairwoman.

ORDINANCE NO. 929: SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION – Amend Chapter 94, Zoning and Land Development, 94-10.4 Permitted Uses, Trailers [Withdrawn]

Withdraw Ordinance No. 929

Mayor Cooperhouse read the recommendations of the Planning Board dated May 26, 2009 concerning this Ordinance. The Borough Attorney noted that the changes were sufficient enough to warrant a withdrawal and that he must make amendments and it should be re-introduced at another time. A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to withdraw Ordinance 929 and authorize the Borough Attorney to amend it as suggested by the Planning Board. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 931: INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: - Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by amending Chapter 94, Zoning and Land Development, 94-8.34, Signs

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Burden to authorize the introduction/first reading of Ordinance No. 931, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY BY AMENDING CHAPTER 94, ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT, 94-8.34, SIGNS. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except for Councilman Murphy who abstained. Second Reading Public Hearing will be on August 3, 2009, at 8:00 PM.

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2009 BUDGET HEARING

Councilman Murphy explained the budget summary and showed the pie charts noting that 44% of the 2009 Budget is salaries. He went on to explain the percentage of payout to utilities, capital expense and debt. He also noted that the school tax this year is being deferred as in the past and in many other towns. Councilman Murphy informed that the borough Auditor, Gene Farrell, was in attendance to answer any questions.

Open to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, 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.

Mayor Cooperhouse called upon Mr. Farrell to have a seat up front to answer questions.

Peter Gibson, Patterson Avenue expressed, as a resident and member of the fire company, his appreciation for the efforts of the Mayor and Council.

Close Meeting to the Public

There were no further comments or questions from the public. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

The Mayor thanked the Auditor for coming this evening and all of his work and he also thanked the Council and especially the Finance Committee and its Chair, Kevin Murphy and Finance Officer Tom Seaman for all their hard work through this process.

RESOLUTION #2009-77 (Adopt 2009 Municipal Budget)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-77 adopting the 2009 Municipal Budget. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-78 (Amend Summer Recreation Staff)

A motion was made by Councilman Keegan, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-78 amending the summer recreation staff. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-79 (Renewal of Liquor License for Spirits Unlimited)

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2009-79 authorizing the renewal of the liquor license for Spirits Unlimited. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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RESOLUTION #2009-80 (Renewal of Liquor License Colonial Bar & Liquors)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Keegan to approve Resolution #2009-80 authorizing the renewal of the liquor license for Colonial Bar and Liquors. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-81 (Renewal of Liquor License for Tap House/Memory Lanes)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Keegan to approve Resolution #2009-81 authorizing the renewal of the liquor license for the Tap House/Memory Lanes. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-82 (Renewal of Liquor License for Shadowbrook Restaurant)

Mayor Cooperhouse read a letter from the Zwebin family concerning the restrictions placed on the liquor license for the Shadowbrook. A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2009-82 authorizing the renewal of the liquor license for Shadowbrook Restaurant as presented with no changes. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-83 (Approval to Submit & Execute a Grant Application for Laurel Street)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Resolution #2009-83 for approval to submit and execute the grant application for Laurel Street. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-84 (Approval to Submit & Execute a Grant Application for Avenue at the Commons) [Tabled]

Mayor Cooperhouse asked that the Council defer action on Resolution #2009-84. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Keegan to defer action on Resolution #2009-84. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman reported that the final DOT reimbursement for Meadow Drive will be submitted. He also reported that the ball field netting at Sickles Park will be installed the first week of July and the Borough Engineer will be advertising this week for the tennis courts at Sickles Park.

Reports of Council

Councilman DeNofa reported that he met with the First Aid Squad and Fire Department to introduce himself.

Councilman Burden reported that he attended an Environmental Committee meeting and Cecilia Kodama resigned. He also reported that on June 6th there was a recycling shredding and 6.8 tons of shredded paper was received. On June 13th he attended a Shade Tree Committee meeting and

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Susan Berdahl resigned. On June 29th Councilman Burden and Pat DiBello attended the scenic byway kickoff meeting at Monmouth County.

Councilman Menapace reported on the first traffic safety Ad Hoc Committee meeting. It is a good selection of members from all parts of the Borough and they are meeting on June 23rd at 7:30 PM. He also noted that the flower beds on Borough property are being attended to by the Garden Club and DPW. He advised that after July 1st fish spawning will be completed and it might be possible to finish the White Street Bridge.

Councilman Keegan reported that the Shrewsbury Borough School has graduation this Thursday and questioned if anybody was attending. He also reported that Recreation is starting an adult tennis program when the courts are done.

Councilman Murphy reported that he attended the Red Bank Regional awards dinner. He presented the Shrewsbury Student Award and he was honored to do so.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cooperhouse reported that he met with the Two Rivers Council of Mayors to discuss the MOM Line. The Freeholders are going to pass a Resolution in opposition to the MOM Line at their next meeting. Right now things are quiet, but the Borough is keeping a close watch.

Mayor Cooperhouse also noted that the light at Sycamore Avenue is being addressed.

Mayor Cooperhouse announced the appointment of Steve Skop to the Shade Tree Committee to a term expiring 12/31/2011. *A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Shade Tree Committee. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.*

Mayor Cooperhouse also announced the appointment of Jeff DeSalvo as an associated member of the Environmental Committee with a term expiring 12/31/2009. *A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Environmental Committee. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.*

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, 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.

Carol Clark, 203 Garden Road asked if she could have a copy of the entire budget. She also questioned the recycling center and whether or not any decisions were made.

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Councilman Menapace reported that he is reviewing the duties of the DPW and he has also visited other towns to see their how their recycling centers are run. He noted the DPW had cleaned up the recycling area somewhat.

Ms. Clark also questioned about the moratorium on street projects for a year. She asked, did the Borough Engineer rework the street list? She also said, hopefully the Borough will clean up the stream under the White Street Bridge.

Councilman Menapace said DPW can remove obvious and larger obstructions in a stream but are limited somewhat as to what they are allowed to do. The Monmouth County Mosquito Commission has jurisdiction over the streams and waterways and are here from time to time checking them.

Bill Dodd, 123 Garden Street indicated that there is no word from anyone in Shrewsbury in opposition to the MOM Line. It also appears that Red Bank is not going to be an ally and all they want is a parking garage as a payoff.

Mayor Cooperhouse responded with the efforts that have been expended by the Borough in opposition to the MOM Line and it is not off the table and nothing is official.

Mr. Dodd responded that the Borough should have done something sooner before it was too late.

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 to adjourn at 9:43 PM was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Burden and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Terel Cooperhouse, Mayor