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

Salute to Flag

Councilman Murphy led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: May 3, 2010

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the meeting minutes of May 3, 2010. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except Councilman Dodge who abstained.

Resolution #2010-51 (Authorize Participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Keegan to authorize Resolution #2010-51 for the Borough of Shrewsbury to participate in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program. Additionally authorization was given for Jill Gwydir to serve as the Borough's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and for her to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of the Borough of Shrewsbury. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes

Resolution #2010-52 (Emergency Temporary Appropriation No. 5)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2010-52 Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation #5 for parks, telephone-cellular, municipal court and fire hydrants for a total of \$19,500 and bringing the grand total of the temporary budget to \$4,944,409. 65. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-53 (Authorize Agreement Adopting a Flexible Spending Plan)

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Keegan to approve Resolution #2010-53 authorizing the Borough to participate in the Flexible Spending Plan for its eligible employees for certain insurance premiums, unreimbursed medical expenses and child or dependent care to be furnished with pretax income at no cost to the Borough. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-54 (2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2010-54 authorizing the recycling tonnage grant. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Resolution #2010-55 (2010 Municipal Salary Ranges)

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2010-55 establishing the 2010 municipal salary ranges. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2010-56 (2010 Municipal Salary Schedule)

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace to adopt Resolution #2010-56 establishing a 2010 Municipal Salary Schedule showing zero increase to the existing employees. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes

Administrators Report

Mr. Seaman discussed the desire of the Recreation Committee to have a weblink for summer camps on the Borough website. Administrator Seaman noted that the link could be accompanied by a disclaimer and to have a camp listed there they would incur a small charge. He stated that he realized that different people have different views on this subject and so he would like to have a conversation as to the position of the Mayor and Council. Councilman Keegan explained that the weblink would serve to provide the parents and kids with the different sports camps available to them throughout the summer. Mr. Keegan mentioned some of the concerns that had been discussed at the Recreation Committee. The Council discussed the different issues of concern surrounding having a weblink on the Borough website.

The Council raised concern over controlling who posts information on camps for children through the website. They discussed the issue of liability and accountability as well as legitimacy in reference to the weblink participants. Councilman Menapace suggested a disclaimer that would advise residents that this is not an endorsement of these camps listed and should be considered more of an advertisement through the website.

After discussion Council concluded that this service would be better served on a Community based website that was separate from the Borough website. Councilman Murphy recommended that Councilman Keegan discuss this idea with the Shrewsbury Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) to see if they would consider establishing their own website that could handle this concept and keep the Borough website utilized for official Borough business.

Administrator Seaman stated that the Borough newsletter's next two issues would not be mailed out due to budgetary restraints. Mr. Seaman stated that the cost of printing and mailing is over \$800. He stated that the newsletter would be posted through the Borough website and that several hard copies would be available at Borough Hall for anyone who wanted one; additionally it would be emailed upon request.

Mr. Seaman discussed the possibility of having local businesses advertize in the newsletter to help defray the cost. He also suggested that the Council give consideration to a Borough calendar to replace the current Borough directory for next year. He explained that the calendar would contain all the same information as the current directory and advertising could be considered in this

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medium as well. After discussion it was decided that Councilman Keegan would dialogue with the SYAA about the development of a sports community based website that could feature the weblink and Mr. Seaman would investigate the cost and process involved in a municipal calendar with some of our neighboring towns who already have this.

Mr. Seaman requested that the Council memorialize the phone vote that was conducted by the Clerk to allow the waiving of the Ordinance regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages in a Borough park. The request for waiver had been made in the interest of a charitable softball event that took place on June 5, 2010. Councilman Keegan moved to memorialize the vote taken by Council prior to the event to allow the waiver of the ordinance for this occasion, seconded by Councilman Dodge. The motion was approved with Councilmen DeNofa, Keegan and Menapace voting yes, and Councilmen Dodge and Murphy voting no.

Councilman DeNofa had no report.

Councilman Dodge had no report.

Councilman Menapace reported that the contractor is busy installing the new surface on the tennis courts. He brought samples of the surface material being used for anyone who was interested in looking at it and he explained that he was very encouraged as to its quality after walking on the surface. Mr. Menapace stated that the courts surface will be blue with the out of bounds portion of the court a light green which is the USTA standard. He stated that the work should be complete in two weeks. Councilman Menapace noted that the windscreens are pretty degraded and was not part of this contract but that the Director of Public Works will be obtaining prices for that.

Councilman Menapace informed the Council that Laurel Avenue had been paved but that work would stop until after Election Day as that street is used for voting. He informed the Council that this job will be finished by mid week and that the Borough Engineer advised him that this project should come in below budget. Mr. Menapace added that any Borough out of pocket expense for this project would be due to Police overtime or traffic control as these expenses cannot be taken out of grant money. Mr. Seaman clarified that out of pocket does not mean that it is any more than the ordinance covers and that the grant covers the entire cost of construction.

Councilman Keegan had no report.

Councilman Murphy had no report.

Correspondence

The Clerk stated that she had received information from New Jersey State League of Municipalities that the Annual Conference is scheduled for November 16 through the 19th, 2010 in Atlantic City. She requested that if any Council members planned to attend that they notify her and she would handle their registration for them.

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She noted the flag would be flown at half staff for a week per Executive Order No. 30 in respect for Trooper Marc K. Castellano who lost his life in the line of duty.

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made 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.

Ms. Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury stated that she had missed the budget workshop meeting and she was concerned and wanted to know firsthand if there would be an increase in the Borough taxes and if so how much. Councilman Murphy stated that for the average homeowner it was about a \$90 increase and the Borough would be deferring school tax again this year as well. Mr. Murphy stated that there was no wage increase for the Borough employees that weren't protected by unions. Councilman Murphy informed Ms. Clark that the Council did go to the unions but that they were not successful in obtaining givebacks. He noted that the Borough does have a 1.5 % employee contributions on health insurance in place which is in effect now for all the nonunion employees and that as the contracts come up for renewal they will be put in place there as well.

Councilman Murphy explained that there was zero increase to the budget last year and that it would have been difficult with it being that tight last year to have run a zero budget increase again this year considering there has been zero revenue added.

Ms. Clark questioned if there had been any attempt to reopen contracts to see if any unions would have considered freezes. Councilman Murphy responded that the Council had met with every union and after those meetings a meeting was held at the Borough for all the employees to air their feelings and concerns about the budget.

Councilman Dodge felt it was important to state that the Borough employees not represented in unions were subjected to no wage increases.

Councilman Menapace stated that the Borough did get a minor give back from DPW when they agreed to take compensatory time rather than be paid for manning the recycling on Saturdays. He noted that they did make that gesture and that was the only concession made.

Ms. Clark referenced the effort shown by the Red Bank Police and employees in accepting unpaid furloughs, she stated that she was not suggesting there should be furloughs but she was just hoping that there would be some effort made to work with the situation.

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Close Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one else to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Keegan 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 Dodge 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 Murphy, seconded by Councilman DeNofia to adjourn at 8:45 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest:

Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve:

Kevin Murphy, Councilman