

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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Mayor Elect Burden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Burden read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members DeNofa, Dodge, Menapace and Meyer. Also present were Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Freeholder John Curley.

Mayor takes Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Freeholder John Curley to Donald W. Burden who was elected Mayor of the Borough for a four year term, while his grandchildren, Rafferty and Courtney, held the Bible.

Oath of Office to Councilman Meyer

The Oath of Office was administered by Freeholder John Curley to Councilman Peter J. Meyer, who was elected to a 3 year term, while his neighbor, Nancy Schmaltz, held the Bible.

Oath of Office to Councilman Menapace

The Oath of Office was administered by Freeholder John Curley to Councilmen Thomas Menapace, who was re-elected to a 3 year term, while his wife, Jane, held the Bible.

Mayor Burden asked for a Roll Call. Present were Council Members DeNofa, Dodge, Menapace, and Meyer. Also present were Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, and Freeholder John Curley.

Mayor Burden announced that there were two additional vacancies on the Council and that he would like to nominate Anthony Pellegrino to fill the vacancy of his unexpired term on Council. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to appoint Anthony Pellegrino to fill Don Burden's unexpired term. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Oath of Office to Councilman Pellegrino

The Oath of Office was administered by Freeholder John Curley to Councilman Pellegrino, who was appointed to fill the two year unexpired term of Don Burden, while his wife, Patricia, and sons, Anthony and Matthew held the Bible.

Mayor Burden nominated Jeff DeSalvo to fill the vacancy left by former Councilman Matthew Keegan. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to appoint Jeff DeSalvo to the unexpired term of former Councilman Matthew Keegan. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Oath of Office to Councilman DeSalvo

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The Oath of Office was administered by Freeholder John Curley to Councilman DeSalvo, who was appointed to fill the two year unexpired term of former Councilman Matthew Keegan, while Lorraine Kelleher, held the Bible.

Mayor Burden asked for a Roll Call. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, Meyer, and Pellegrino. Also present were Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, and Freeholder John Curley.

Salute to the Flag

Salute to the Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop 50. Upon the completion of the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Burden made a statement.

Mayor Burden thanked everyone for attending the Borough's Reorganization Meeting. He then read a statement that due to the historical content I will include in its entirety.

“Tonight we gather to perform the annual task of officially approving the governing structure of the Borough of Shrewsbury. Allow me to reflect upon a little history.

Our borough was formed on May 11, 1926 when the 124 voters of the village of Shrewsbury, voted (116 for—8 opposed) to establish the Borough of Shrewsbury instead of remaining a portion of the Township of Shrewsbury.

It was the same year that The College Board administered the first SAT, 110,000 people watch Army-Navy play to a 21 point tie, the first trans- Atlantic telephone call was made from London to New York, the St. Louis Cards beat the Yankees in 4 games to 3 in the 23rd World Series, George Burns married Gracie Allen, and the first TV was demonstrated in London.

It was also the same year when some concerned prohibition agents came to Shrewsbury on Armistice Day and posed as rabbit hunters to gain admittance to the site of the old Hazard ketchup factory on Sycamore Avenue where they found a still in operation in one of the remote buildings. Nobody can say Shrewsbury doesn't love a party.

On June 8, 1926 the first officials of the Borough of Shrewsbury were elected. Several streets in Shrewsbury bear the names of those first council members—Borden, Robinson, Parker, and Sickles. Some residents of Shrewsbury called this area “Curleyville”.

On, July 21, 1926, the first Borough of Shrewsbury Council meeting was held in the Parish House at Christ Church. That evening, a gavel was presented to the Shrewsbury Council as a gift from officials from Little Silver. The silver band on the gavel was engraved with the inscription “Borough of Shrewsbury from Borough of Little Silver, 1926”. The whereabouts of that gavel remain unknown today. The gavel in use this evening was actually carved from wood of a sycamore tree that once adorned Patriot's Isle.

When the Mayor and Council came together at their second meeting on August 2, 1926, it was an unbearably hot evening. The session had hardly gotten underway when one of the members of

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Council glanced out the window and noticed a slight breeze stirring the trees in the adjacent Church cemetery. After calling this to the attention of the others, the motion to recess and reconvene was made and passed. The business of the Council was resumed a few minutes later outside in the cemetery. It may have been the first time any borough council ever held a meeting in a cemetery.

It was not until 1943 that our Borough Seal was conceptualized by a committee appointed by then Mayor Alfred Beadleston.. The committee was chaired by Mrs. Bruce Campbell, mother of Robert Campbell for whom that coveted Shrewsbury Boro School “Robert Campbell Award” is named. The actual art work was that of world renowned equestrian artist George Ford Morris whose residence was directly across from the Presbyterian Church. The seal was officially approved and adopted on February 1, 1944.

The seal depicts The Council Pine which was planted in 1835 by Peter Haddon (another familiar Shrewsbury Street name) on the site where the flag poles rests today at Patriot’s Isle. The tree was removed in 1924. The seal also incorporates an image of Christ Church and Shrewsbury’s original settlement date 1662.

Tonight, we proudly introduce three new members of Council-- Peter Meyer, Tony Pellegrino and Jeff DeSalvo who join with three experienced council members Bill Dodge, Mike DeNofa and recently reelected Tom Menapace who are charged with overseeing the business and administrative functions of Shrewsbury. Unlike other communities, these public officials serve without pay or compensation of any kind. These elected officials, along with an array of community spirited volunteer citizens who comprise our various Boards and Committees provide the oversight of responsible government. And of course, the exceptional volunteer members of Shrewsbury’s Hose Company and First Aid Squad provide for our daily emergencies.

How fortunate we are to have the support of our municipal employees within our competent administrative staff, our responsive police department and dispatchers, our ever present Department of Public Works team, and our dedicated Court staff. Collectively we have the energy and brain power to maintain and sustain the quality of life we all enjoy here in Shrewsbury. I personally express my sincere appreciation for the time and dedication these volunteers and employees put forth in support of our community.

No one here tonight is unaware of the challenges facing us in these trying economic times. Our collective thoughts and actions will require understanding and patience. I’m confident that if we act responsibly, we will transcend into an even finer community and insure that Shrewsbury remains whole.” In conclusion Mayor Burden thanked all present and invited them to attend a gathering after the conclusion of the meeting at his home on Sycamore Avenue.

Election of Council President

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to nominate Councilman Menapace as Council President. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Menapace who abstained.

RESOLUTION #2011-01 (Establishing Time and Place of meetings of the Mayor and Council)

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2011-01 establishing the time and place of meetings of the Mayor and Council. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-02 (Appointment of Council Committees and Liaisons, and Procedure for Payment of Claims)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2011-02 approving the appointments of the Council Chairs and Committees as furnished by the Borough Clerk. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-03 (Designating Official Newspapers)

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2010-03 designating the "Two River Times" and/or the "Asbury Park Press" as the Official Borough Newspapers. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-04 (Designating 2011 Borough Holidays)

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2011-04 establishing the holidays for the employees of the Borough of Shrewsbury. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-05 (Designating Official Depositories of Borough Funds)

Administrator Seaman explained these are the same banks the Borough has used in the past and some which are currently being used for Borough funds. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2011-05 designating official depositories of Borough funds. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-06 (Authorization to Deposit the Idle Funds of the Borough in any one of the Depositories Designated)

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2011-06 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to invest in certificates of deposits of direct obligations of the United States Government or Securities of the State of New Jersey. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-07 (Establishing a Grace Period and Interest Rates)

Administrator Seaman explained that this resolution establishing the standard 10 day grace period for the payment of taxes due on the tenth of February, May, August, and November. He explained that if the tenth falls on a weekend that the due date is extended to the following Monday. He

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stated all taxes amounting up to \$1,500 is subject to 8% interest, and all taxes surpassing that amount are subject to 18% interest.

Councilman Dodge questioned if that had changed and Mr. Seaman stated it had stayed the same.

Councilman Meyer stated the he thought that there was a 30 day grace period and that he believes in these hard times that 18% is a ridiculous amount of interest.

Mr. Seaman informed the Council that the 10 day grace period and interest percentage is created and required by New Jersey State Statue, and has been the same for the past 20 years since he worked as an auditor. He stated that the Borough has to adopt the resolution as a formality that the State requires.

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2011-07 allowing a ten day grace period for the payment of taxes due quarterly. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with Councilmen DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, and Pellegrino voting yes. Councilman Meyer voted no.

RESOLUTION #2011-08 (Temporary Budget)

Mr. Seaman explained the need for a temporary budget and how the amount is calculated.

Mayor Burden asked if the Finance Committee had reviewed the temporary budget which Mr. Seaman confirmed they had.

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to approve Resolution #2011-08 authorizing the temporary budget appropriations for 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-09 (Authorization to Pay Certain Bills Prior to Approval of the Monthly Bills List)

Mr. Seaman explained this is a standard resolution which covers payroll, insurance, taxes, utilities, and petty cash reimbursements because some items need to be paid before the meetings and/or does not match up the Borough's billing cycle.

Mayor Burden confirmed the items that were included in the Resolution #2011-09.

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2011-09 authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to pay certain monthly bills. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-10 (Professional Services – Various)

Councilman Dodge questioned who's responsibility it was to review the work and productivity of the professionals the Borough has contracts with.

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Mayor Burden stated that it is the responsibility of the Administrator and the Mayor.

Mr. Seaman stated that any problems would be discussed and that there is no professional review at this time but the Borough has been happy with the services it has received.

Councilman Dodge stated the Borough should think about going out to bid for professional services.

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Meyer to approve Resolution #2011-10 authorizing the order of professional services. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all present members voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-11 (Appoint M.C. Community Development Representatives)

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2011-11 appointing Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, as the Community Development Representative, and Borough Clerk Kathleen Krueger as the Alternative for the year 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2011-12 (Appointment of MEL-JIF Representatives)

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2011-12 appointing Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman to serve as Fund Commissioner for the Monmouth Joint Municipal Insurance Fund, and Borough Clerk Kathleen Krueger as the Alternative Fund Commissioner for the year 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Mayoral Appointments of Borough Officials with the Advice and Consent of Council

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the Appointments as submitted by the Mayor for the Borough Officials for the year 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions with the Advice and Consent of the Council

Mayor Burden stated that he was very pleased that he was not turned down by anyone he asked to serve on a Board, Committee, or Commission. He stated that they had filled every vacancy with the exception of one position on the Environmental Commission. Mayor Burden thanked all the volunteers and acknowledged that it is not just attending meetings but all the work that goes into the items on the meeting agendas.

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo to approve the Mayoral appointments for various Boards, Committees, and Commissions for the year 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes but abstaining on their own appointments with the exception of Councilman Meyer.

Oath of Office for Officers of the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1

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The Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Barger to Fire Chief Jerzy Chojnacki, who was appointed Chief by the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 for a two year term.

The Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Barger to Second Assistant Chief Ronald A. Neis , who was elected by the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 to a two year term.

The Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Barger to First Assistant Chief Michael Ernst, who was elected by the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 to a two year term.

Oaths of Office

Mayor Burden addressed the public in attendance and requested that anyone who had been appointed or reappointed and would like to be sworn in at this time, to please come forward and Attorney Barger would do so at this time. There was no response from the public.

Adjourn to Regular Public Meeting

A motion was made by Councilmen DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 7:44PM. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes. Mayor Burden stated there would be a short break before the regular meeting to allow people to leave if they desired to do so.

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

Approve: _____
Donald Burden, Mayor