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Mayor Donald Burden called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, Meyer and Pellegrino. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Attorney Ronald Catelli. Borough Attorney Martin Barger was absent.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting October 3, 2011

Councilman DeNofa pointed out on page 174 where it states "black" the minutes should read "blank". Additionally, Councilman Pellegrino noted that on page 175 where it states "first aid" should read "emergency management". A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the amended meeting minutes of October 3, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except for Councilman DeSalvo who abstained.

Proclamation: Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Burden read a proclamation naming the week of October 17th through October 21st to be designated as Red Ribbon Week in support of the Shrewsbury Community Alliance for the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Shrewsbury Borough School.

Presentation by the Winners of the Public Service Announcement Contest at Shrewsbury Borough School for Red Ribbon Week

Nikki Barreca thanked the Mayor and Council and explained that the theme for this year's Red Ribbon Week was "Stay on Track For Success...Drug Free". She gave a brief background on how and why the program was formed and gave a daily summary of the different activities the children would be participating in each day of Red Ribbon Week. Ms. Barreca and Ms. Ginni O'Dor provided the Mayor and Council with red ribbons, and stickers in support of the program. Ms. Barreca explained the Public Service Announcement contest and announced the winners. The following children were the 2011 winners who read their public service announcement message at the meeting:

Peter Barreca, Kindergarten
Luke Nelson, First Grade
Lily Thompson, Second Grade
Paige Witter, Third Grade
Grace Conway, Fourth Grade
Kiera McCarthy, Fourth Grade
Alex Kobylowski, Fifth Grade
Megan Dingelstedt, Sixth Grade
Trey Soya, Sixth Grade (was not present)
Kent Hottman, Seventh Grade

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The Mayor thanked the Superintendent of the Shrewsbury Borough School, Brent McConnell, the Shrewsbury Police Department and especially the parents, teachers, and extended family who were present for their support and acknowledged what their support means to the children. Mayor Burden stated that he hoped that support for Red Ribbon Week will continue in the future. Ms. Barreca and Ms. O'Dor thanked the Mayor and Council. The Mayor stated that he would take a moment to allow those who needed to leave the meeting to do homework to do so.

The Mayor stated that he would like to change the order of agenda items and introduced the resolutions for promotions within the Police Department. Mayor Burden called on Police Commissioner, Councilman Thomas Menapace to do the honors.

Councilman Menapace provided background to the public on the recent retirements of three officers which led to discussions between Chief Wilson and the Police Committee and ultimately a decision by Council to promote two officers to the rank of Sergeant. Councilman Menapace stated that it was his honor to announce that Officer Michael Gallagher and Detective Robert Turner will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Resolution #2011-72 (Promotion & Salary Increase for Michael Gallagher)

Councilman Menapace read Resolution #2011-72 into the record, promoting Officer Gallagher to Sergeant and increasing his salary, stating it would take effect on November 1, 2011. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Meyer, to promote Officer Gallagher to the rank of Sergeant. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Councilman Menapace asked Sgt. Michael J. Gallagher to step forward. Sgt. Gallagher's wife pinned on his badge surrounded by his daughters. Councilman Menapace stated that Sgt. Gallagher exemplifies dedication, duty, and leadership by example. He explained that as a 14 year veteran of the department Sgt. Gallagher has continually been a top performer leading in arrests in 2009 and 2010 and added that his work ethic is an example to all officers.

Resolution #2011-73 (Promotion & Salary Increase for Robert Turner)

Councilman Menapace read Resolution #2011-73 into the record, promoting Detective Turner to Detective Sergeant and increasing his salary, stating it would take effect on November 1, 2011. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino, to promote Detective Turner to the rank of Detective Sergeant. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Councilman Menapace asked Detective Sgt. Turner to step forward. Detective Sgt. Turner's wife pinned on his badge surrounded by his sons. Councilman Menapace stated that Detective Sgt. Turner is a 13 year veteran of the department and was a very successful patrol officer before taking over the duties of detective 18 months ago. He stated that Detective Sgt. Turner has proven to be an aggressive, skilled, and intelligent investigator who has demonstrated excellent leadership skills.

Councilman Menapace stated that the Borough is blessed with an outstanding Police Department and that the young officers can look at these promotions and see there is rank in their futures if they model themselves after these leaders. He thanked the Police Department.

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Presentation by Jerzy Chojnacki, Peter Gibson and John Merris – Fire House Vehicles

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, to open the meeting to the public for a presentation by the Shrewsbury Hose Company. The motion was approved by consensus vote with all members present voting yes.

Jerzy Chojnacki, Fire Chief of the Shrewsbury Hose Company, and Pete Gibson, firefighter, came forward to address the Mayor and Council. Chief Chojnacki stated that he and Mr. Gibson have co-chaired the Truck Committee for the Hose Company and thanked the Council for permitting them to address them tonight. He stated they were here to bring to the Council's attention the need to replace aging fire apparatus, which is one of the most valuable assets to firefighters who depend on this equipment to defend life and property. Chief Chojnacki stated that replacing fire apparatus are a costly but necessary expense that can range in cost from several hundreds of thousands of dollars to over a million. He provided the Mayor and Council with a list of the current apparatus of the Hose Company and their replacement schedules. Chief Chojnacki explained that a replacement schedule is an approximation from the National Fire Protection Association based on variables including maintenance, use, wear and tear. He stated that this time frame should also account for the time needed to order, build, and deliver the apparatus which can take 12-14 months. He explained that after the lifespan of an apparatus has expired if it is still in working condition it can be retired into reserve status for emergencies.

Chief Chojnacki stated that the pumper apparatus will be coming up to its 25 year life span in 2012 and the rescue apparatus, a retired ambulance which was handed down from the First Aid Squad, is in need of replacement since it was received by the Hose Company because of its age and the wear and tear on it. He stated that the over years both trucks have had an excellent maintenance record but in the past several years both pieces of apparatus have had a lot of failures including difficulty starting, not starting at all, and the inability to carry equipment. Chief Chojnacki explained that the Hose Company's pumper was designed at a time when they did not have the foresight of today's equipment needs. He stated that the cab is only designed to hold four firefighters, two of whom are exposed to the elements, with more riding on the back which is no longer permitted for safety reasons. He stated that both pieces of apparatus have shown progressive deterioration over the past few years. The Chief showed a sample of water from the pumper's tank which was full of rust and shows the interior is rusting away and will soon fail. Chief Chojnacki stated that due to the age of the trucks it would cost more to refurbish the apparatus than replace it.

Chief Chojnacki stated that the Borough is growing significantly with two new developments in the process of being constructed and explained that the Hose Company also provides service to Shrewsbury Township. He explained that with the closure of Fort Monmouth the Borough is depending on mutual aid more and stated that we should not rely on it because neighboring municipalities might be dealing with the same emergency, like as was the case with Hurricane Irene. He stated that the number of calls the Hose Company respond to has been increasing significantly from 199 calls in 2009 and 223 calls in 2010, to 214 in the first nine months of 2011. Chief Chojnacki informed the Council that in the last three years the Borough has had three major

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fires that required equipment from surrounding municipalities to battle it and provide a safe environment for our firefighters.

Chief Chojnacki proposed that the pumper be replaced with a similar apparatus that has a 1,500 gallon pump, 750 gallon tank, same size engine, a closed cab with a seating capacity of eight, and increased storage. He explained that there will be added features including a generator, lighting, ventilation fans, and adequate ladders. He stated that the pumper will also come with a wildfire option that has a lighter hose to allow the Hose Company to better deal with the brush fires that occur. He noted that this would be a package deal introducing no extra cost.

Chief Chojnacki stated that the pumper apparatus that they want to replace has 2,300 hours of use and over 16,000 miles and made a point that the newest apparatus that the Hose Company owns has 1,200 hours of use and 11,000 miles. He continued explaining that the Rescue has over 3,000 hours of use and over 27,000 miles most of which was put on by the First Aid Squad.

Firefighter Gibson stated that the Shrewsbury Hose Company was trying to replace the 1993 ambulance that is currently used as the rescue truck, explaining that it was built as an ambulance and that is what it was meant for. He stated that the Hose Company was proposing to buy a rescue truck with a commercial chassis to hold three firefighters, a standard walk around box frame, a generator with lighting, and have storage space for portable generators and pumps. Firefighter Gibson stated that one of the biggest advantages to this new truck would be that the Hose Company's Cascade System, for breathing air, would be mounted on the apparatus allowing firefighters to fill up air tanks on the scene and get back into action. He explained that currently they have to wait for mutual aid to come on scene and fill up the tanks causing a delay. He stated that this apparatus would permit the Hose Company to bring their hazmat equipment to the scene as well.

Chief Chojnacki stated that recently the committee has met with manufacturers of apparatus and stated that he did not feel that buying used equipment was a smart decision. He explained that many of the manufacturers are willing to give a discount for buying more than one apparatus at a time. Firefighter Gibson stated that the committee also looked into combining the two pieces of apparatus into one but stated it would make the apparatus much larger than the Hose Company wanted and also would designate it as a "custom job" which would increase the overall cost significantly. Councilman Meyer asked what the discount would be off the estimate of \$700,000. Firefighter Gibson stated that they were looking at, for both pieces of apparatus, a total cost of \$550,000 including all the specifications discussed, with the air system installed, and ready to go.

Councilman Dodge asked if the current apparatus could be used for a trade-in. Chief Chojnacki explained that the trade-in value of the pumper is about \$4,000 and that the Hose Company would like to hold onto it for a few years and use it as a reserve truck instead. Firefighter Gibson explained that they would keep the tank empty and use the pump for an emergency situation.

Councilman Pellegrino asked what the lifespan of the Cascade System was and inquired how old the current system was. Chief Chojnacki stated that the system was fairly new and that the Hose

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Company purchased it with a grant about 6 years ago and that it was serviced last month and deemed to be in excellent condition. Councilman DeSalvo asked how the system worked and Firefighter Gibson explained the process. Councilman Dodge inquired who filled up the tanks and Firefighter Gibson explained that currently a vendor does but stated if the system became mobile on the apparatus then it could be driven over to another fire department and filled for free. Councilman DeSalvo asked if the Hose Company ever had to run back to the firehouse to refill the air tanks during a fire. Firefighter Gibson stated in that situation another department, such as Little Silver or Middletown's mobile unit, would be called to the scene to fill the air tanks but explained they do not want to rely on them.

Mayor Burden asked if any other local fire department was looking to replace apparatus in the next few years. Firefighter Gibson stated that he believed that Little Silver was looking into purchasing an engine. Chief Chojnacki stated that Tinton Falls has fire districts and as a result they have the funds available to replace apparatus on a normal schedule. Firefighter Gibson stated that Fair Haven purchased a new piece of apparatus two years ago.

Councilman Menapace asked if the potential savings of \$150,000 would be from buying both pieces of apparatus from the same manufacturer. Firefighter Gibson stated that the Hose Company would like to have the same manufacturer build both to make service and maintenance easier with only one contact person. He stated that the Hose Company has been speaking to several vendors and will go out to bid hoping to get a better deal. He explained that the \$550,000 quote came from several larger vendors and that the KME model that they presented to the Council is just an example of what they are looking to purchase.

Councilman Meyer inquired how many housing units there were in Shrewsbury Township to which Firefighter Gibson responded that between apartments and condos that there are about 550 units. Chief Chojnacki stated that the Hose Company answers about 12 calls a year there. Councilman Meyer asked how much the Chief believed the service they were providing to Shrewsbury Township was worth financially. Chief Chojnacki stated it was hard to put a price on the service, explaining that it would easily cost the Township a million dollars to get a department off their ground. Councilman Meyer stated that currently Shrewsbury Township pays the Borough \$4,500 and that the agreement is up for renegotiation. Chief Chojnacki explained that the Hose Company and Eatontown are the two closest fire departments and that \$4500 does seem like a low number for all the apparatus and manpower the Borough provides. Councilman Dodge asked Chief Chojnacki if doubling the cost for Shrewsbury Township would be better and Chief Chojnacki responded that he believed that the Township should contribute towards the new apparatus on a percentage scale. Mayor Burden inquired if the Hose Company had any new volunteers from Shrewsbury Township to which Firefighter Gibson stated there was not.

Mayor Burden asked if the Hose Company purchased these apparatus would there be any additional cost incurred from construction on the firehouse to insure they fit. Chief Chojnacki explained that the firehouse was built to fit larger apparatus in addition to being able to fit any reserve apparatus. Mayor Burden questioned if the Hose Company did purchase these new apparatus how would the Borough's insurance be effected. Mr. Seaman stated that newer

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equipment would probably increase it a little but he would check into it. Mayor Burden inquired how long training would take for the volunteers on this new apparatus. Chief Chojnacki stated that on delivery a representative would go over the apparatus with the department. Firefighter Gibson stated that to make the transition as easy as possible, in the design they are trying to keep the pump panel, gauges, and the location of things the same as on the current apparatus.

Councilman Pellegrino asked if the rescue truck was used to fight fires. Firefighter Gibson explained that the equipment on the truck is used to fight fires and for extrication purposes at accident scenes but it does not have a tank to hold water or a pump. He explained that this will greatly increase their functionality at accident scenes including roll-overs that right now require them to call for mutual aid.

Mayor Burden inquired if there were any grant opportunities for purchasing the apparatus. Chief Chojnacki explained that they have applied for many grants over the past few years but the number of grants are decreasing every year. He stated that towns that have more money are less likely to get a grant and that the last time the Borough received a grant was 6 years ago in the amount of \$40,000 for the Cascade System. Mayor Burden asked if this apparatus was on the Rush Holt list and Mr. Seaman stated that it had been on there for 4-5 years. Councilman Menapace asked if there were any Homeland Security grants that could be used. Firefighter Gibson stated that a lot of the Homeland Security money was for personal protection equipment, like air packs, coats, or pants. Councilman Meyer asked if the Hose Company did independent fundraising and if so how much was raised. Chief Chojnacki stated that they did a can shake raising \$14,000. Councilman Meyer asked if that was the only fundraiser of the year and Chief Chojnacki explained that they also do a mail-in envelope drive annually which normally raises around \$24,000. Councilman DeSalvo asked if the Hose Company received any money from renting out the hall at the firehouse. Chief Chojnacki stated that it is minimal, just enough to cover their cleaning costs. Firefighter McConnell stated that renting the hall probably raises about \$1,500 explaining that a lot of volunteer organizations, like the Boy Scouts and the PBA, come in and use the hall at no cost. Councilman Meyer asked what the \$38,000 raised each year is spent on. Chief Chojnacki explained that the money is spent on: training costs of the volunteers, paying for shirts and clothing for the volunteers, food after drills, the annual installation dinner, equipment, upkeep of the building, and community events like Memorial Day. He stated that the account is run on a zero fund balance each year. Councilman DeNofa inquired if the Hose Company sent their mailers to Shrewsbury Township as well. Chief Chojnacki stated it was discussed but it was decided against.

Councilman Dodge asked if there was any other significant capital expenditures that might be needed in the next few years. Firefighter McConnell explained that Mr. Wentway looked at the firehouse's roof the other day with the original builder and discovered that the seepage of water into walls was from the cap stone that surrounds the circumference of the building. He stated that a proposal to correct the issue with an overlapping piece of membrane to cover the capstone had not yet been received but the estimate was around \$10,000. Councilman Dodge asked if this would be a long term repair or just a band aid. Councilman Meyer stated that the roof is rated for 25 years and is already in its sixth year and explained the membrane is also rated for 25 years and the Borough will get 19 years out of this repair.

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Councilman Dodge asked if there is any additional equipment that the Hose Company wanted to purchase. Chief Chojnacki stated that at this time there wasn't any foreseeable need explaining that they have a lot of equipment they own but just can't use because they don't have the ability to transport it to fires. Firefighter Gibson explained that they have been transporting equipment in personal vehicles.

Councilman Meyer asked what the difference was in price between a commercial cab and a custom cab. Firefighter Gibson explained that the difference would be about \$100,000 but that a crew cab that could hold 6 firefighters would be an additional \$10,000, and could be installed without losing storage space. Councilman Meyer asked why they didn't want the larger cab and Firefighter Gibson explained they were trying to stay on budget.

Councilman DeSalvo asked what the break down was per apparatus in the \$550,000 estimate. Firefighter Gibson stated that they had budgeted for \$350,000 for the pumper because it is a front line vehicle and \$200,000 for the rescue vehicle.

Mayor Burden stated that there would be further discussions on this topic. Chief Chojnacki and Firefighter Gibson thanked the Council for their time.

Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace, to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by consensus vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2011-74 (Dedication by Rider for Two River Council of Mayor's Activities)

Mayor Burden explained that the Council of Mayors includes about 12 surrounding communities that meet once a month and contribute \$50 per year to pay for expenses. He stated that the former Mayor of Little Silver, Suzie Castleman, until her death held the meetings and after her death he was asked to send out the bills and collect the money for the Council of Mayors. Mr. Seaman explained that we could create a trust account that can roll over year to year for the Council of Mayors to use but it will require the state's approval, which he noted is the normal process. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, to approve a Dedication by Rider for the Two River Council of Mayors. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Approval of Raffle #2011-11: Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Education Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle at the Shadowbrook Restaurant on December 16, 2011

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Dodge, to approve Raffle #2011-11 for the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Education Foundation for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at the Shadowbrook Restaurant on December 16, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Administrators Report

Mr. Seaman explained that there had been discussion in the past concerning placing advertisements in the Community Newsletter and explained that the Borough will send out a letter to some local businesses to see if they would be interested. He stated that they were hoping to get about 15 interested businesses to place business card sized ads, which would raise about \$5,000, enough to cover the cost of four newsletters for the next year. Mr. Seaman stated that he was not sure of if all the ads would be all on one page or distributed around the newsletter. Councilman Dodge asked how it would be restricted to local businesses. Mr. Seaman stated that it will be first come first serve with limited spaces and notices will be sent to the local businesses and we are hoping for the best.

Mr. Seaman stated that the wall for the Police Records room in the basement has been constructed and the area is being cleared out and shelving designs developed. He explained that this would open up the vault for other department's records and would meet the Mayor's deadline of November 2011.

Mr. Seaman stated that the State Health Benefits open enrollment starts today till November 11th. He explained that a letter was sent out to all Borough employees who have health benefits.

Councilman DeNofa's Report

Councilman DeNofa stated that he had meet with Borough Engineer, Dave Cranmer, and explained that the K. Hovnanian model is almost complete and the next two buildings were being reviewed by Mr. Cranmer. He stated that K. Hovnanian would be going back to the Planning Board requesting permission to put up grand opening signage. Councilman DeNofa stated that the work on Seashore Estates is continuing and that the possible sale to Toll Brothers is still pending. He stated that there was a pre-construction meeting that afternoon concerning the Blades Run project which is expected to start on Monday, October 24th. He informed the Council that Mr. Cranmer would be sending a letter out to the residents explaining the project and timeline. Councilman DeNofa stated that there is still a possibility for the project to be completed by the end of the year but meeting that deadline would depend on whether the Council would permit the contractor, CJ Hesse, to start work daily at 7am, allowing them to have the largest window to work with. He explained that this should allow them to close the hole they are working on each night and prevent moisture from getting into the soil. Councilman DeSalvo was concerned with the construction and how this would impact residents as they were driving their children to school. Councilman DeNofa stated that residents would be informed of this information in the letter. Councilman DeSalvo suggested additionally sending a letter to the residents of Windingbrook Way as they also will be affected by the noise. Mayor Burden stated that Mr. Cranmer will also be speaking to the library about the construction.

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Meyer, to waive the noise ordinance for this project and allow construction to start at 7am. A roll call vote was taken with Councilman DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, and Meyer voting yes. Councilman Pellegrino voted no.

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Councilman DeNofa stated that it was brought to his attention that there is a giant pothole on the Avenue at the Commons which will be taken care of by Seashore Estates who will have it repaired by the end of the week. He stated that he spoke to DPW that morning and would like to reconfirm that the electronic recycling trailer is up and ready for use but pointed out that there have been some issues including people dumping electronics without an appointment. Councilman DeNofa reported that Mr. Wentway is receiving quotes to power wash the Wardell House and additionally to repaint it if damage occurs during this process. Councilman DeNofa stated that they are waiting on Little Silver Electric to get back to them on whether the Borough Hall's current generator has the ability to handle all or a good portion of Borough Hall's electrical needs. He stated that the 1996 Mason dump truck will be back in service within the week once the transmission has been installed.

Councilman DeSalvo's Report

Councilman DeSalvo stated that he had met with the Hose Company to discuss the apparatus issue which was presented tonight. He stated that the Drug and Alcohol Alliance met last week to discuss Red Ribbon Week and said that they would be doing some activities with the Recreation Committee this weekend. He reported that the Environmental Commission met and would be issuing a survey and requesting people to respond to ascertain interest in a Community Garden.

Councilman Dodge's Report

Councilman Dodge stated that he had hoped to update the Council on the bond issue but did not have that information available at this time.

Councilman Menapace's Report

Councilman Menapace stated that the Borough is in receipt of a check for \$16,751.81 payable to the Police Department for their efforts for DWI enforcement which was based on the number of convictions the Borough has had. Mr. Seaman clarified that this is for the DWI convictions over the past few years.

Councilman Meyer had nothing to report.

Councilman Pellegrino had nothing to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden stated that he attended the annual court safety review and informed the Council that the Borough is in compliance but there were a few small issues that need to be taken care of. He stated that he attended a meeting to review the taxi cab ordinance which is still being reviewed. Mayor Burden stated that on October 10th he performed a wedding and explained that he does not receive any payment for performing wedding ceremonies. He said that he also attended the Shade Tree Commission, Environmental Commission, and the Homesteader's meetings. Mayor Burden informed the Council that he attended the ribbon cutting for the Red Bank YMCA and presented a certificate to them for their work. He stated on Saturday he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Montessori School on White Road and on Sunday he attended the Green Acres 50th Anniversary at Thompson Park. He informed the Council that over the years Shrewsbury has

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received \$977,895 in funding from this program. He reported that he attended the DPW and the Blades Run pre-construction meeting earlier that day. Mayor Burden listed other meetings that he would be attending over the upcoming weeks. He reminded everyone of the community blood drive and encouraged them to consider participating.

Open the Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, 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.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, stated that she would like to see the Council revisit unanswered public questions from previous meetings. She stated that at the last Council meeting she discussed her concerns about the intersection of Garden Road and Sycamore Avenue and was told that the Traffic Safety Officer would look into this. Ms. Clark inquired as to the status of this issue. Mayor Burden stated that this was a topic at the DPW meeting that morning and explained they were going to try to repair the holes in the road. Ms. Clark clarified that she was concerned over the sight line issue between the vegetation, telephone poles and stone columns which make it very difficult to see oncoming traffic without pulling out onto the road. She expressed her fear that pedestrians are going to get hit. Councilman Menapace explained that due to the Chief being out of town they did not get to discuss the issue with him and stated that it is an agenda item for this week's meeting.

Ms. Clark asked if the Council discussed possibly putting up yellow ribbons like she had suggested. Mayor Burden stated that DPW is contacting Little Silver to see where they purchased theirs and told her he hopes to have this addressed sometime before Veteran's Day. Ms. Clark responded that she believed that this was a wonderful way to show support for our troops.

Ms. Clark asked if any other deer signs would be installed because of the Borough's deer problem. Ms. Clark suggested the Borough contact the county to have more signs installed on Sycamore Avenue. Councilman Meyer stated that he would be against putting any more signs up and believes that the Borough already has enough signs. He informed Ms. Clark that the hunt is going well with 25 deer already culled.

Ms. Clark asked if the Borough was going to impose a Mischief Night curfew again this year stating that she believed it went well last year. Councilman Menapace stated that the curfew is in an ordinance so would be automatically in place going forward. Ms. Clark stated that she hoped that the police will patrol and enforce the curfew. Borough employee, Karen Lloyd, stated that a curfew reminder will be placed on the firehouse marquee.

Ms. Clark stated that there had been no mention of the deer hunt and asked what the status of the hunt was and inquired if there had been any incidents. Councilman Meyer stated that there had not been. Mayor Burden stated that he knew of at least three deer had been hit by cars, unrelated to the hunt. Councilman Pellegrino informed Ms. Clark there had been one car accident that a deer ran out into the road and the driver hit another car when attempting to avoid hitting a deer.

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Tom Benoit, 29 Marc Court, stated that he lived in Shrewsbury for twenty years and has a business on the Avenue at the Commons. He explained that he has an issue with the restriction for turning onto Silverbrook Road from Route 35 and was concerned that since a lot of people live off of Silverbrook Road on the various streets that when they come home, or are coming home from the library, are getting tickets. Mr. Benoit stated that he did not know if an environmental impact survey had been conducted or if permission was granted by the state, but he stated that the current policy of having the police stopping people and ticketing is not a way we want to represent our town. He noted that there are other cut through streets in the Borough. Mr. Benoit asked the Council to consider waiving tickets for residents who live on or off Silverbrook and who make that turn. He stated he did not feel they should receive a ticket. He also asked the Council to do another survey involving other streets that are impacted in addition to Silverbrook Road. He asked people who live on Silverbrook Road if they voted for the restriction and they stated that they did not vote for it.

Councilman Menapace responded by explaining that this has been an issue since 1999, when residents on Silverbrook Road and the surrounding streets began contacting Council members about the danger to themselves and property due to the high volume of cars and speeding on Silverbrook Road. He stated that between June and November 2000 the issue was discussed at a number of public meetings with 18 people from Silverbrook Road and surrounding streets, speaking in favor of controlling traffic turning onto Silverbrook Road. He explained that after September 11th Fort Monmouth became a closed base and people could no longer drive through on the Avenue of the Memories, forcing traffic to go down Sycamore Avenue instead. People soon discovered that Silverbrook Road was a very good cut through. Councilman Menapace stated that police enforcement tried reducing the speeding but the problem continued to get worse. He stated that in June of 2008 a traffic counter was installed on Silverbrook Road for one week and they logged 9,679 cars had gone down Silverbrook Road. Mr. Menapace continued that 6,291 of those cars were driving from Route 35 to cut through to Sycamore Avenue and almost 900 cars a day were counted traveling down Silverbrook Road.

Councilman Menapace stated that by 2009 a Traffic Ad Hoc Committee was formed by the Council to look at the traffic issues in Shrewsbury and stated that both himself and Mayor Burden served on this committee. He explained that the Ad Hoc Committee heard statements from residents on that street who were concerned that their children could not play out front or ride their bikes. Additionally the residents shared that they had issues crossing the street and realtors telling their clients on Silverbrook Road that their houses weren't selling because the street was considered too busy. He shared that one of the first recommendations that came out of that Committee in October 2009 was to restrict the turn from Route 35 onto Silverbrook Road, all the time. Councilmen Menapace stated that the Council discussed the issue and consulted with the Police Department and the idea of restricting it from 6am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm was decided to be a good compromise to give the residents of Silverbrook Road some relief. He stated that the Borough sent out a letter on June 25, 2010 to every household on Silverbrook Road asking if they supported or opposed the right turn restriction and the results showed support 4 to 1. Mr. Seaman

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stated that 22 people responded in favor of the restriction, 4 were against it, and 17 households did not respond. Councilman Menapace stated that it was not just the Council's decision and stated that the Police and the NJ Department of Transportation studied it and agreed with the decision. He explained the NJ Department of Transportation asked the Borough to pass a resolution which the Borough did restricting the turn.

Mr. Benoit stated that Councilman Menapace said that speeding was a problem and stated that other towns have enforced the speed limit or have speed bumps. He stated that a resident having to go around the block is not going to help the traffic problem but rather make it worse. He questioned if reducing the traffic volume was the Borough's goal, then why not exempt the residents on the turn issue. Councilman Dodge responded that the Council's goal was a safer community. Councilman DeSalvo stated that he was unsure how the Police could enforce a resident only exception. Mr. Menapace stated that is not how the law works and explained that each individual officer has the discretion to make the decision if they are going to write a ticket for an individual. He stated that we can't write into law that this is only enforceable for people that live outside Shrewsbury. Councilman Menapace stated that the police are out enforcing it now in an attempt to put some teeth into the law and reduce those 900 cars a day that are going down the street.

Mr. Benoit stated that he lives right off of Silverbrook Road and does not see cars speeding. He stated that he is just asking for some discretion for people that live on that street to which Councilman Menapace stated that is at the discretion of the Police Officer and the Council cannot order they do that. Mr. Benoit expressed concern that it would lead to discrimination if an officer did not like a person. He recognized that the Mayor and Council are volunteers and thanked them for their time but stated that he did not want his town to be remembered for giving tickets to people on their way home from work.

Councilman Pellegrino stated that it was just not the speed issue being corrected with this restriction but the volume of cars which cause a dangerous situation in a residential neighborhood. Councilman Menapace explained that Silverbrook Road is a residential street with a 25mph speed limit and challenged Mr. Benoit to find another residential street in the town that has 900 cars a day going one direction. He stated that in 2008, 9,679 cars went down Silverbrook Road in a seven day period and that people are afraid to have their children in the front yard. Mr. Benoit questioned this fact and Councilman Menapace stated that this is what residents told the Traffic Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Benoit thanked everyone for their time.

James Moraller, 48 Silverbrook Road, thanked the Mayor and Council for the turn restriction on Silverbrook Road. He stated that his wife was very happy with the fact that she can have the children play out front afterschool from 3pm to 6pm and stated it makes a big difference.

Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Meyer, 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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Payment of the Bills

Councilman Dodge stated that the bills list was for the amount of \$96,219.07. Mayor Burden asked for clarification on a bill for a tennis trainer and Mr. Seaman stated that it was a tennis instructor working for the recreation committee during the summer. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino, to approve the payment of the bills. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo to reenter into an executive session at 9:33 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. The Mayor reread Resolution #2011-74A to re-enter into executive session.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Mayor Burden reconvened the public meeting at 9:45 PM. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, Meyer and Pellegrino. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Attorney Ronald Catelli.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9: 48 PM was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Donald Burden, Mayor