

**October 3, 2011**

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

**Salute to Flag**

Mayor Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

**Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting September 19, 2011**

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the minutes of the Council meeting from September 19, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except Councilman Pellegrino who abstained.

**Resolution #2011-69 (Authorize Refund of Overpayment of Taxes)**

Mr. Seaman stated that this was a standard resolution for two properties that overpaid their 2011 taxes. He stated that block 41, lot 19, would be refunded \$2,784.70 and block 67, lot 9, would be refunded \$3,887.85. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve the refund for overpayment of 2011 taxes. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Resolution #2011-70 (Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day)**

Mayor Burden stated that it's a standard resolution that was submitted to the Council by the Police Department. Councilman Menapace stated this campaign by the National Association of Chiefs of Police is to push for increased enforcement for primarily drunk driving to lessen the number of auto fatalities around the country. He explained that the local departments will be the ones who are going to have to step up enforcement which hopefully will result in decreased deaths. Councilman Menapace stated that 568 people in New Jersey lost their lives in 2010. Councilman DeNofa asked that a spelling error be corrected on the resolution. The Clerk stated that the Police Department would be using the flashing sign to bring this message to the public. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to approve "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Resolution #2011-71 (Traffic Calming Improvements to Patterson Avenue)**

Councilman Meyer asked as to the cost of the grant application. Councilman DeNofa stated that it was a couple hundred dollars and informed him that he had a copy of the application. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve a grant application be filed for Patterson Avenue. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Memorialize Council Vote on Approval Allowing Signage for Shrewsbury 5K**

Mayor Burden stated that signage for the Shrewsbury 5K were already up having received permission from the Council. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to memorialize the decision arrived at by email vote to allow signage for Shrewsbury 5K. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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**Approve: Annual Boy Scout meeting/campfire – 10/10/11 from 7-9pm**

Mayor Burden stated that this ceremony has been done every year for the past ten years. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the annual Boy Scout campfire. Councilman Menapace explained that this ceremony every year is to properly dispose of worn out American flags and recommended that if any resident has one they would like to properly dispose of they should contact Troop 50 before October 10<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Approve: Community Forestry Management Five year Plan**

Councilman Menapace stated that he strongly recommends that people take the time to review this document and noted that it would be available in the Clerk's Office for anyone interested. He stated that a lot of work went into it and it is much more than counting trees but rather a demographic of Shrewsbury Borough. Councilman Menapace acknowledged Bill Gerth for the extremely detailed observations and studies that went into the document along with Nancy Schmaltz's leadership. Mayor Burden expressed appreciation and stated that a tremendous amount of work went into the document and thanked everyone on the Shade Tree Commission, the Environmental Commission, DPW, and Councilman Menapace. He stated that this document will open up more grants for the Borough. Councilman Dodge requested that a sentence be rewritten to clarify their point to which the Council agreed. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Menapace, to approve the Community Forestry Management Plan with the amendment. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Mayor Burden stated that there were copies available in the front of the room.

**Approval: Raffle #2011-10: Impact OASIS Inc. for a 50/50 Raffle @ the Shadowbrook on November 18, 2011**

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino, to approve raffle license #2010-10. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Administrator's Report**

Mr. Seaman informed the Council that the Borough did not receive the COPS Hiring Grant but that the grant application is still classified as "under consideration". He stated that there were only 238 applicants selected out of 2,712 applications, out of which only 12 were selected from New Jersey out of the 157 applications. Mr. Seaman stated that the Mayor and he would be attending a shared service summit on Wednesday. He informed the Council that the newsletter should be mailed out this week.

**Councilman DeNofa's Report**

Councilman DeNofa stated that he met with Borough Engineer, Mr. Cranmer, and discussed various issues including K. Hovnanian's development "The Ivy". He stated that the model is almost complete, the roadwork should be complete in two weeks, and all the site contamination work has been completed. He informed the Council that there has been a lot of interest in the COAH units and they may go to the Zoning Board for approval of a "Grand Opening" sign.

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Councilman DeNofa stated that Sea Shore Estates maybe sold to Toll Brothers and Mr. Cranmer has been invited to a meeting to discuss the status of this project. He explained that if the transfer of ownership occurs it could happen by the end of November and that Toll Brothers would reduce the size of the club house and would keep it as age-restricted. Councilman DeNofa stated that the Blades Run project should start within two weeks and as soon as there is a committed start date Mr. Cranmer would send out letters to the residents explaining the project which should be complete by the end of the year, weather permitting.

Councilman DeNofa stated that he had met with DPW and the electronic recycling trailer is set up and the procedure for its use will be put in the newsletter. He stated that they will soon be done with the painting of the DPW building and they have installed a new sign with the name and address of the building on it. Councilman DeNofa informed the Council that blank street signs have been ordered to replace the stolen ones and will get lettered and installed as soon as they come in. He stated that the parking lot was resealed at Borough Hall and fire lanes were painted at an additional \$300 cost. He stated that a handicap sign was also installed at the Borough Hall and he noted that the Wardell House clean up continues. Councilman DeNofa stated that Little Silver Electric believes that with rewiring the current generator could power the entire Borough Hall and that he will update the Council as information comes in. Mr. Seaman stated that a natural gas generator is also being considered at this time for the Borough Hall. Councilman DeNofa stated that the Council also needs to look into getting a generator for the DPW buildings so that if the power goes out they are still able to repair the equipment needed to fulfill their duties whether it is snow removal or other weather related issues.

#### **Councilman Dodge's Report**

Councilman Dodge stated that the budget process for 2012 is moving forward. He stated that with all the possible large capital purchases next year he has researched the cost of financing in New Jersey over the past 6 months. Councilman Dodge stated that we had refinanced three years ago and the Borough's notes have 4% interest. He explained that similar towns are currently borrowing money with 3% interest and stated that he would like to work with Mr. Seaman and the Bond Council to try to refinance our notes at a substantial savings to the Borough. He explained that the saved money could be used towards some of the Borough's capital expenses.

#### **Councilman Menapace's Report**

Councilman Menapace stated that the "No Turn" signs on Silverbrook Road are installed and that the Police Department placed their flashing sign there for ten days. He explained that it will now move into the enforcement stage and stated that the Police will be issuing warnings and then tickets. Councilman Menapace stated that the Police Department has received calls inquiring if this restriction applied to residents, which it does.

Councilman Menapace stated that he was informed by Lt. Ferraro that the New Jersey State Police have a presence on the closed Fort Monmouth facility and will be responding to Shrewsbury Township from that location. He stated that if there is a first aid or fire call in Shrewsbury Township from now on their back up will be the State Police. Councilman Pellegrino stated that was how it was always supposed to be. Councilman Menapace stated that they used to be policed

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out of Allenwood before it was closed. Councilman Meyer asked if Councilman Menapace heard anything about the State Police Academy moving to Fort Monmouth. Councilman Menapace stated that he had not heard anything concerning it and does not know if they would be able to accommodate a shooting range at Fort Monmouth but feels it would be a good use of the facility.

#### **Councilman Meyer's Report**

Councilman Meyer stated that the Borough's Zoning Officer gave the Borough a letter stating that he will be resigning. He stated that they are working at shifting his work to the Borough's Engineer and Zoning Clerk at no additional cost. Councilman Meyer stated that he received an e-mail from the Superintendent of the Shrewsbury Borough School informing him that they are at an impasse with the teacher's and will be going to mediation. He stated that he received an e-mail from the Recreation Committee concerning complaints of dog waste being on the fields and wanted to remind residents that domesticated animals are not allowed on the fields.

#### **Councilman Pellegrino's Report**

Councilman Pellegrino stated that both ambulances have been thoroughly cleaned twice to rid them of bed bugs. He informed the Council that the Emergency Management Planning Committee will be having a surprise evacuation drill at the Brandywine on Thursday.

#### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burden stated that he attended several meetings since the last Council Meeting including the Board of Health, a meeting with Little Silver Mayor Bob Neff, a Mayor's breakfast at Monmouth Medical, and the Two River Council of Mayors which was hosted by Shrewsbury. He stated that he will be attending the Shared Services Forum, the Homesteader's meeting, Red Bank's YMCA's ribbon cutting, the ground breaking for the Montessori School on White Road, and the Green Acres Anniversary Celebration at Thompson Park.

The Mayor stated that he would like to appoint Timothy Murphy, 35 Shadowbrook Road to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate Member #2. He stated that Mr. Murphy is active with the Boy Scouts and a builder and will be a great asset to the Board. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino, to approve the appointment of Timothy Murphy to the Zoning Board. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

The Mayor stated that he received letters of resignation from Emilia Siciliano and Steve Gardella from the Planning Board, leaving two vacancies.

#### **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.

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Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, questioned how many yellow deer signs, like the one off of Route 35, are there in Shrewsbury. The Council informed her that there was one on Sycamore Avenue and one on Sycamore Avenue by Park Avenue. Ms. Clark asked if they were thinking about putting more of them up. Councilman Menapace stated that they are state and county roads and it would need their approval to do so but that he would talk to the traffic safety officer about it.

Ms. Clark stated that two weeks ago Garden Road was closed for two days and asked if a robo call could be done to notify residents. Deputy Clerk stated that it was an emergency street opening. Ms. Clark asked if there was going to be information about generators in the newsletter and the mayor confirmed there would be. Ms. Clark asked if the Borough could do something like the Atlantic Highlands, who has yellow ribbons, to honor the troops on their light poles. The Mayor stated that he believed something could be done.

**Close the Meeting to the Public**

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Payment of Bills**

Councilman Dodge stated that the bill list is for \$1,099,386.12. Councilman DeNofa had a question about a police maintenance bill which was clarified by Councilman Pellegrino. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino, to approve the bills list. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 8:17 PM was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Burden, Mayor