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Mayor Donald Burden called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge and Meyer. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger. Councilmen Menapace and Pellegrino were absent.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

Moment of Silence

Mayor Burden asked that the Council and members of the public join him in a moment of silence for former Chief of Police Bob Halsey and former Fire Chief Frank Dancey.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting November 7, 2011

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the meeting minutes of November 7th, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except Councilman DeSalvo who abstained.

Resolution #2011-80 (Approval of Shared Services Agreement with Monmouth County)

Mayor Burden stated that this agreement allows the Borough to purchase products at a discounted rate through the County purchasing plan. Mr. Seaman stated that this resolution will also allow the Borough to use the County's MODIV Property Assessment Computer System. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution # 2011-80. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Shared Service Agreement with Monmouth County for MODIV Property Assessment Computer Services

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign a shared service agreement with Monmouth County for the MODIV Property Assessment Computer Services. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2011-81 (Appropriation Transfer #2)

Mr. Seaman explained that from November to the end of the calendar year the Borough has two months to transfer money from budget line items. He stated that this transfer is in the amount of \$46,100 for various needs. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge, to approve Resolution #2011-81. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 974 - SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 5, Administration of Government

Mayor Burden explained that this amendment allowed the Clerk to sign raffle applications for various fund-raising events including 50/50's. He stated that this would remove some delays from the process of obtaining a raffle license for charities.

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Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo to open the meeting to the public for discussion on Ordinance No. 974. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Close Meeting to the Public

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

Adopt

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Dodge to adopt Ordinance No. 974. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 975 – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 94, Zoning & Land Development

Mayor Burden stated that this ordinance was in anticipation of the Toll Brothers Inc. action on the property behind the County library. A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Dodge to introduce Ordinance No. 975. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman stated that he had received a letter from the DEP concerning the Forestry Council Approval and asked if the Mayor had received it which he had. Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough received the certification and acknowledged Nancy Schmaltz thanking her for her contributions with this. He stated that the MEL-JIF would be holding a supervisor's workshop at the Shrewsbury Borough Hall on Wednesday, December 7th, for various department heads and informed the Council that attendance would help lower the Borough's premiums. He added that the JIF would be holding another workshop for Mayors and Councils in the future. Mayor Burden commented that it was being held on January 17th in Monmouth Beach and explained that the Borough gets \$250 off their premiums for each person in attendance. Mr. Seaman reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline was December 10th.

Councilman DeNofa's Report

Councilman DeNofa stated that he had met with Borough Engineer, Dave Cranmer, and Councilman DeSalvo and was informed that K. Hovnanian was using Patterson Avenue as the main entrance to their site which they are not supposed to do. He stated that they had been warned five times and stated that the next step was to issue a 'stop work' order and have them appear in front of the Council. Councilman DeNofa stated that they Blades Run project should be done this week weather permitting and that they are on budget.

Councilman DeNofa stated that they had received a letter from Joe Ettore, the Monmouth County Engineer, who stated that he would back a project for crosswalks on Sycamore Avenue. He stated that Mr. Cranmer will be forwarding all the information to the Council for a January meeting because a

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resolution needed to be approved, approving the crosswalk project. Once the County formally approves it, then the Borough can start the project.

Councilman DeNofa stated that he also met with DPW and explained that leaf pickup is ongoing but brush pickup has ended. He stated that warnings are being issued to people with brush still out by the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilman DeNofa stated that the tennis courts have been repaired. He informed the Council that the electric recycling container has been emptied once already and that the collection is slowing down due to the bulk pick-up schedule. He stated that Bob Wentway and Ron Neiss of DPW are meeting with a recycling company from Newark to review the Borough's options to possibly receive compensation for the things the Borough is currently dumping. Councilman DeNofa stated that the lights on Patriot Isle were damaged over the weekend and need to be replaced which the DPW will take care of. He told the Council that he received a call from Dr. Worth from Avenue at the Commons concerning a big pothole which he responded to by notifying DPW. Mr. DeNofa stated that he then received another call from Dr. Worth thanking the Borough for such quick action in repairing the pothole.

Councilman DeSalvo's Report

Councilman DeSalvo stated that he spoke with Chief Chojnacki of the Hose Company and informed the Council it was a light month for calls with only nine. He stated that that Pumper truck is back in service as well.

Councilman Dodge's Report

Councilman Dodge stated that Finance Committee has not held a meeting since the last time he reported and explained that he was hoping to finish reviewing the Administrative and the Recreation Committee budget by the end of December. He stated that at the first meeting in January he wanted to go over the key requests of each department. Councilman Dodge noted that after that point the Council will be able to move forward and release their decisions on the requests by February.

Councilman Menapace's Report

Councilman DeNofa stated that Councilman Menapace had asked him to read his report due to his absence. He stated that a resident had lodged a complaint stating that he did not believe that on-street parking should be allowed on Silverbrook Road. His reason was that it forces cars to have to straddle the yellow line to pass them. Additionally this resident felt that Silverbrook Road residents should be not be permitted to make a left turn out of their driveway because it causes them to cross the double yellow line. Councilman DeNofa stated that this issue was forwarded to Officer Calicari, the Traffic Safety Officer, for review. He read a letter from Officer Calicari in response to the resident's complaint, which stated that neither of these concerns are a safety issue because double yellow lines are for restricting passing only, not turns, and explained that the line was only placed on Silverbrook Road to give the illusion that the road is smaller than it is and hopefully forcing motorists to slow down.

Councilman Meyer's Report

Councilman Meyer reported that the Shrewsbury Board of Education had who met with a mediator and the Teacher's Union a week ago until one in the morning with no progress. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for February 8th which will be followed by super mediation and fact finding if an agreement is not met.

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Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden expressed his appreciation to Karen Hepburn Goldberg, Kimberley Gittines and all the committee for the tree lighting ceremony, stating it was a wonderful event with an estimated 500-600 people in attendance. He stated that he also wanted to acknowledge the businesses in Shrewsbury and the surrounding towns in addition to the Borough employees who participated to make this such a success. Mayor Burden stated that the new tree and lights were well received and he encouraged people to look at the photos on the web.

Mayor Burden stated that he attended the Board of Health meeting. He explained that he hosted the Two River Council of Mayors meeting at the Borough Hall where a presentation was made by the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority on the current status of the Fort and stated that he would give the Council a copy of the handouts. He noted there was also a presentation by the Red Bank YMCA who had some ideas about bringing some programs to Shrewsbury geared towards the seniors.

Mayor Burden stated that he received correspondence from Gary Puma of 35 Rosewood Drive, Shrewsbury concerning the deer issue, and Gale Arek of 230 Williamsburg Drive, Shrewsbury in regards to the Silverbrook traffic ordinance. He stated that he gave both pieces of correspondence to the Police Department. He reminded the public that the Planning Board moved their meeting to Thursday, December 8th, and stated that the newsletter deadline is December 10th.

Correspondence

The Clerk stated that she had no additional correspondence.

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Dodge to open the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Gale Arek, 230 Williamsburg Drive, Shrewsbury stated that she spoke to someone from the Department of Transportation about the Silverbrook issue and stated that he had asked her questions that she was unable to answer. She stated that he asked if there was conversation before the restriction was placed on Silverbrook Road and that she informed him a survey had been distributed but only to people who live on Silverbrook Road, not Marc Court or Williamsburg Drive. Mrs. Arek asked why only Silverbrook residents were surveyed and she responded she did not know but would ask the Council. Mayor Burden responded to her comment that at that time the Traffic Safety Committee working on this felt that the impact was mainly focused on the safety of the children and the others roads were deemed 'feeder roads' with cul-de-sacs. He stated that the Committee did not deem it necessary to survey that entire area. Mayor Burden stated that there were also numerous meetings held to discuss this issue which are public record. Mrs. Arek asked how she could get a copy of the surveys that went out and Mayor Burden informed her that they can be requested through the Clerk's Office.

Melanie Cotenoff, 234 Williamsburg Drive, Shrewsbury stated that she hand delivered two copies of a letter addressed to the Mayor and Council and was told that they would be placed in the Council's mailboxes. Ms. Cotenoff stated that she wanted to verify that they received it. Mayor Burden stated that they did receive her letter and addressed it at the last Council meeting on November 21st. Mayor

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Burden stated that she would get a response from the Police Department but explained that they are a little behind due to the death of a former Chief Halsey.

Close Meeting to the Public

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

Bills

Councilman Dodge stated that the bills list is for \$1,026,723.68 of which 95% is for Shrewsbury Borough School and Red Bank Regional. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to authorize payment of the bills in the amount of \$1,026,723.68. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 7:51 PM was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Meyer. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes.

Attest:

Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve:

Donald Burden, Mayor