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Mayor Burden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Menapace, Meyer, and Pellegrino. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger. Councilman Dodge was absent.

Resolution #2011-38A (Executive Session)

Mayor Burden read Resolution #2011-38A to enter into executive session.

Reconvene Public Meeting

Mayor Burden reconvened the regular meeting at 7:30 PM, reading the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, DeSalvo, Menapace, Meyer and Pellegrino. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger. Councilman Dodge was absent.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting March 21, 2011

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2011 with an amendment correcting "temporary parking signs" to "temporary *no* parking signs" regarding the Memorial Day baseball tournament. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Proclamation: National Arbor Day

Mayor Burden stated that it was always a pleasure to sign the proclamation for National Arbor Day which was on April 9, 2011. He stated that this is the sixty-second anniversary of Arbor Day and read the proclamation in full.

Certificate of Recognition for Cary Costa

The Mayor asked Cary Costa to come forward. The Mayor recognized and commended Cary Costa for being named the 2011 Fire Inspector of the Year, which is the highest honor the New Jersey Fire Protection Association bestows on an official for dedication and excellence in the field of code enforcement and fire protection and inspection.

Resolution #2011-35 Renaming of the Mediation Room

The Mayor requested that Council and the public join him in the corridor for a presentation. The entire meeting reconvened in the corridor where Mayor Burden read Resolution #2011-35 to rename the mediation room in the municipal building, the Frank Clark Mediation Room. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Menapace to rename the mediation room the Frank Clark Mediation Room. The motion was approved by consensus vote with all members present voting yes..

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Mayor Burden unveiled a plaque engraved with the new name and congratulating and thanking Frank Clark for his years of dedicated service to the Borough of Shrewsbury and its residents. Frank Clark thanked everyone for this honor. The meeting was reconvened in the Council Chambers.

Proclamation: Frank Clark's Retirement

Mayor Burden read a proclamation for Frank Clark and extended his best wishes on his retirement.

Frank Clark spoke and stated that he could not thank everyone enough for this honor. He stated that he had met a lot of people over the years and made many friends. Mr. Clark stated that he would be back in the town working and would look to keep in touch with everyone.

Mayor Burden presented Frank Clark his proclamation and pictures were taken.

Resolution #2011-36 (Authorizing the Deferment of 2011 School Taxes as Promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services)

Mr. Seaman explained that Resolution #2011-36 was to defer the school taxes which the Borough collects. He stated that from July to December the Borough collects the entire year worth of school taxes and the Borough is able to defer some of these taxes which go in the fund balance which helps with the budget process. Mr. Seaman stated that 1.2 million would be deferred and used for surplus but not all for the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to authorize the deferment of the 2011 School Taxes as promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services.

Councilman Meyer questioned how much money the Borough was allowed to defer. Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough was allowed to defer an additional \$1,631,000 which may be increased going forward. Councilman Meyer questioned when the last time was that the Borough deferred school taxes. Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough deferred \$600,000 in school taxes the previous year. He also commented that this year's deferral was not the largest one in the Borough's history stating in the 1990's the Borough deferred \$1.5 million. Mr. Seaman commented that some towns defer the entire amount at once but he believes that this method of smaller deferrals is better. Councilman Meyer asked if a deferral of \$1.2 million would leave the tax rate flat pointing out the money the Borough needs to make up from the lost property value assessments. Mr. Seaman stated that it would be discussed more in the introduction of the budget.

The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2011-37 (Introduce the 2011 Municipal Budget)

Mayor Burden thanked the Finance Committee for all their work and for the excellent presentation at the budget workshop meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Meyer and seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to introduce the budget.

Councilman Meyer inquired what the rate increase would be if the Council deferred \$1.2 million in school taxes in light of the \$16 million loss in assessment values. Mr. Seaman explained that the

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Council was introducing the budget and the time to discuss this was at the budget workshop and or the public hearing on June 6, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Resolution #2011-38 (Approval of the Performance Evaluation to be Used by the Shrewsbury Police Dept.)

Councilman Menapace stated that the performance evaluation for the Police Department's line officers was the end result of a project started by Chief Wilson several months ago. He informed the Council that they had looked at several different models from around the State to best fit Shrewsbury's needs, and they found Woodbury's evaluation would work well for the Borough. Councilman Menapace stated that both the police committee and Attorney Marty Barger reviewed the document. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Shared Services Agreement for the Creation and Maintenance of Website Services between Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township for 2011.

Mayor Burden asked the Council for authorization allowing himself and the Borough Clerk to sign a shared services agreement for the creation and maintenance of a website for Shrewsbury Township. He clarified that the website for Shrewsbury Township would be totally independent of the Borough's website. The Mayor stated that the Township had viewed our website, liked the template, and was willing to reimburse the Borough for the cost to create one for them. Mr. Seaman stated that it would not be a lot of work, maybe 25 hours a year, which would be performed by his Assistant who would set up the domain, post the minimal requirements, and do occasional maintenance. He stated that the Borough could reexamine the agreement after one year and would document the time that was spent on the website. Mayor Burden asked if the Borough Attorney had reviewed the agreement and Mr. Seaman confirmed that he had. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the shared service agreement for the creation and maintenance of website services between Shrewsbury Borough and Shrewsbury Township. Roll Call Vote was taken with Councilmen DeNofa, DeSalvo, Menapace, Pellegrino, voting yes and Councilman Meyer, voting no.

Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to Sign the Developers Agreement for Seashore Estates Phasing Plan

Mayor Burden requested authorization to allow the Borough Clerk and himself to sign the Developers Agreement for Phase One of the Seashore Estates project. A motion was made by Councilman Meyer and seconded by Councilman DeNofa. Councilman Meyer questioned if Seashore Estates had changed the age requirement and if they hadn't can they still change it during the construction process. Mayor Burden stated that they could not change the requirement once they started the construction. Councilman Menapace stated that the developer did not request the change and the development would be limited to active adults, 55 and older. Mr. Seaman explained that if they had changed the age requirement the developer would have to abide by the new

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regulations on setbacks which would change the entire site plan. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**ORDINANCE NO.956: READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION: Bond Ordinance
Providing for Improvement to Blades Run Drive**

Mr. Seaman explained that Ordinance No. 956 provides for improvements to Blade Run Drive in the amount of \$420,000, with \$21,000 of that coming from the capital improvement fund for the down payment, which would make \$399,000 in bonds and notes financing the project.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Pellegrino motioned to open the meeting to the public for comment, seconded by Councilman Menapace. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Close Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa 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 Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to adopt Ord. No. 956 - BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT TO BLADES RUN DRIVE. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**ORDINANCE NO.957: READING/PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPTION: An Ordinance to
Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 90, Vehicles and
Traffic**

Councilman Menapace stated that this ordinance was to amend chapter 90, Vehicles and Traffic, to correct a grammatical error. Attorney Barger explained that it was a typo which put the wrong schedule in the ordinance. This will correct Ordinance 957, but not change the substance.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Menapace motioned to open the meeting to the public for comment, seconded by Councilman DeNofa. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Seeing no one to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Menapace 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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Adopt

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Menapace to adopt Ord. No. 957 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY BY AMENDING CHAPTER 90, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCE NO.958: INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 63, Alcoholic Beverages

Councilman Menapace stated that this ordinance was to amend Chapter 63, Alcoholic Beverages, in response to a request by Terry Helmka of Spirits Unlimited in the Staples Plaza. He explained that she had come before Council and requested a time change in the ordinance to allow her business to stay open later on Sunday night. He explained this would also accommodate the restaurants in her complex that are BYOB, as these businesses stay open later. A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to authorize the introduction/first reading of Ordinance No. 958, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY BY AMENDING CHAPTER 63, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Mayor Burden stated the public hearing for the ordinance would be May 2nd.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough was working on an ordinance covering background checks for recreation coaches and will hopefully get it to the Attorney in a few weeks for review. He stated that the Borough will be receiving a grant to fund the program but one of the requirements of the grant is that the Borough puts an ordinance in place stating the guidelines to receive the grant monies.

Mr. Seaman stated that the Mayor, Engineer, and himself would be meeting the following day with K. Hovnanian to discuss the Borough's affordable housing responsibility and how it will be monitored.

Reports of Council

Councilman DeNofa reported that the Department of Public Works (DPW) had received the new Mason dump truck and it is being prepared for service. He stated that Bob Wentway was seeking approval to put a new container down at the DPW yard for electronic recycling since state law mandates that electronics be recycled. Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough has money in a recycling trust fund that can be used to pay for it from a Clean Community Grant program. Councilman DeNofa stated that DPW will have a presence at the Earth Day Fair this year where they will display machinery and have pamphlets at the request of Sue Binns. He explained that the Patterson Avenue Park project has been on hold due to the weather and DPW hopes to continue cleaning the underbrush by the end of the week, emphasizing that this is an ongoing project.

Councilman DeNofa stated that he met with the Borough Engineer, Dave Cranmer, this morning at which time he had received only one quote from Taylor Fence for the fence at Patterson Avenue

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Park and is asking for authorization in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase and install the fence which can be done within two weeks. He explained that the fence itself only cost \$1,800 and wanted an additional \$700 for unforeseen circumstances that might arise. Mr. Seaman explained that as long as Mr. Cranmer went out and tried to obtain quotes that is fine.

Councilman DeNofa stated that work is continuing on White Street, explaining the drain had been repaired but the road needs to be completed which according to Mr. Cranmer should be done by next week.

Councilman DeNofa explained that the tax map had to be changed and updated which should be completed by the end of the week at which time they will submit the map for approval. He stated that the new maps will show K. Hovnanian and the Seashore Estate projects. Councilman DeNofa stated that paving is underway at the Staples parking lot and the worst areas have been taken care of and will be finished in short order. He stated that he had received a change order for the Laurel Avenue project in the sum of \$6,873.80 due to some additions that had to be completed i.e., the apron at the First Aid building and the new sidewalks. *A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the change order for the Laurel Avenue project.* Mayor Burden asked if the project stayed on cost and Mr. Seaman responded that the Borough had to charge some to First Aid's budget for last year. *The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.*

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa to authorize \$2,500 be appropriated for a fence at Patterson Avenue Park, \$1,800 for Taylor Fence and \$700 for unforeseen circumstances, seconded by Councilman Meyer. Councilman Pellegrino questioned why an additional \$700 needed to be funded because maybe it will be required. He questioned why this is not a solid quote. Councilman DeNofa stated that he had no problem if the Council wanted to change the authorized amount to \$1800 which the Council agreed to. He also stated that it only gives permission to go up to \$2,500 and that it does not mean they will spend the full amount. Roll Call Vote was taken with Councilman DeNofa voting, yes and Councilmen DeSalvo, Menapace, Meyer, and Pellegrino voting, no. Councilman Meyer countered with a motion to authorize the \$1,800 for Tyler Fence and \$200 for unforeseen circumstances not to exceed \$2,000 without being reapproved by the Council, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Councilman DeSalvo reminded everyone that Earth Day and the Electronic Recycling Day is April 30th, which is free for Shrewsbury residents, and stated that there will also be an expired prescription drug collection at the same time. He stated that he attended a very good CPR class that is free to Shrewsbury residents which only takes about an hour and a half and thanked Councilman Pellegrino for the program. He added that the information is good to know but you hope that you never have to use it.

Councilman Menapace reported that he and the police committee met with Chief Wilson on April 14th and discussed the performance evaluation which was approved tonight. He stated the superior officers of the department will receive training on it in the next 60 days. He explained

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that current officers will be rated yearly and newly hired probationary officers will be reviewed quarterly for the first year. Councilman Menapace explained that there will be a four step promotion process which has not been finalized. He explained that the four steps would include the posting of the position, testing by the State Chiefs Association which would account for 30% of final score, file review including discipline and performance review which would count for 20%, and an interview by the Chief and the Police Committee which would count for 50%. He stated that anything proposed will be reviewed by the Borough Attorney before it is presented to the Council for approval.

Councilman Menapace stated that the Chief had been advised regarding the Recreation Committee tournaments and parking issues to which he expressed that the police will be vigilant when it comes to the alcohol ordinance in the parks. He stated that they are currently looking at the structure of the Police Department and in discussions to decide if civilians would be able to perform some of the functions to achieve a reduction of the force. Councilman Menapace stated that the Chief's feelings on the hiring of special officers was that they are used to supplement not replace full time officers and mostly used in shore communities but he agreed to look into the use of full time special officers. He explained that the Police Department has had three recent retirements which brought their staffing level from 16 to 13 and as a result the Chief posted an ad to hire two new officers which he would like to have on staff by July 1st to avoid overtime costs. Councilman Menapace asked for consensus to allow the Chief to bring on two new officers bringing us to a staffing level of 15 officers by July 1st.

Councilman Meyer questioned if by giving the Chief the okay to move forward the Council is permitting the hiring of two new officers. Councilman Menapace stated that he believed so. Councilman Pellegrino stated that he was not comfortable moving forward yet on this topic believing that more discussions were needed concerning the staffing levels. Councilman Menapace tabled the motion to allow for further research and public discussion. Councilman Meyer stated that he believed the Chief should be allowed to run the interview process as he deems fit, as if the Borough was planning to hire two new officers but he pointed out that at this point the Council is not in agreement about the hiring of two police officers. However, he continued the Chief could continue to narrow it down to his top two choices. Mr. Menapace stated that the process was just beginning and that it could take up to six months. Attorney Barger stated that when the Chief is interviewing he must inform the candidates that the Borough is still questioning how many officers we are hiring, we don't want to give them false hope. Councilman Menapace stated that he will advise the Chief to move forward, narrowing it down to two candidates but no offer of hire. Councilman Meyer stated he would like written documentation on how the Chief plans on using these officers and how he sees the Police Department configured. Councilman Menapace asked the Council if they thought it would be worthwhile to have the Chief discuss his plans for the future of the Police Department to which the Council agreed it would be a good idea. Councilman Menapace stated he would arrange to have the Chief speak at a Council meeting.

Councilman Menapace stated that the detective bureau has started to provide a monthly report to the police committee on their case load and the status of their cases. He explained that they would not be getting details just numbers and cases status. Councilman Menapace informed the Council

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that before the meeting the Chief had informed him that there had been another series of 15 auto burglaries on the west side of town, primarily on Dorchester and Strauss Drive. He stated that all the cars that were affected had been left unlocked, making this 30 total in the last 4 to 5 weeks.

Councilman Menapace stated that in the budget process there had been discussion on purchasing an automatic license plate reader. He stated that the Chief had received a letter from the Police Chief of Brielle informing him that there is a Homeland Security Grant available for this system covering up to fifty percent of the original cost of \$18,755 using State Contract. Councilman Menapace stated that system is very effective and works by reading license plates at the rear and both sides of the patrol car, processing them through a data base and notifying the officer if there is a hit in the data base. Mr. Seaman stated that he placed this item in the Capital budget which would have to be amended if the Borough received a grant for it.

Councilman Menapace stated that the Shade Tree Commission has once again helped Shrewsbury receive the designation of Tree City USA for the thirteenth year and thanked them for all the good work they do. He stated that for Arbor Day the Shade Tree Commission will be giving out Eastern White Pine seedlings at the school in addition to setting up a Stewardship Day which would involve volunteer cleanup of the town which will be discussed with the Environmental Commission.

Councilman Menapace stated that for the past year and a half he had been reporting on environmental concerns for Parkers Creek with the Fort Monmouth closing. He stated that a few weeks back he had received remedial action reports on a disk which was looked at by Vince Creevy, an Environmental Engineer with Cranmer Engineering. Councilman Menapace stated that two landfills that were reviewed were on Mills Creek and Parkers Creek, and Vince Creevy's report stated that there are no significant risks to Shrewsbury. He stated that the test wells along the creeks had undetectable, to nearly undetectable levels, of pollution which made the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection case officer very happy. Councilman Menapace stated that a copy of the report would be given to the Municipal Clerk to have for public inspection along with two maps that show the locations of the landfills, the wells, and the readings.

Councilman Meyer reported that the Recreation Committee met the previous Thursday and three notable actions were taken which include allowing all eight baseball traveling teams use of the shed in return for a \$50 deposit from each one of the travel coaches for the teams for a total of \$400, which will be put into a Trust Account, and if it is not used they will apply towards next year's cost. He stated they also approved the use of Sickles Field for a Memorial Day Tournament but he pointed out that they would decide on the 4th of July Tournament after seeing how the Memorial Day tournament is handled in all aspects. Councilman Meyer also stated that they voted to allow the school to administer the hiring of all sports team coaches pending approval by the Superintendent and the Board of Education.

Councilman Pellegrino reported that on Tuesday, April 12th, the Borough had some adverse weather which caused a nursing home in town to have water go through the roof and affect the electrical outlets causing the need to evacuate the building. He stated that everything went smooth with the Police, Fire, CERT Team, Shrewsbury OEM, and First Aid all participating and relocating

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19 residents to the First Aid building after 4 residents had been picked up by family. Councilman Pellegrino stated that they were able to use the church's buses to get the residents and staff members to a local hotel where they spent a few nights. He stated that overall things went well but they had some issues with the nursing home's plan which needs to be looked into further.

Councilman Pellegrino stated that there had been a meeting this morning to plan the Memorial Day Observance and various issues were discussed including the sun exposure which was resolved by relocating the presentation to the steps of the church house allowing people to be protected by the shade of the trees. He stated that they would be using the fire trucks and the ambulances to completely block off the east and west side of Sycamore Avenue to act as a sound barrier for noise from Route 35 and provide protection from cars. Councilman Pellegrino stated that this year the Borough was looking to send out invitations to all the veterans in town to get as much participation as they can.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden stated that he attended the Budget Hearing and thanked the Finance Committee for the wonderful presentation and stated that he wished there had been more public participation. He stated that the same day he attended the Little League parade at the Borough School and on April 13th attended a meeting with Bob Wentway, Chief Wilson, and the Department of Transportation (DOT) concerning the replacement of the railroad crossing on Newman Springs Road near Butch's Car Wash and which will take 3-4 days but do not have the dates yet. Mayor Burden stated that they informed the DOT that other municipalities, like Tinton Falls and Red Bank, should be notified since it will impact them. He stated that the railroad crossing at the lumber yard in Little Silver will be repaired by the County in July causing the road to be closed for two weeks.

Mayor Burden stated that on April 13th he attended a municipal public service meeting in Freehold Borough with Councilman Menapace and DeNofa on shared services where various formats of police structure were discussed and he found it very informative. He stated that on April 14th he attended the Shrewsbury Homesteader's meeting which was very well attended and had a presentation on the history of Fort Monmouth which was good due to the fact many of our residents had worked at Fort Monmouth and or had family there. Mayor Burden stated that on April 15th he went to the Shrewsbury Borough School for their educational SAIL program on environmental issues. On April 16th, he attended the Shade Tree Commission meeting which Councilman Menapace already reported on, he stopped by to pick up a few eggs at the Easter Egg hunt. He stated that yesterday afternoon he did a presentation at the reopening of Fuji restaurant over in the Staples Complex which was very nice and had over 100 attendees. Mayor Burden stated that he attended the Memorial Day meeting this morning and the Seashore Estates preconstruction meeting for Phase One this afternoon. He wanted to remind everyone that on Friday, April 29th at 10am at Red Bank Regional, the Red Bank Educational Foundation will be presenting the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Awards to five alumni, including three from Shrewsbury: Jacqueline Caruso, class of 1963, Laurna Godwin class of 1977, and Christina Emrich class of 1987. Mayor Burden stated that he would not be able to attend but three members of Council would be attending and certificates would be presented at that time. He stated that Saturday, April 30th will be "Weekend in Old Monmouth" along with recycling day. He noted that 40 sites have been selected in Monmouth

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County for these tours with the Allen House, Christ Church, Quaker Meeting House and Shrewsbury Historical Society will be open for quests.

Councilman Meyer questioned where the shared services meeting was that the Mayor attended. Mayor Burden stated it was in Freehold Borough. Councilman Menapace explained that there was a Councilman (or Mayor) from Morris County where they are looking at regionalizing their Police Departments. He stated that Morris County had done research and found that this was in the best interest to geographically divide the county for policing. Councilman Menapace stated that other counties are interested in it while others are being brought to the table kicking and screaming. He stated that there were only nine attendees at the shared service meeting with only four other towns being represented including Little Silver, Middletown, Fair Haven, and Sea Bright. Councilman Meyer asked that as a town, does Shrewsbury Borough have a position on the regionalization of police forces. Councilman Menapace informed him that they did not but can be looked at and explained that it starts with formal and informal shared services and takes baby steps. Mayor Burden stated that they learned more about the process, the obstacles, and the time line because it is not something that can be magically done. Councilman Meyer stated that unless as a town we make a statement on a formal opinion on this issue other municipalities would not know where the Borough stands.

Councilman Menapace explained that a few years ago when the municipal building was built, equipment was put into dispatch to handle more than just the Shrewsbury Police Department with the idea that we could become a local dispatch center for a number of local towns. He stated that they had many discussions and a lot of work was put in by Captain Spencer with other towns and the Borough got strung along for three years with the end result of the other towns walking away from the table. Councilman Menapace said that we can hold discussions, and if the Council believes that it is constructive for us to set a policy or make a mission statement than that could be considered. He continued that if you look at the geological structure of this area it does lend itself to regionalization. Mr. Menapace stated that there are natural boundaries of rivers, railroad tracks that lend itself toward regionalization. Maybe seven to ten towns could be regionalized into one department however, this would require a good deal of change and study to make happen.

The Mayor stated that at this meeting were Council people from Fair Haven, Little Silver, Sea Bright and Middletown and it seems safe to conclude that they are interested as well and he stated that he felt it was a step in the right direction.

Correspondence

The Clerk stated that she had no additional correspondence.

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to open the meeting to the public.

Carolann McLoughlin, 50 Patterson Avenue, Shrewsbury, questioned what were considered unforeseen circumstances with the laying of the fence? Councilman DeNofa said that he thought it

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was for things like tree stumps that might need to be removed or big roots, but he was only reported with a direct quote from the engineer.

Ms. McLoughlin inquired if the Recreation Committee pursues any sponsors.

Councilman Meyer stated that the Recreation Committee did not have any sponsors with the exception of Sports Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) which is the only fundraising arm that the Recreation Committee uses. Ms. McLoughlin questioned if there were sponsors for the t-shirts to which Councilman Meyer stated they do but the sports programs are simply “pay to play” which the shirts only go to help defray the cost on what a resident has to pay. He stated that he does not know how they choose the sponsors for the t-shirts but that she can speak to the current head of the Recreation Committee, Mike Granese, about it.

Gigi Blair, 41 Obre Place, Shrewsbury stated that she was trying to put solar panels on her roof and was stopped after the initial construction permit was issued and was told that she needed a variance by the Zoning Officer, Jerry Donlon. He informed her that solar panels fall under ordinance 94-8.31 which concerns the screening of equipment on machinery. She stated that she did not agree with his decision and wanted the Council to know about the situation. She stated she has already spoken to the Zoning Board and the Environmental Commission who are making recommendations to the Planning Board to update the Ordinance for solar panels.

Attorney Barger stated that he had spoken with Ms. Gigi Blair about this issue, conducted some research, and spoke with Lorraine Kelleher who said that you were on the Board of Adjustment agenda for May 4th, which is the proper jurisdiction to speak to handle this.

Ms. Blair stated that she is going through this process but just wanted the Council to know that solar panels are being blocked by this Ordinance.

Mayor Burden stated that the Attorney of the Planning Board was given the assignment to come up with an analysis of it and a possible rewording and clarification of the whole solar panel issue.

Ms. Blair stated that there is a State law which gives guidance to that which says that solar panels should not be limited by Zoning issues.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury stated she encouraged the Borough to go into these shared service agreements if it is efficient and economical for the Borough. She asked if the coaches for Recreation belonged to an association. Councilman Meyer stated they did not and that the school coaches were under the Board of Education with the teachers having the first right of refusal on a coaching position. Ms. Clark asked about the issue of who does the background checking. Mr. Meyer stated that there is no association that does background checking however the grant that Mr. Seaman just acquired will address this need for Recreation coaches. Councilman Pellegrino stated that all the Recreation coaches are volunteers from town and must go through a Rutgers’ certified course that goes over basic coaching, safety and working with kids.

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Close the Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one else to speak a motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by consensus vote with all members present voting yes.

Payment of Bills

Mr. Seaman stated that the bills list was mostly comprised of worker's compensation payment to the Joint Insurance Fund. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to authorize payment of all bills in the amount of \$198,673.72 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 DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to adjourn at 9:03PM. The motion was approved with all members present voting yes

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

Approve: _____
Donald W. Burden, Mayor