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

**Resolution #2011-47 (Executive Session)**

Mayor Burden read Resolution #2011-47 to enter into Executive Session.

**Reconvene Public Meeting**

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

**Salute to Flag**

Mayor Burden led the Salute to the Flag.

The Mayor announced that the Council would be taking the liberty of moving some of the agenda items around so that some of the people in the audience are not tied up unduly.

**Authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign the K. Hovnanian Developer's Agreement**

Mayor Burden invited the Borough Engineer to address the Council on this matter. David Cranmer, Borough Engineer, addressed the Council and stated that the Developer's Agreement that was before Council had been reviewed by the Planning Board Attorney and the Planning Board and was found acceptable and they are recommending it to the Governing Body for execution. He stated that he had reviewed it himself and found it to be appropriate, reasonable and consistent with what has been done in the past. Mayor Burden stated that the reason it was not on the agenda at the last Council meeting was that he was out of town and since it will bear his signature, pending the Council's approval, he had requested that it be moved to this meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the K. Hovnanian Developer's Agreement. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes except Councilman Meyer who voted no.

**Resolution #2011-42 (Appoint Working Forman for DPW)**

Councilman DeNofa explained that this was a Resolution to fill the position left vacant by the retirement of Frank Clark who had recently retired. He stated that Mr. Neis will receive a yearly prorated stipend of \$5,000 additional to his contractual salary. A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to appoint Ronald Neis to the position of Working Foreman for DPW. Councilman Menapace commented that the process that arrived at the selection of Mr. Neis was a result of interviews of 8 employees who stepped forward for consideration for this position. Mr. Menapace stated that Ron Neis was selected based on his qualities and dedication to the DPW, along with some rather unique skills that he has regarding budgetary knowledge and leadership ability. He stated that he felt the Borough was lucky to have

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him and that he was an excellent choice. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. The Council congratulated Ron Neis who was present in the audience.

**Approval of Minutes: Budget Workshop Meeting April 9, 2011**

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the budget workshop meeting minutes of April 9, 2011. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Again the Mayor stated that he would like to commend Councilman Dodge for the presentation as it was probably one of the best workshop presentations. He stated how people have commented on how well the information was presented in an effort to help them understand the issues involved. Councilman Dodge stated that a lot of work went into it by the Borough Administrator and others and it was a good effort to get information out to the public and hopefully next year we will have more of the public there.

**Resolution #2011-43 (Reappoint Fire Marshall)**

Mr. Seaman stated this was a standard resolution that would be retroactive to the beginning of Mr. Marra's appointment. The Clerk stated that Vito Marra has been serving in this position since August 1, 2010. She noted that it was an oversight that he was not reappointed at that time formally and that this Resolution is for the record as Mr. Marra has been performing all job responsibilities as Shrewsbury's Fire Marshall. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to formally for the record reappoint Vito Marra as Fire Marshall for the Borough of Shrewsbury with a term ending July 31, 2012. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Resolution #2011-44 (Authorize Refund of Fees)**

A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Dodge to authorize the refund of fees to Alarmco for an overpayment of \$75.00 for a construction permit. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Resolution #2011-45 (Authorize Refund of Tax Overpayment)**

Mr. Seaman explained that these were two of the bigger appeals the Borough received on a State judgment that was just received with one of them going back to 2008 for Kantor Mortgages LTD for \$13,973.34 and the other goes back to 2009 for Kantor Mortgages LTD for \$14,483.73. Mr. Seaman stated that the others are for the same property for 2009 in the amount of \$4,576.77 and 2010 in the amount of \$4,720.13. A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, seconded by Councilman Dodge to authorize the refund of tax overpayment per decision of the State appeals process. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. The Council requested that the physical address of the property be included in the Resolution as well as the prior taxes as well so they would be able to keep track of these judgments.

**Resolution #2011-46 (2011 Summer Recreation Program Camp Salaries)**

Mr. Seaman stated that it is the same number of counselors as last year with a 25 cent per hour increase for returning counselors. A motion was made by Councilman Meyer, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the 2011 summer recreation program camp salaries. The Council

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discussed how this expense is offset by the fees paid by participating residents. Mr. Dodge stated that \$8,000 for salaries and \$2,000 for supplies. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

**Presentation on Police Department by Chief John Wilson, III**

(The presentation given by Chief John Wilson, III is copied within the minutes verbatim.)

**Chief Wilson:**

I have been asked to discuss the Police Departments need for an administrative commander. Before we can discuss these needs we must first understand the makeup and requirements of the department.

The sole mission of our police department, and every law enforcement agency, is to keep the community safe. This mission remains constant; it is the environment in which we live that continually changes and presents challenges that we must meet and prevail over to complete our mission.

The Police Department personnel understand that we are in a time of financial crisis and that we are all in this together. We must find fiscally responsible ways to reinvent the wheel so we can not only maintain a level of service, but increase that level of service. We have worked hard over the past few years to continue to work with the council to reduce our operating budget to help lessen the burden on the community. This presents a unique challenge to law enforcement and unlike most businesses when times are bad we get busier.

The police department is broken into three groups, patrol, investigations & administration. Not one of these groups can operate on their own. To have a successful police department each division must support and complement the other.

As with every response driven law enforcement agency, the patrol division is on the point of the spear. It is in patrol where twelve fine men and women of our police department put their lives on the line, at all hours of the day to keep us safe. Patrol responds to a 10 year average of 10374 calls for service each year. The patrol division cannot be successful without the support of investigations and administration. They need training, equipment and direction to complete their mission.

The investigative division is staffed by one full time detective. Currently the case load for the detective division is in excess of 100 criminal investigations. Follow-up criminal investigations require more than one officer to do the job. The victim side of the investigation can be handled by a single officer, but procedure and safety dictates that the accused side of the investigation requires assistance. Though I am not requesting additional manpower, as in patrol there is a need for sufficient support.

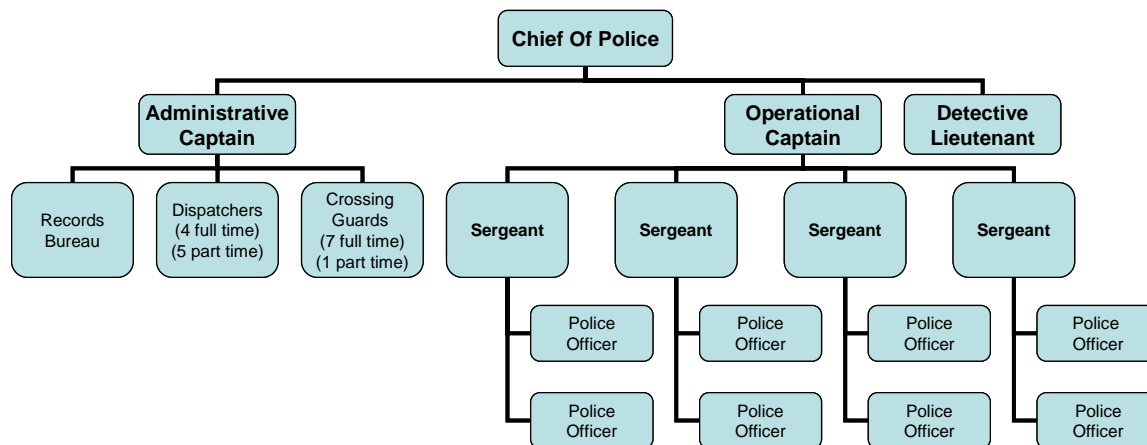
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As previously stated, patrol and investigations cannot be successful without the support of the administrative division. To better understand the needs of the Administrative division, we need only to look back in our department's history.

In 1993, Chief McGuire and the Borough council recognized the need for an additional Command Level Officer. The rank of Lieutenant was created and filled.

In 2005 the Borough Council re-evaluated the needs of the department and adopted resolution 2005-19, which states:

“Whereas, the Borough Council Police Committee has **recommended the separation of administrative and operational responsibilities** in the service rank of Captain that will be best accomplished with an addition to the Police Department service rank of Captain.” A second rank of Captain was created and filled. These two captains were assigned as Administrative and operational commanders. At that time the organizational structure was;



In 2010 The Borough Council commissioned a study of the Police Department by A.W.A.R.E., LLC. In November of that year AWARE submitted a report to the council. In that report recommendations were made to improve our department. Since that time the police department and police committee have been working hard to incorporate these recommendations. In several areas of the report, staffing levels of the administrative division were discussed and I will quote that report.

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“Two captains within a department the size of the Shrewsbury Police Department is unusual. It is also an expensive luxury. Likewise, the assignment of a lieutenant to a very small detective bureau is another expensive luxury.”

“The lieutenant should be assigned to patrol where he reports to a designated captain.”

“We recommend that when one of the two captains is promoted or retires at a time of their own choice and eligibility that the second captain’s position be eliminated from the organizational structure. At that time the Chief of Police should evaluate the efficiency of appointing an additional Sergeant or Police Officer in lieu of the second captain”

That time has come. With the recent retirements of both Captains and a Sergeant we evaluated the needs of the department and the recommendations made in the study.

Some of the things we considered were the job descriptions of the two commanders along with the many jobs that fall within those jobs description categories. We are looking to the future and planning for retirements. There is a need for depth in training so that our officers are adequately prepared for advancement to insure a smooth transition as we move forward. And most importantly we need to insure that the many details that are necessary to run a police department are addressed by the proper personnel so as not to over burden the patrol or investigative division. As with any small department each of our officers wears many hats. This is a necessity, but we must do everything we can to allow patrol and investigations to focus on their primary responsibilities.

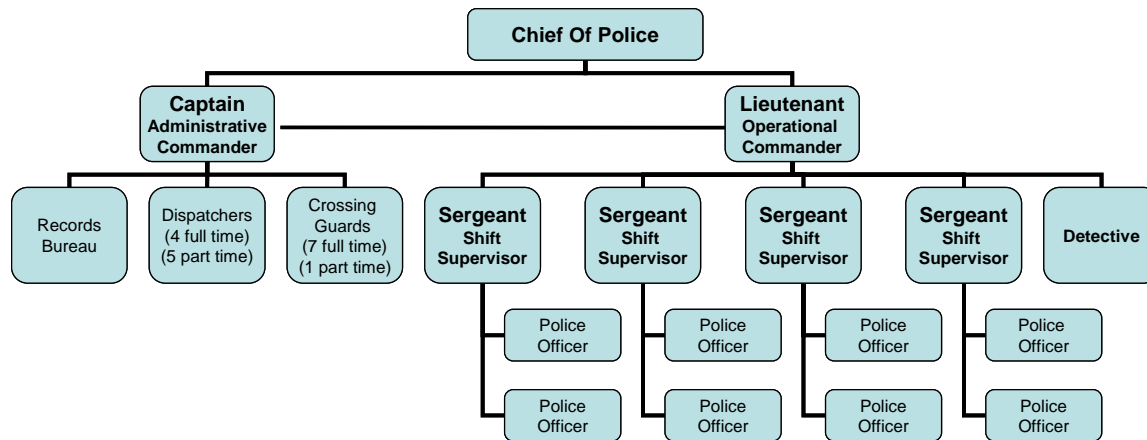
While we agree, there is no need for two captains; there is a critical need for both the administrative and operational commander. We came to this conclusion after careful consideration and evaluation.

In February of this year in conjunction with the Police Committee the job descriptions of the Operational and Administrative Commanders were revised. However the need for both was mutually agreed upon. Each of these jobs was assessed from a financial, risk management & operational need and each is a critical component of police operations. As we look through various jobs you will see several which fall under both titles. These areas necessitate the attention of both commanders to effectively accomplish our goals. We must also understand that within each job there are numerous sub jobs that exist. In the past and more so now, due to understaffing, many of these jobs are being completed by our patrol or investigative division. It is our goal to eliminate as many jobs from patrol and investigation as possible so those officers can focus on their primary functions. These jobs should and will be completed on a command level where they belong.

In conclusion, the question I was asked to answer is; do we need the administrative commander position? The answer is yes. We are currently operating with one person handling the positions of operational and administrative commander. He cannot do these jobs alone. As is always the case, in times of need and crisis each and every officer steps up to assist as needed, as such we continue to operate. However this hampers our ability to provide the level of service our community deserves. By eliminating one of our captain’s ranks we are reducing our command level staff by

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33%. We can and will absorb this reduction, but we cannot afford to eliminate the administrative commander position. A reduction of command level staff by 66% would severely impact our ability to provide services to the community. After eliminating one of the Captains ranks and restructuring the department it is our recommendation that the department be structured as follows;



The Shrewsbury Borough Police Department is committed to our mission of a safe community. We will be stewards of our tax dollars; remain vigilant to the needs of the community and we will continue to keep our town safe.  
(This concluded Chief Wilson’s presentation)

The Chief asked if there were any questions to which Councilman Meyer responded that he understood the need of an administrative commander but his question was do you need a law enforcement officer to be an administrative commander or could a civilian serve in that position. Chief Wilson responded that a civilian could be used in a clerical position but he noted that a lot of the criteria of the department require knowledge of the department, laws and procedures federally, locally and within the county. He pointed out where a civilian could help out however he pointed out the areas that would require Police knowledge.

Councilman Dodge and the Chief discussed the definition of training and the implementation of that training at the local and County level for someone performing this function. Councilman Dodge questioned if the budgeting portion of the job could be more administrative. Mr. Dodge and the Chief discussed the different aspects of this which included reports, personnel, human relations, hiring and firing, records and overall scheduling. Councilman Dodge tried to separate what could be handled by a civilian employee versus a police employee in these areas.

The Chief and Councilman Dodge explored the work of the Operational Commander which involved the Two River Alert System, systems support for communication and the internal infrastructure for networking and acquisition of desktop computers and laptops for the patrol cars,

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communication devices etc. The Chief stated that some of these items would go between the Administrative Commander and the Operational Commander and he discussed how both would have to be cross trained for each other's jobs.

Councilman Pellegrino questioned if the 100 cases that are indicated are still open and being worked on now. He asked what percentage was residential versus commercial. Patrolman Ferraro responded that 100 is high right now and probably 85% of that is residential.

Councilman Pellegrino questioned the Chief's proposed restructuring chart. On the administrative side he was looking at crossing guards, dispatchers and records bureau with a Captain's position overseeing them and then when he looks at patrol and there is a Lieutenants position overseeing them. Councilman Pellegrino questioned the rank structure. The Chief responded that the chart is not giving you all the jobs the Administrator does. He stated what it shows in the rank structure, organizational structure of the department is what they are directly in charge of. The Chief expounded on the different duties of the Administrative Commander and all the mandated responsibilities and specialized training involved.

Councilman Menapace questioned the training and equipment under the Administrative Commander which involves the legal element of these duties to which the Chief responded that he was correct and explained the legalities of different situations the Administrative Commander deals with.

Councilman Meyer referenced the Chief's proposal of the same amount of officers being 16 with a reduction of one "white shirt"/Administrative Officer. Mr. Meyer asked the Chief his opinion on the use of "Special 2's." The Chief stated that if Shrewsbury was a shore town with the influx of people that come into your area you would need "Special 2's." He gave the history of the use of Special 2's noting they cannot be used to replace a patrol officer but can be used for the court officer on Halloween or Mischief Night patrols or special events but they do require the same amount of training as a regular officer. The Council asked if they could be used for traffic patrol, which the Chief responded yes they could be used in that instance. The Council discussed the increase of traffic at certain times of the year in the Borough and areas where the Special 2 could be used.

Councilman DeSalvo questioned what the normal number of cases is for the Detective Bureau to which Lt. Ferraro responded normally it is about 20 to 25 and probably more commercial but the credit card fraud can occur on either side.

The Council and Lt. Ferraro discussed the issue of multijurisdictional crime and how that affects the Borough with the current situation of decrease in personnel and funding everywhere.

Councilman Dodge addressed the comment about increase the level of service as it affects police and safety. The Chief responded the Police are maintaining everything with the school, business community and the residents. Councilman Dodge discussed the workload and time of day needs where the daytime needs are clearly more intense. The Chief discussed the trends and crime

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correlation and this changes as the trends change. He stated that you can't clearly state a part of the day right now that has the biggest need; it is ever changing.

They discussed the scheduling needs and the contractual obligations and trying to utilize the force given these restrictions.

Councilman Meyer questioned the Chief on the merit of a regionalized police force. The Chief responded by giving history of regionalization in other places and how this has fared. His choice would be to regionalize some services but with the way New Jersey is set up we would lose the community and police relationship that currently exists.

The Chief and Council discussed the characters of different towns and how that shapes a Police Officer and the Chief felt a regionalized police force would change the entire character of the force as people know it. The Chief gave the example of communications, maintenance and grant writing as areas where regionalization could work.

Councilman Dodge questioned the current status of overtime in the department. He asked what the current figure would be considering the current staffing level.

The Chief deferred to Lt. Ferraro who has been working on this. Lt. Ferraro responded that because of contractual issues there are only certain ways this can be handled. He stated that these aren't exact numbers but about \$27,000 has been incurred in pending overtime money year to date. He stated that he has prorated out to July figuring that by July we hope to have some people back into the patrol division and he knows July is a big month. When questioned by Councilman Dodge on a figure, Lt. Ferraro responded \$17,752. He stated that they are looking at areas where they can cut the staffing on overtime.

Councilman Pellegrino questioned the Administrative side versus the Operational, he asked if a Captains rank is necessary there or could it be handled at a Lieutenant or Sergeant rank. The Chief stated that he felt the Captain rank is necessary and he gave his reasons which were this person has to cover for the Chief in certain instances such as sickness, vacation and training. He stated that it is a tremendous amount of work and responsibility and would affect the morale. Councilman Pellegrino questioned if an Administrative Sergeant and an Operational Captain would work. The Chief responded that the Operational Commander should be younger to keep the troops alive and interested in growing in their jobs. He stated that he felt very strongly that a Captain is required in the Administrative position because theoretically they should become the next Chief as they will learn all the things necessary to run the entire department and all the things you have to deal with concerning the community and outside departments.

The Mayor thanked the Chief and Lt. Ferraro for the presentation and all the information they shared.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Seaman reminded everyone that the articles for the Newsletter are due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

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He reported that he and Lt. Ferraro had attended a seminar sponsored by Senator Lautenberg at Monmouth University. The program discussed the COPS Hiring Grant which would cover all expenses of one officer for three years. Mr. Seaman stated that Lt. Ferraro has done a really good job of putting all the information together for this process. The decision will be made by September 1<sup>st</sup> and the applications are due by the end of May.

Mr. Seaman also informed the Council that we received information regarding the Municipal Open Space Grant Program and that we will be reviewing this with the Borough Engineer to see if any projects that we have would fit the grant specifications which will pay up to \$250,000. Mr. Seaman mentioned the planned recreational trail going around Manson Park and that they would revisit that idea to see if there is a fit with this grant.

Mr. Seaman referred to the letter received from Mr. Zweben requesting the removal of a Resolution passed back in 1998 that renewed his license but placed certain conditions on that license. Mr. Seaman explained that the noise Ordinance is actually more restrictive than the conditions in the Resolution attached to his license. Attorney Barger stated that Mr. Zweben needs to take into consideration that his restaurant is surrounded by houses and his situation is unique. Mr. Barger stated that there is no hardship here nor is the Resolution unreasonable. The Council discussed the situation and concluded that there was no hardship here and originally these conditions were put in place because his restaurant was subjecting the neighboring residents to noise of shattering bottles and music that went beyond a certain hour. The decision was made not to take action on the request from Mr. Zweben.

### **Reports of Council**

**Councilman DeNofa** thanked Councilmen Menapace and DeSalvo for attending the meetings for him as he was on vacation. Mr. DeNofa reported that the painting of parking space lines has been completed in the cul de sac at Sickles Field. He stated that wind screens will be put up on the tennis courts this week. He asked that consideration be given to paving the grass parking area adjoining the cul de sac. He pointed out that it could accommodate over a dozen cars and, joined with resurfacing the basketball court, could be a capital improvement item.

Mr. DeNofa reported that more trees were removed last week at Patterson Avenue Park. He stated that Taylor Fence Co. will be erecting the new fence between the Drucker Family property and Borough property within the next two weeks.

Councilman DeNofa stated that the Department of Public Works will be using \$9,000-\$10,000 in Recycling Trust Fund money to purchase a closed metal container for the collection of electronic recycling. DPW Manager, Bob Wentway, anticipates it will pay for itself in a year with money received from the recycled electronics.

He noted that DPW will be constructing a compost bin where residents can pick up garden compost at the DPW yard.

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Mr. DeNofa reported that Mr. Cranmer, the Borough Engineer, will look at the basketball court and grass parking areas and come up with an estimate to resurface both.

He stated that preliminary clearing of the Hovnanian Project site is underway. He noted that asbestos is being removed from the small office building on Patterson Avenue in preparation for its demolition. In regards to Seashore Estates he reported that Mr. Cranmer has been in touch with their legal counsel regarding their intent to commence work as they were scheduled to start on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman DeNofa reported that the paving job is essentially complete at the Staples/Trader Joe's parking lot. He noted that some pedestrian walkway and signage work still needed to be completed.

In regards to Shrewsbury Plaza, Mr. DeNofa reported that the curbing and other safety improvements are ongoing and that the entrance off of Shrewsbury Avenue is being worked on.

Councilman DeNofa reported that letters have been sent to the residents of the street advising them of the planned work and the timetable involved for Blades Run. He stated that soil borings are being done and tested and that hopefully the job will be bid, awarded and started by August to take advantage of the hot weather to dry the sub soil.

Mr. DeNofa reported that the County has repaired the drain grate areas, patched the holes and depressions in the road surface on White Street. He noted that the only remaining work is to pave.

Councilman Dodge stated that he was concerned about the compost that would be sitting at DPW. He pointed out that there are different kinds of compost and that the neighbors should be considered when deciding on the type of compost they have. He requested that Mr. DeNofa touch base by email with Bob Wentway to make sure the compost will not be an issue to which Mr. DeNofa stated he would do so.

**Councilman DeSalvo** reported that the Electronic Recycling Fair and Earth Day did not experience as big a turnout as they were hoping for. He noted that they had about 100 cars and took in 8,300 pounds of electronics.

**Councilman Dodge** had no report.

**Councilman Menapace** reported that the Shade Tree Commission met on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and once again the Borough received Tree City designation. He stated that the Chair of the Shade Tree, Nancy Schmaltz, would like to make a presentation to the Council on this at some point in June.

**Councilman Meyer** had no report.

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**Councilman Pellegrino** reported that the Memorial Day observance will go on as scheduled this year. Councilman Pellegrino stated that First Aid had a open house to kick off EMS week on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and there was great participation from all the emergency services with everyone demonstrating their equipment including taking a car apart and a demonstration of fingerprinting. He thanked all the services who participated as he felt it turned out to be a great community event.

Mr. Pellegrino questioned the process of maintenance on unoccupied properties in response to phone calls he received from residents. Mr. Seaman stated that with some of the foreclosure properties, of which the Borough had two recently, the Code Enforcement Officer contacts the bank to maintain those properties if the mortgage is held at the bank. If not the Borough reverts to DPW to maintain it and the Borough will attach a lien on the property for the cost incurred by the Borough for maintenance.

Mr. Pellegrino asked about Park Avenue where a letter was sent several years ago requesting no parking at the circle portion. Speaking as a First Aider, the parking on both sides right next to that isle between Crest and Court is concerning. He stated that he can just about get a SUV through there and he knows he would not be able to get an ambulance down that block if it was needed. He requested that this situation be addressed for safety's sake. The Council decided that it should be addressed with the Police. Police Chief Wilson spoke up and stated that he would have the Traffic Safety Officer address all the islands in the Borough to see what the issues are.

The Mayor added that the Memorial Day Observance would take place at 10:00 AM and the format will be changed so the people will be standing under the trees and not standing out in the sun.

### **Mayor's Report**

The Mayor thanked everyone for filling in during his absence and related that he had just gotten back the night before.

### **Correspondence**

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Freeholders are holding their meeting in Eatontown on May 26<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited to attend.

The Clerk inquired about the documentation that the Borough Attorney had supplied to the Council several weeks back on canvassing and the limousine licensing issue. Mr. Barger stated that he felt the Canvassing Ordinance needed to be reviewed and updated. It was decided that the Council would seek the input of the Police Department on revising the Canvassing Ordinance.

The Clerk raised the issue of the need for a Taxi Ordinance as well. Pointing out there was an inquiry on the Borough's policy from a Taxi business who is considering locating in Shrewsbury. The Clerk stated that in order for the Borough Attorney to address the Taxi and Limousine Ordinances, requires authorization by Council, and she just wanted to bring the need for discussion on both of these Ordinances to the Council's attention. It was agreed that these two subjects would be reviewed.

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**Open Meeting to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilman Denofa, 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.

Mr. Bob Donohue, 39 Court Drive, Shrewsbury a resident since 1973 stated that he was a senior citizen, 76 years old, and has been playing tennis on the courts down at Sickles since 1973. He acknowledged that they have been renovated 3 or 4 times during that time. He stated his concern about the cost of a badge and the penalties if you don't purchase a badge. He stated that he felt the Council made a mistake in instituting the cost of the tennis badges.

Councilman Menapace asked Mr. Donohue if he had played on the courts yet to which he replied he had. He asked if he liked them to which Mr. Donohue responded yes, that they are excellent. Best job they have ever done. Mr. Menapace responded to his comment by stating that is precisely the reason for the tennis badge fees. He explained that the courts have a warranty which covers 25 or 30 years but in order to maintain the warranty they have to be recoated every 4 or 5 years and he explained the process required for the recoating. He explained to Mr. Donohue the reason for the tennis user's fee is to help defray the cost of recoating. Mr. Donohue questioned how many badges have been sold. He referred to the Clerk who responded that she had sold 27 or 28 badges way more than the Borough has ever sold before. Councilman Menapace stated that the Borough had a consultant come in to assess the courts and he explained that we could keep patching, patching and patching and it would still be a problem because of the subsurface. The solution to the problem required securing the subsurface and covering it with a synthetic. Previously, water would get down in the cracks and separate the court but the new surface is not permeable to water. Mr. Menapace stated he knew that the amount collected through the tennis badges would not make a huge dent in covering the cost, however, at least this badge acts as a user's fee so the people that use the courts contribute to maintaining the warranty so the courts will remain as playable and nice as they are now. Councilman Menapace added that he too fits into the senior citizen category on a fixed income and \$20 does not strike him as huge cost for the use of the court.

Mr. Donohue stated he could afford it but he just doesn't feel he should have to pay that when he has been paying his taxes all these years. He questioned not having to pay if you are under 16. He gave examples of where he gets a break for being a senior citizen and questioned why Shrewsbury couldn't do the same. He requested the Council to rethink it and provide a break to senior citizens.

Councilman Dodge spoke about the issue of kids going in and using skateboards on the tennis courts which would void the warranty so the Borough needed to control the access and usage of the courts.

Mr. Donohue stated that he does not have a computer and doesn't get a newsletter so he didn't know what was going on. Mr. Seaman explained that newsletters are available at the Borough.

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The Mayor stated that Mr. Donohue might want to keep checking the bulletin board at the Fire House which has current information of interest for the residents and the information is typically left up for 7 days.

Mr. Donohue again asked for consideration on the tennis badge fee.

**Close Meeting to the Public**

A motion was made by Councilman Pellegrino, 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**

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Pellegrino to authorize the payment of all bills as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for \$89, 353.34. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

*Councilman Meyer motioned to reduce the tennis court fee by 50% for those over 65 years old and for those who have already purchased a badge, and are in this category, receive a refund and to revise the Ordinance to achieve this, seconded by Councilman Dodge. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.*

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

A motion was made by Councilman DeNofa, seconded by Councilman Menapace to reenter into an executive session at 9:23 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. The Mayor reread Resolution #2011-47 to re-enter into executive session.

**Reconvene Regular Meeting**

Mayor Burden reconvened the public meeting at 10:22 PM. Present were Council Members DeNofa, DeSalvo, Dodge, Menapace, Meyer and Pellegrino. Also present was Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn at 10:24 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

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