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### **Meeting Called to Order**

The public meeting convened at 7:05 PM.

### **Resolution #2017-49A (Executive Session)**

Mayor Burden read Resolution #2017-49A to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #2017-49A, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

### **Presiding Officer's Statement**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 4(a) of C.231, P.L. 1975, the required 48 hour advance notice of this meeting was given by mailing/faxing a copy of the agenda to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, in addition, to posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on April 14, 2017 by the Municipal Clerk.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer  
Also Present: Borough Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman & Clerk Kathleen Krueger  
Absent: Councilmembers DerAsadourian & Moran

### **Salute to Flag**

Led by Mayor Burden

### **Approval of Minutes – March 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo & Eddy  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Meyer

### **Approval of Minutes – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson & DeSalvo  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Eddy & Meyer

### **Proclamation for Arbor Day**

Mayor Burden read the proclamation into the record.

### **Tree City USA Presentation by William Gerth**

Mr. Gerth stated that Shrewsbury is celebrating their 19<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA and stated the Borough should celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> year. He reviewed the requirements that constitute being

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considered a Tree City. Mr. Gerth thanked the members of the Shade Tree Commission for all their work and noted that they performed over 500 volunteer hours in 2016 and listed all their accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year. He also listed the Shade Tree Commission's various community outreach programs including lectures, consults, and plan reviews. Mr. Gerth thanked the Council and expressed the importance of developing a maintenance program for trees on the Borough property.

**Consent Agenda**

**Resolution #2017-46 (Appoint Municipal Prosecutor: James Butler)**

**Resolution #2017-37 (2017 Towing Licenses)**

**Paint the Town Pink Request: Banner Across Patterson Avenue & Bows on  
Fire Permit Inspection Fee Waiver for the Foundation for Shrewsbury Education  
Fundraiser (\$42.00)**

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilmen Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Resolution #2017-48 (Opposing the Monmouth County Reliability Project)**

Councilman Anderson explained what the Monmouth County Reliability Project entailed and he expressed his concern that JCP&L could decide to continue further south into Shrewsbury Borough. He also explained the issues and the opposition to the project. Councilman Meyer pointed out that Councilmen Anderson and Moran jointly brought this resolution to Council. Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #2017-48, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Resolution #2017-49 (Public Hearing/Adoption of 2017 Budget)**

Councilman Eddy stated that the Council held the budget workshop and introduced the budget about a month ago in addition to noting the amount that needed to be raised by taxes.

**Open the Meeting to the Public for Comment**

Councilman Anderson motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by all Council Members present.

**Close the Meeting to the Public**

With no one from the public wishing to speak, Councilman Anderson motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by all Council Members present.

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**Adoption of the 2017 Municipal Budget**

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve Resolution #2017-49, seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Eddy thanked everyone who worked on this year's budget.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1032 - SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING: Bond Ordinance Providing for the Improvements to Various Roads and Appropriating \$400,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$380,000 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs**

Councilman Eddy explained that this is the allocation in the budget for road improvements and explained that doing this early in the spring can save them money. He noted that the roads included in this were Marc Court, Corn Lane, and White Road adding that these roads were planned for in the Borough's Road Program.

**Open the Meeting to the Public for Comments on Ordinance No. 1032**

Councilman Eddy motioned to open the meeting to the public which was seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved by all Council Members present.

Bill Gerth, 33 East End Avenue, Shrewsbury inquired how roads get added to the list on the road program noting that some of the roads that are newer are higher on the list than others that are in poor shape. Councilman Eddy explained that they are going on the Borough Engineer's recommendation based on road quality. He stated that if Mr. Gerth has a concern about a road he should reach out to the engineer. Mr. Gerth suggested having all roads in the Borough graded so people can better understand the process and allow for more transparency. Councilman Anderson stated that the 25 year Road Program is available for viewing in the administration offices. Mr. Gerth complimented the Council's prudence in this matter.

**Ordinance No. 1032 Close the Meeting to the Public**

Councilman Anderson motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Meyer and approved by all Council Members present.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1032, seconded by Councilman Meyer and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**Administrator's Report**

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Mr. Seaman reported that since the budget has now passed he plans to introduce several capital ordinances at the next meeting. He stated that the items included in these ordinances have already been reviewed by both the Finance Committee and the department's committee. He noted that no money would be spent on these ordinances until 20 days after the second reading and at that time we would move forward with the quote process

### **Reports of Council**

Councilman Anderson reported that there will be a meeting at the Shrewsbury Borough School in the Media Center on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to discuss the referendum for SBS. He noted that the Shrewsbury First Aid will be hosting a bowling fundraiser on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Councilman Anderson stated that Memorial Day will once again be observed at Patriot Isle with the school gym as backup in the case of inclement weather.

Councilman DeSalvo reported that baseball starts on April 18th and the fields are ready to go.

Councilman Eddy reported on an upcoming insurance meeting to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> where they would be reviewing health care initiatives.

Councilman Meyer had nothing to report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burden reported on the various meetings he had attended in the previous few weeks. He informed the Council on the dates for the upcoming Earth Day Borough Wide Clean Up which would be held on April 22 and SYAA's Opening Day to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> in addition to other events he would be attending.

### **Correspondence**

Municipal Clerk Krueger stated that there was no additional correspondence.

### **Open the Meeting to the Public**

Councilman Anderson motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Council present.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue, Shrewsbury questioned why the Council passes items on the consent agenda for example Resolution #2017-48 without input from the community. Mr. Seaman stated that the Council does not have to open the meeting to the public for resolutions. Councilman Anderson provided Mr. Minis with the history of Resolution #2017-48. Clerk Krueger commented on the numerous e-mails she had received concerning the issue of the JCP&L project. Mr. Minis stated that the resolution was explained well but that this was the first he heard of it. Mr. Anderson explained that the budget resolution has a statutory requirement to open the meeting to the public where other resolutions do not. Mr. Minis informed the Council that he thinks they should be opened to the public. He stated that he wanted to ask about the cost

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for the new prosecutor and in addition to why towing licenses are required which both questions were answered by Councilman Anderson.

Mr. Minis stated that he has seen teens using the basketball courts which is good but noted that they left water bottles on the courts that he collected. He stated that he believed more recycle bins could be added at Manson Park. Councilman Anderson explained that one use only water bottles are not allowed on Borough Property.

Judith Cramer, 10 Willow Court, Shrewsbury stated that she has only attended a handful of meetings and feels that she is uneducated on what is going on in the Borough. She stated that she does attend the Community Garden meetings and thanked the Council for the garden. Ms. Cramer stated that she will be attending more meetings because it is important for people to be involved in all levels of government at this point in time. She stated that it was a pleasure to be here and she would be attending more meetings in the future.

Bill Gerth, 33 East End Avenue, Shrewsbury commented on the importance of Resolution #2017-48. He explained that the type of power lines that they are proposing have huge vegetation restrictions. He asked people to think about how peoples properties back right up to the New Jersey Transit lines and that many of these property owners will have much of their vegetation torn out and added that he does not want to see that possibly happening in Shrewsbury. Mr. Gerth stated that he thought it was wise to oppose the project until alternatives or needs are better understood. Councilman Anderson stated that during Superstorm Sandy or Irene, it was not the transmission line that had issues it was the distribution lines that had the issues, the ones in our neighborhoods. Mr. Gerth stated that he had been over to the JCP&L coordination center and noted that they have built in many backups that wouldn't need this. He questioned if JCP&L was insisting about adding another 230 line why couldn't they come from the Freehold area.

Mr. Gerth shared his vision of Park Avenue with the Council. He noted that there were some legacy ash trees that were planted on the islands in the 1920's. Mr. Gerth stated that as the trees continue to grow it affects the curb and road. He commented that one solution is just taking out all the trees but the challenging part is that the islands add to the character of the community. He proposed widening the islands an additional two feet on each to allow the trees to breathe and replant trees that have been lost. Mr. Gerth commented on the width of Crest Drive which is comparable to Park Avenue. He stated that he believes their original intention was to add islands to that street as well and asked why not fulfil that vision. He asked the Council to think about it for the future.

#### **Close the Meeting to the Public.**

Councilman Anderson motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by all Council present.

#### **Payment of the Bills**

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Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$53,617.87, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**Adjourn**

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53PM, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

**Approve:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donald Burden – Mayor