

JANUARY 3, 2017

### **Meeting Called to Order**

The reorganizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury convened at 6:30PM.

### **Salute to the Flag**

Shrewsbury Borough Boy Scout Troop #50 presented the colors and led the Salute to the Flag.

### **Mayor's State of the Borough Address**

Mayor Burden congratulated the four Councilmembers who were reelected during the general election.

Mayor Burden pointed out that 2016 had many events that could alter the character of Shrewsbury Borough. He stated that the community welcomed The Ivy and The Enclave residents. He noted that new businesses were established on Broad Street and Shrewsbury Avenue. Mayor Burden thanked the Zoning Board for all the work they have completed this past year. He stated that they have never had fuller agendas with having to review plans for two new assisted livings, The Shadowbrook, Quick Chek, and ShopRite which required many special meetings.

Mayor Burden stated that pedestrian, bike, and traffic safety is always a concern for our Council and residents. He noted that after a lot of hard work with the County the Borough now has a safer cross walk on Sycamore Avenue. He added that the Colonial Drive path and bridge to Parker Place was repaired, several streets were repaved, and improvements were made to Obre Place. Mayor Burden informed the public of the pressure the Borough put on the DOT to have portions of Broad Street repaved this year. He reported that the Borough would be meeting with the DOT in January to discuss the Council's remaining concerns with the road. Mayor Burden discussed the success of the Safe Routes to School program and also added that the Borough would be monitoring the change in traffic patterns caused by the reopening of the Avenue of the Memories through Fort Monmouth.

Mayor Burden stated that the Borough had many improvements to its open space in 2016, in particular the parks. He went on to list all the improvements that were made to Manson and Sickles Parks. Mayor Burden expressed how lucky the Shrewsbury residents are to live at the Historic Four Corners and discussed the completed upgrades to the Quaker Meeting House and Allen House. He also commented on the upcoming improvements scheduled to be made at Christ Church and the Wardell House.

Mayor Burden stated that 2017 will bring its own challenges which will require "out of the box thinking" and treading on unfamiliar ground. He discussed how cost containment will cause the Borough to aggressively seek shared services. He declared that the Council cannot be parochial in its thinking and that it cannot be business as usual. Mayor Burden stated that it is important to retain the best things that bring people and businesses to Shrewsbury, but if the Borough wants to address the tax issue, some hard decisions need to be made. He noted that at the same time they need to continue to invest and support the Borough's infrastructure.

In closing, Mayor Burden thanked the Administrative staff, Police, DPW, First Aid, and the Shrewsbury Hose Company members for all their commitment to the Borough, ensuring its needs are met day in and day out. He also thanked the many volunteers who contribute their time and energy to the Borough. In addition, Mayor Burden also thanked the Council for their continued support, energies, and commitment to the responsibilities of overseeing the government. He quoted Governor Christie saying "Mayors and Council People have some of the most thankless jobs in New Jersey; you work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and everyone in town thinks you are in charge of everything in town."

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Mayor Burden ended by thanking the public for their continued support and wished everyone a happy 2017.

**Councilmember's Oath of Office: Thomas L. Moran**

Freeholder Lillian Burry administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Thomas L. Moran.

**Councilmember's Oath of Office: Erik Anderson**

Freeholder Lillian Burry administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Erik Anderson while his children held the Bible.

**Councilmember's Oath of Office: Deidre DerAsadourian**

Freeholder Lillian Burry administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian.

Mayor Burden noted that Councilman Meyer was delayed traveling for business and would be with them later this evening.

**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 December 30, 2016 by the Municipal Clerk.

**Roll Call**

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

**Election of the Council President**

Councilwoman DerAsadourian moved to appoint Councilman DeSalvo as Council President, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, Eddy & Moran  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**Swearing in of Shrewsbury Hose Company & First Aid Officers**

Mayor Burden asked Freeholder John Curley to come forward and swear in the Shrewsbury Hose Company and First Aid Officers. Freeholder Curley administered the oath to Fire Chief Bruce MacDonald, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief John J. Merris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Edward Magenheimer, Chief Engineer Nicholas Hubbard Jr., and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Engineer Mike Ernst of the Shrewsbury Hose Company. The oath was also administered to Captain David Tyler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant George Richdale Jr., and Engineer Rolf Kamp of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad. Freeholder Curley thanked all the officials for their service.

**Resolution #2017-01 (Establishing Time & Place of the Meetings of the Mayor & Council)**

**Resolution #2017-02 (Appoint Council Committees, Liaisons & Procedures of Claim Payments)**

**Resolution #2017-03 (Designating Official Newspapers)**

**Resolution #2017-04 (Designating 2017 Borough Holidays)**

**Resolution #2017-05 (Designating Official Depositories of Borough Funds)**

**Resolution #2017-06 (Authorize Deposit of Borough Idle Funds in Designated Depositories)**

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**Resolution #2017-07 (Establishing a Grace Period & Interest Rates)**

**Resolution #2017-08 (Temporary Budget)**

**Resolution #2017-09 (Authorize Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Approval of Bills List)**

**Resolution #2017-10 (Various Professional Services)**

**Resolution #2017-11 (Appoint Monmouth Cty. Community Development Representatives)**

**Resolution #2017-12 (Appoint MEL-JIF Representatives)**

**Resolution #2017-13 (Elect Council President to Serve in Absence of Mayor)**

**Resolution #2017-14 (Designate Responsibilities of Council)**

**Mayoral Appointments of Borough Officials with the Advice & Consent of Council**

**Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions**

**Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions with Advice & Consent of Council**

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolutions #2017-01 to #2017-14 and all appointments to Boards, Committees, and Commissions as a consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Oaths of Office: Boards, Committees & Commissions**

Mayor Burden invited anyone from the public being appointed to a Borough Board, Committee, or Commission to come forward to be sworn in at this time. No one from the public came forward.

**Adjourn to Regular Public Meeting**

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the Reorganizational Meeting at 6:55 PM, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

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

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