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### **Meeting Called to Order**

The public meeting convened at 7:23 PM.

### **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

### **Salute to Flag**

Led by Mayor Burden.

### **Approval of Minutes: December 5, 2016**

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following vote:

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

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **~~Resolution #2017-15 (Appropriation Reserve Transfer #1)~~**

#### **Mayoral Appointment to Zoning Board: Robert Pietrocola as Alt. Member #2**

#### **Authorize Mayor & Clerk to sign 2017 Renewal Contract for Bond Counsel Services**

Mr. Seaman explained the need for the transfer to the Council. Councilwoman DerAsadourian questioned why buildings and grounds needed these funds. Councilman Anderson withdrew Resolution #2017-15 from the Consent

Agenda. Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Mayoral Appointment and authorize the signatures, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:

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

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Seaman reported the newsletter has been posted on the Borough's website. He also commented on the Assessor's meeting with residents of The Enclave and noted that although they understand, they still are not happy that there was an increase in their taxes. Mr. Seaman

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stated that 2016 accounts are currently being closed out and final reports will be passed along to the Finance Committee.

### **Reports of Council**

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian had nothing to report.

Councilman Eddy reported that the Budget Workshop should be in March. He also noted that in January he would be meeting, individually, with other Council Members to go over the budget.

Councilman Moran reported on DPW's continued winter preparations and listed the items that they would be working on in the upcoming two weeks. He noted that for this past snow storm, The Ivy and The Enclave were plowed by DPW for the first time and there were no incidents.

Councilman Meyer's report was read by Mayor Burden who noted that the Borough Prosecutor, Jim Ronan, would be retiring this year.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Burden reported on his recent activities including the Annual Menorah Lighting. He read a portion of his speech from the event into the record which acknowledged long term residents, Murray & Celia Tracy, for helping to integrate Jewish traditions into our community.

### **Correspondence**

Municipal Clerk Krueger stated that the County Freeholders were going to sponsor a class for elected officials at Brookdale Community College in January. She requested those interested in attending to reach out to her.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian questioned if the speed bumps in either of the two new developments hindered the plowing effort, which Councilman Moran stated they did not effect it.

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

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

Freeholder Lillian Burry stated that they brought greetings from Monmouth County. She stated that she would be nominating Donald Burden's name for a position with the County's Historical Commission. Freeholder Burry stated that the street, discussed earlier in the night connecting Route 35 and Oceanport Avenue, was commonly known as "Avenue of Memories" when Fort Monmouth was operational. She noted that the county has taken custody of that road and it would reopen on January 17<sup>th</sup>. She explained how this would help traffic in Shrewsbury.

Councilman Moran inquired as to why, when Sycamore Avenue was repaved, the County stopped at Shrewsbury Avenue. Freeholder Burry stated that she would take that up with the County DPW.

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Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling praised Shrewsbury Borough for their holiday events and wished the Borough continued success in 2017.

Assemblywoman Joann Downey apologized that she could not attend all the Borough's holiday events but stated that she received great feedback about them. She stated that Assemblyman Houghtaling and she were always available to the Borough if needed. Assemblywoman Downey stated that they are very proud of this town and also noted that the Santa at the pancake breakfast was wonderful. She wished everyone a successful, happy, and healthy New Year.

Councilman Anderson inquired as to the status of the Municipal Consolidation bill that had been previously dropped. Assemblywoman Downey stated that she is not sure of its status at this time but would look into it. Councilman Moran asked if there was going to be any major legislation this year. Assemblywoman Downey stated that they hoped to work on school funding, and advised the Council if they had any concerns on any bills, to please contact them. Unidentified Attendee questioned whether the legal advertising requirement for municipalities would be reconsidered. Assemblywoman Downey stated that it may come back but it was connected to various other non-favorable items. Councilman Anderson discussed with the Assembly members the lack of good candidates for judge positions. Assemblywoman Downey discussed some of the problems with the legislature and the governor being of different parties.

Mayor Burden addressed the issue of legal advertising noting that ads should be streamlined and reformatted to be easier to find and read. He also noted that he is surprised that environmental groups have not been upset over the waste of paper created by this requirement. Assemblywoman Downey stated that she liked the idea and would pass it along.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury wished the Council a happy new year and congratulated the reelected officials. She thanked the Mayor for dealing with very hard and difficult issues. Ms. Clark stated that residents are concerned with the rising taxes and spending. She stated that it is a shame when she hears people say that they need to move because of the taxes. Again, she thanked the Council for dealing with these hard issues. Ms. Clark also thanked the Borough for getting their information into 'The Journal' publication.

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

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Anderson motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by all Council present.

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

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$165,475.18, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by the following vote:

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

#### **Resolution #2017-15 (Appropriation Reserve Transfer #1)**

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Councilman Anderson inquired if Mr. Seaman was able to locate additional information concerning the transfer. *Councilman Anderson motioned to go into a five minute recess to allow Mr. Seaman to locate the information. The meeting went into recess at 7:24PM.*

The meeting reconvened at 7:32PM. Mr. Seaman stated that he was unable to locate the paperwork but did speak to the DPW Manager who confirmed the bills were for Johnny on the Spot Port a Potty, Little Silver Electric and patch work from Stavola. Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained that the monies used to upgrade the parks came from the Open Space Trust so she didn't understand how the park budget was short of funds. Mr. Seaman offered to give her a complete analysis of the parks budget and also informed the Council that the continued tightening of the budget has left very little wiggle room. Mayor Burden stated that there is a bill that needs to be paid and noted that the maintenance of the parks is a different issue. Councilwoman DerAsadourian expressed to Council that she is concerned that with the new improvements, the cost required will surpass of the parks budget. Councilman Eddy explained how transfers are used.

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #2017-15, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

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

### **Adjourn**

Councilman Moran motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

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