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Meeting Called to Order

The public meeting convened at 7:00 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 June 2, 2017 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

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

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden.

Resolution #2017-58 (Hire Probationary Police Officer: Kyle F. Ludwig)

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to approve Resolution #2017-58, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson & DerAsadourian
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Moran

Swearing in of Officer Kyle F. Ludwig

Mayor Burden swore in Officer Ludwig while his mother, Susan, pinned his badge on to his uniform. Officer Ludwig's swearing in was witnessed by a large number of the Police Department. After taking pictures, Officer Ludwig, thanked the Mayor and members of Council.

Accept Resignation of John M. Collins from the Planning Board & Environmental Commission

Accept Resignation of Maureen B. Collins from the Shrewsbury Community Garden

Mayor Burden stated that he accepted the resignations of both John & Maureen Collins since they will be moving out of the Borough.

Mayoral Appointment to Planning Board: Neill Groom as Alt. #2

Mayor Burden stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Groom as Alternate #2 to the Planning Board.

Mayoral Appointment to the Shrewsbury Community Garden Committee: Della Benevides

Mayor Burden also appointed Della Benevides to the Community Garden Committee.

Discussion: Open Space Project at Sickles Park

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Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Borough's Open Space Committee met with Monmouth County Park System representatives to talk about various opportunities and grants available. Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to approve \$1,500 for plans involving a new access trail as well as additional new features. She noted this would also cover the application fee for the Engineer to move forward with the plans for Sickles Park, and the matching grant through the county. She explained some of the items that would be included in this revitalizing of Sickles Park. Ms. DerAsadourian stated that this plan would also allow access to the park from other neighborhoods thus benefiting the Safe Routes to School program. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion which was approved by the following vote:

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

*Councilman Meyer entered the meeting at 7:11PM.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2017-59 (Refund for Overpayment of Taxes)

~~Resolution #2017-60 (Hire Part-Time Summer DPW Employee: Evan Tyler)~~

**Resolution #2017-61 (Renewal Liquor License for Shrewsbury Restaurant, LLC
T/A Albariño Restaurant)**

**Resolution #2017-62 (Renewal Liquor License for The Estate LLC T/A
Shadowbrook at Shrewsbury)**

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Resolution #2017-60, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution #2017-60 (Hire Part-Time Summer DPW Employee: Evan Tyler)

Councilman Anderson stated that the pay rate should be \$12.00. Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #2017-60, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following vote:

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman reported that the Borough received a grant for road improvements for Monroe and North Monroe Avenues. He stated that the Auditors will be attending the next meeting, the newsletter deadline has been extended, and noted that there is an insurance meeting this week.

Reports of Council

Councilman Anderson reported that the ladder truck was delivered but is currently being fitted out. He noted that the Memorial Day Ceremony was a success.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that she already reported on Sickles Park.

Councilman DeSalvo's report was read by Mayor Burden. Mayor Burden stated that Councilman DeSalvo attended an internet safety class run by the Community Alliance.

Councilman Meyer reported Chief Ferraro's last day is July 1st.

Councilman Moran reported on various DPW issues including brush collection. He also noted that Avenue of the Common and Other Municipal Road Improvement projects would go out to bid shortly.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on all the meetings, events, and activities he attended in the past two weeks. He thanked everyone for their help in making the Memorial Day Ceremony a success.

Correspondence

Municipal Clerk Krueger reminded everyone that the Primary Election is June 6th and that District 2 now votes at Borough Hall instead of the First Aid Squad Building.

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.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury questioned the procedure in asking the State to change the traffic light setting for the corner of Route 35 and White Street to include a turn signal. Mayor Burden explained that this type of request needs to come from the Police Department. The Council discussed Ms. Clark's concerns and how the school crossing impacts that intersection.

****Councilman Eddy entered the meeting at 7:23PM.**

Tammy Martin, 61 Heritage Drive, Shrewsbury stated that she was at the meeting to represent the Heritage Homeowner's Association and inquired about the procedure to see the plans for the proposed changes to Sickles Park. She stated that some residents are for connecting Sickles Park to their community and others are not. Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained that the Borough is only at the start of a long process which would include a public meeting and approval from the County.

Ms. Martin stated that outside Heritage Drive, the road is riddled with potholes and asked what the plans were to correct them. Councilman Moran explained that White Road is one of the roads included in the Various Roads Project which is going out to bid. Councilman Anderson stated that the Borough was planning on hot patching the holes for the time being.

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Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue, Shrewsbury inquired as to the status of Seabrook House on White Street. Attorney Barger stated that there has been extensive communications between the Borough and Seabrook House. He explained that he cannot go into greater detail as it may go into litigation. Mr. Minis stated that he attended the viewing today of a 26 year old who was friends with his son and had a drug habit. He stated that having counseling to assist troubled people is a good thing. He acknowledged that other residents are upset with the location but said that the Borough should figure out some other place in town for it. Mr. Minis stated that counseling is a positive thing. Attorney Barger explained that individual and family counseling is permitted and explained that group therapy was not a permitted use for the B1 zone. Mr. Minis asked people to remember that it could be their child or grandchild, someone you have known your whole life. He stated that he understands that what they want to do may not meet our zoning requirements, but suggested there could be a negotiation to possibly move them to another location.

Mr. Minis inquired on the status of the Shadowbrook at Shrewsbury's appeal. Councilman Moran stated that there is a court date scheduled for July 25th.

Mr. Minis asked about grass clippings and DPW picking them up even if they are not supposed to. Councilman Moran stated that the Code Enforcement Officer should be giving warnings to people who leave them out and DPW shouldn't be picking them up.

Mr. Minis questioned who was on the Open Space Committee. Councilwoman DerAsadourian named the members of Council who are on the Open Space Committee and noted that they keep in contact with the Chair's of the Recreation Committee, Shade Tree Commission, and Environmental Commission.

Stuart White, 24 White Street, Shrewsbury stated that he had attended the last Council meeting at which there were a lot of questions and comments on Seabrook House. He stated that not a lot was known about what was going on at Seabrook House. He inquired as to the number of times that the Code Enforcement Office has visited Seabrook House for zoning violations since the last meeting. Attorney Barger stated that he has been there almost daily but cannot answer if anything was found. The Council stated that they are staying on top of the issue but cannot address the issue due to possible litigation.

Amanda Ngo, 118 Borden Street, Shrewsbury asked if Seabrook House was currently operating, seeing patients, and holding a business license. Attorney Barger stated that there was activity there. Ms. Ngo asked if there were a certain number of infractions that they could have before being shut down. Attorney Barger stated that they could not discuss it. Councilman Anderson explained the normal code enforcement process. Ms. Ngo stated that she thinks they could come together as a community with Seabrook House and help them move to another location. She stated that this situation is heartbreaking.

Close the Meeting to the Public.

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

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Payment of the Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$2,428,564.24, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following vote:

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

Adjourn to Executive Session

Mayor Burden stated that the Council needed to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Meyer motioned to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by all Councilmember present. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:44 PM.

Public Meeting Reconvened

The public meeting reconvened at 8:08 PM

Adjourn

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Donald Burden – Mayor