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Meeting Called to Order

The public meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

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 October 13, 2017 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

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

Salute to Flag

Led by Council President DeSalvo.

Council President DeSalvo welcomed the new Deputy Clerk Kerry Quinn and expressed the Council's pleasure with having her join the staff.

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting August 21, 2017

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting September 5, 2017

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of September 5, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting September 18, 2017

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting October 3, 2017

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Red Ribbon Week of Respect – “Our School Rocks Bully & Drug Free” Honoring the Following 8th Grade Students Chosen for “Kindness Rocks”:

Annie Calao	Elizabeth Konefal
Patrick Cody	Molly Lonergan
Isabelle Duffy	Joseph Martelli
Jack Foote	Cameron Stack
Jack Kilgallon	Lily Thompson

Councilman DeSalvo stated that he has been a Council Liaison to the Community Alliance since he joined the Council. He acknowledged the incredible energy and work the Alliance has done and specifically thanked Nikki Barreca for all her hard work over the years. Councilman DeSalvo noted that the Police Department puts in a significant amount of time and he acknowledged the work put into this week by Marissa Shaheen. He stated that we are very lucky to have them all and he implored everyone to get involved as help is always needed.

Nikki Barreca Co-Chair of the Shrewsbury Community Alliance addressed the Council. She thanked Mayor Burden and the Council members, Kathy Krueger and Karen Lloyd in the Borough offices, the Shrewsbury Borough Police Department, Mr. MacConnell, Ms. Shaheen and the entire faculty and staff at SBS for their support. She thanked everyone for their support of the Alliance over the years noting that in January she will be stepping down after 7 years as Co-Chair. She stated that the message the Alliance promotes is so important for the children to hear and she has been honored to be a part of this organization. Ms. Barreca stated that in January, Elizabeth Jannuzzi and Stefanie Fishbein will be taking over for her and Cate Moore as Co-Chairs, and she wished them luck and hoped they enjoy working on the Alliance as much as they did. Ms. Barreca stated that this year’s theme was “Our school rocks bully and drug free”. The students handed bags to the Council with some of the giveaways that were distributed to the students and staff during Red Ribbon Week. Ms. Barreca listed the different activities they did during their special week which included daily dress up days, appearances by the SBS mascot and Shrewsbury Police Department Officers Boyd, Paulson and Officer Fox who read to the Pre K through 4th grade students. Ms. Barreca stated that the school enjoyed a wonderful assembly where BMX bikers did exciting stunts while promoting the drug and bully free message, as well as two other important messages, always wear your helmet and stay in school. Ms. Barreca stated that the Alliance supported the ‘Kindness Rocks Project’ and introduced Ms. Shaheen, Guidance Counselor at the school who explained more about the project.

Ms. Shaheen thanked everyone for their part in this important week. She thanked Nikki Barreca for her service to the Community Alliance for the past 7 years. Ms. Shaheen introduced the students who were part of the SBS ‘Kindness Rocks Project’ by reading each student’s name. Each student then spoke about the ‘Kindness Rocks Project’ and explained the origin and how this national movement became a worldwide endeavor promoting kindness. They explained that Shrewsbury Borough School decided to incorporate this project into their Red Ribbon Week since the messages aligns with the focus and intent of Red Ribbon Week. They stated that the

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Petruzzelli Brothers Landscape Co. donated 600 rocks to the school and Monmouth Building Center donated a supply of paint as well. The students stated that once the rocks were painted with their inspirational and peaceful messages, their intent was to install rock gardens in several places around the Shrewsbury community. They asked permission of Mayor Burden to place one of the rock gardens at the Municipal Center. The students stated that their hope is to spread kindness, positivity and hope in the community. The students then presented all the Council with a rock with an inspirational message on it and requested that they keep, share with a friend who needs inspiration, or leave their rock for another.

Councilman Anderson motioned to allow the placement of these rocks around Borough Hall, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by all Council members present.

The Council thanked the students and Ms. Shaheen and Ms. Barreca. The students had their picture taken with the Council in front of the dais. Ms. Shaheen and Ms. Barreca thanked the Council. Council President DeSalvo again recognized Nikki Barreca for her service to the children of the Borough and her contribution to the program over the years. He stated that he also wanted to recognize Sgt. Jessica Boyd for her work with the Alliance Program.

Consent Agenda

Request by Ocean State Job Lot to Waive Hours of Operation for Thanksgiving (9:00AM – 11:00PM) and on Black Friday (6:00AM- 11:00PM)

~~Resolution #2017-88 (Opposing Proposed OPRA and OPMA Legislation)~~

Councilman Anderson requested that Resolution #2017-88 be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the request by Ocean State Job Lot to waive the hours of operation for Thanksgiving and Black Friday clarifying that this was done last year and there were no problems or disruption to the surrounding community with noise or crowds, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution #2017-88 (Opposing Proposed OPRA and OPMA Legislation)

Councilman Anderson stated that he didn't know enough about this and requested this Resolution be carried to the next meeting. The Clerk stated that it was a resolution supported by the League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Clerk's Association because of the hardship that has already been placed on Municipalities. She explained this proposed amendment to the current legislation would make the issue even more burdensome to Municipal offices. Councilwoman DerAsadourian and Councilman Moran stated they too would like to know more about this legislation before they voted and the Council agreed this should be carried to the next meeting. The Clerk agreed to supply the Council with the additional information they needed before voting on this Resolution.

Approve the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Developer's Agreement with Sunrise Development, Inc.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian questioned if there was any report from the Engineer in reference to this request. Attorney Barger stated that he, Dave Cranmer the Borough Engineer, Michele

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Donato the Planning Board Attorney, have all reviewed it and found no issues with the Agreement.

Councilman Moran motioned to approve the Mayor and Clerk signing the Developer's Agreement with Sunrise Development, Inc., seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Resolution #2017-89 (Approval to Submit and Execute a Grant Application and Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Improvements to Obre Place Project)

Councilwoman DerAsadourian questioned if this was a request for the Engineer to put together a plan. Councilman Moran explained that this was a request to allow the Engineer to apply for a grant from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the paving of Obre Place. The Council discussed capping the cost for the grant submittal process. The Council explained, for the public's benefit, how the Borough has been successful in seeking grants from the DOT for the repaving of streets in the Borough.

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Resolution #2017-89 with the amendment that the cost not exceed \$2,500, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman reported that Performance Reviews/Appraisals forms would be sent out to each department head in the next few weeks. Mr. Seaman reported on a meeting with a representative from the State Police, along with Jerzy Chojnacki and Mayor Burden, concerning our Hazardous Emergency Preparedness Grant. He stated they reviewed our grant reporting information which was determined to be in good standing.

Mr. Seaman noted that he had two change orders from the Borough Engineer Dave Cranmer. He noted that the first Change Order is for Avenue of the Common involving L&L Paving and is a decrease of \$44,844.00.

Councilman Moran motioned to approve the Change Order decreasing the amount paid for Avenue of the Common in the amount of \$44,844.00, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Eddy explained for the public, that as the road projects proceed we will have change orders in both directions.

Mr. Seaman stated the second change order is for a road improvement program which includes additional paving work for Colonial Drive for \$12,774.85.

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Councilman Moran motioned to approve the change order to add on the cost of paving Colonial Drive in the amount of \$12,774.85, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Moran commented that the timing was excellent as the contractor was already mobilized allowing the Borough to save on future cost for this project.

Reports of Council

Councilman Anderson reported that the SBS Board of Education meeting was scheduled for the next night.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported that we are in the process of searching for a new Clerk when Ms. Krueger retires. She stated that the first Cross Country meet was held at Manson Park with the addition of the new track. She noted that it worked out well and she wanted to acknowledge DPW for the great job they did getting the track ready for the meet.

Councilman DeSalvo acknowledged the great job done by the Community Alliance with Red Ribbon Week.

Councilman Eddy reported that the Finance Committee is in the process of obtaining preliminary budget estimates from all the Borough groups, targeting having that information to the Administrator in early November. He stated initial budget meetings with the departments would be scheduled for early December. Mr. Eddy commented that the goal is to resolve budgetary issues so the budget can be in place by early next year.

Councilman Meyer was not present at the meeting.

Councilman Moran reported that the capital improvement program has been very successful. He noted that Colonial Drive was paved with the savings realized from other road projects. Mr. Moran stated that the machine recently purchased for DPW is doing an excellent job on the ball field. He commented on the compliments received on how the ball fields are being maintained. Councilman Moran stated that the Borough's contractor L&L provided a roller to work the path around Manson Park for an area that had washed out. He reported that the work has been completed which makes it more conducive for usage.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Burden was not present at the meeting.

Correspondence

Municipal Clerk Krueger reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote in the November General Election is October 17th..

Open the Meeting to the Public

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

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Jen Kilgallon, 135 Patterson Avenue, Shrewsbury spoke about the aggressive speeding and driving she is witnessing in town. Ms. Kilgallon pulled up a video on her phone that she had taken the previous Saturday when she was working outside in her yard around 4:00PM. The video showed a car speeding up on an area near her doing around 45 to 55 miles an hour as it passed another car very aggressively. The Council viewed the video. The sounds of the screeching car could be heard in the meeting room without viewing the video. Councilman DeSalvo stated that they would be having a Police Committee meeting and that they would address her concerns with Lt. Turner. **Ms. Kilgallon** stated that the speeding and aggressive driving is done by Verizon trucks, school buses and cars as they fly up Patterson Avenue to get to the Parkway at all hours of the day. Councilman Moran spoke about the mechanisms they put in place like narrowing the road in an attempt to curtail some of this activity. **Ms. Kilgallon** stated that she has no problem calling the police if that would help as they are always responsive. The Council suggested placing police cars there periodically. She noted, to their point, once the speeders spot the police cars they slow down so the problem isn't as evident. She stated that on soccer Saturdays there really needs to be a police car on that street because it really does make a difference. **Ms. Kilgallon** stated that there are a lot of little kids on the West side now between Patterson Park and Birch. She noted she is aware of 9 kids between Birch and Spruce and she was very concerned about this situation. **Ms. Kilgallon** stated that she appreciates any help they can get with this issue.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue, Shrewsbury stated that he wasn't at the last meeting however, he did send an email expressing his opinion on Ordinance 1041 and he was told it would be discussed at the meeting. **Mr. Minis** stated that going through the minutes of that meeting he didn't see any mention of any discussion of his correspondence. Mr. Anderson explained what the Ordinance contained and that there was a second reading and then there was a vote. Councilman Anderson reviewed Ordinance 1041 for the benefit of the public present and noted that it was approved unanimously by the Council. Mr. Anderson stated that the timing requirements were met confirmed by our Borough Counsel and the Planning Board Attorney, so the Council voted and it was approved. **Mr. Minis** stated the discussion of this Ordinance was on the Planning Board's agenda and for some reason that meeting was cancelled. Councilman Anderson stated that we do not control the Planning Board and the state statute provides that the Planning Board has 35 days, upon it leaving the Council, to comment if they should elect to do so. Mr. Anderson continued that, in this case, the Planning Board Attorney stated that we do not run afoul of the Master Plan. Mr. Anderson continued that we couldn't wait any longer because we have the issue where someone wanted to put a vape shop next to the school. Mr. Anderson stated that in his mind the fact we are not going to sell guns, ammunition, explosives, pawn shops, tattoo shops or have a marijuana dispensary, should it ever become legal, is what in his opinion the residents of the Borough want. Councilman Anderson explained that if we don't have that Ordinance on the books someone could move ahead on one of those business endeavors. Councilman Moran informed Mr. Minis that the reason for the cancellation of that meeting was lack of quorum. **Mr. Minis** questioned if these uses would be permitted in another zone to which Mr. Anderson responded that this Ordinance makes these things listed as non permitted uses in any zone within the Borough. **Mr. Minis** thanked the Council for this clarification.

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Amanda Ngo, 118 Borden Street, Shrewsbury stated that she would like to register her thanks for the Council passing that Ordinance. She stated that she was very happy about that fact. She stated that she had a few questions and referenced the meeting minutes where another resident had questioned if the Police were patrolling Sickles Park. Ms. Ngo stated that in previous meetings she had also registered that concern, as well as, some of her other neighbors. She stated that the community would really like to see a greater police presence not only in that park but the neighborhood. Ms. Ngo questioned if it was better to register that desire directly with the police. She asked if the Council could address this, to which Councilman DeSalvo responded, it is something that has been addressed in Police Committee meetings. He asked if she had noticed more of a police presence there, to which Ms. Ngo responded that she previously would see more of a police presence around 5 years ago but not as much in recent times. The Council stated that they would follow up with the police. Ms. Ngo referenced a recent situation that occurred in the park where the person they were concerned about ended up being a Shrewsbury resident. Ms. Ngo commented that she would have been thrilled if a policeman would have tapped this individual on the shoulder while the gentleman was lying on the park bench to access the situation. She stated she didn't see any negative reason not to be patrolling.

Ms. Ngo's second request was along the same lines as Ms. Kilgallon's in her concern with the speeding on Patterson Avenue. She stated that awhile back she thought that White Street was slated for a traffic calming exercise and she was wondering if that still was something that was being considered. Ms. Ngo stated she was wondering if the residents would be given a chance to provide feedback on some potential solutions. Councilman DeSalvo stated that this situation is constantly being looked at by the Borough Engineer. The Council spoke to the issues that White Street presents and the limits as to what can be done for traffic calming due to the narrowness of the street and the sidewalks. Ms. Ngo and the Council agreed that this presents a difficult issue. Ms. Ngo questioned if there could be a separate meeting where the residents could provide their suggestions on the issue. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that Safe Routes to School met with the police about a year and a half ago and discussed the top of the street where it gets a little narrower. Ms. DerAsadourian stated the best thing they could do was address it again with the Engineer because he has been accessing the issues there. Councilman Anderson stated that speed bumps were considered but it was determined it would present a problem for the snow plows. He noted that they extended "no parking" next to Bagelmasters further down White St. He stated that the business owners felt they were taking away needed parking. Councilman Anderson revisited some of the suggestions that were considered for that street. Ms. Ngo stated that she would suggest bringing the public together to discuss this issue. She stated she felt the Borough should consider "resident hang tags" for people that live here and each house be allowed one car parked on the street. She relayed the concerns she had with kids darting out into the thoroughfare. After much discussion, it was decided that there would be a meeting where the Borough Engineer would be present and any resident who would like to attend would be welcomed to discuss this issue. The Council discussed the possibility of holding it at the beginning of a Council meeting after Election Day.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury inquired if the Council established a curfew for mischief night. She questioned if there was a time restriction for Trick or Treating on Halloween night as well. The Clerk responded there is a 8:00PM curfew for both nights. Ms. Clark thanked the Council.

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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 Councilmembers present.

Payment of the Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$386,568.13, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Eddy noted that a little over \$285,000.00 is Capital Improvements for the road projects, \$27,500.00 are for car leases for payment on the Police cars, and almost \$14,000.00 is for waste disposal.

Adjourn

Council President DeSalvo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39PM to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Public Meeting Reconvened

The public meeting reconvened at 8:13 PM

Adjourn

Seeing no one present from the public and with no further business to conduct, Councilman DeSalvo motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Jeffrey C. DeSalvo - Council President