

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
MAYOR & COUNCIL**

April 15, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and read the Presiding Officer's Statement.

Presiding Officer's Statement

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given by transmission to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times and by posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2019 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian
Councilman Jeff DeSalvo
Councilman Donald Eddy
Councilwoman Kim Doran Eulner
Councilman Scott Gilbert
Councilman Brendan Gilmartin

Also Present: Mayor Erik Anderson
Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney
Maureen L. Muttie, Clerk/Administrator

Absent: None

Executive Session

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve Resolution 2019-062 to Enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Eulner, Gilbert and Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Mayor/Council Moved into Executive Session at 6:33pm.
Public Meeting reconvened at 7:00pm

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Erik Anderson

Proclamation for Arbor Day

Mayor Anderson acknowledged Arbor Day, which is on April 26, 2019. The Arbor Day Proclamation recognizes Shrewsbury's dedication to preserving trees. Mayor Anderson commented Bill Gerth from the Shade Tree Commission is tentatively schedule for the May 20th meeting to accept his Arbor Day Proclamation and to present his Shade Tree Commission report as well.

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Public Hearing/Adoption of 2019 Municipal Budget

Mr. Seaman, Chief Financial Officer, reported the total budget is \$9,521,669.59. The amount to be raised by taxation is \$7,390,146.90 which is a few thousand dollars less than last year. Mayor Anderson thanked Mr. Seaman, the Finance Committee and Department Heads for working together to reduce the Borough's tax levy for the first time in many years.

Open the Floor to the Public for Comment on the 2019 Municipal Budget

Councilman Eddy motioned to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo with Ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Close the Floor to the Public for Comment on the 2019 Municipal Budget

With no one from the public wishing to speak, Councilman Eddy motioned to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and with Ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Adoption of the 2019 Municipal Budget – Resolution 2019-063

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve Resolution 2019-063, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Eulner, Gilbert & Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: None

2018 Annual Tax Collector's Report

Thomas Seaman, Tax Collector, summarized the tax collection activity for 2018. Collection rate is 99.52 with a balance left of approximately \$122,000 out of \$25,000,000. Mr. Seaman commented that the Borough's collection is very good. Mr. Seaman also reported that prior year taxes were sold off in tax sales with two very small liens left in the town with a value of approximately \$600.00.

Consent Agenda

Resolution 2019-064 Resolution to Participate in the Federal Grant Program EMAA administered by the State of New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety
Resolution 2019-065 Resolution Awarding Non-Fair & Open Contract for Professional Services – Special Counsel
Resolution 2019-066 Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property
Resolution 2019-067 Resolution Approving the Bill List for April 15, 2019 and Authorizing Payment of Bills

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Eulner, Gilbert & Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian

- Regarding Safe Routes to School, Councilwoman DerAsadourian proposes scheduling a meeting for May 20th in order to begin dialogue on the next phase of this program which will focus on White Street. This initial meeting is not to propose solutions but to hear input from residents. Communication will be sent out to residents in the White Street section of the Borough and information will be posted on the website. The Borough Engineer is to be present at the May 20th meeting as well.

Councilman DeSalvo

DPW:

- The radiator on the packer truck blew but it has since been repaired. An alternator had to be replaced in one of the loaders. The new packer truck is still out of service. The Borough Attorney is working with DPW to address this issue with the manufacturer.
- With all the rain recently, it became necessary to put a policy in place regarding closing the fields due to weather. DPW will alert the Baseball Coordinator and Lacrosse Coordinator with copies to the Recreation Liaison, Recreation Chairperson and Field Coordinator no later than 8:00am on weekends. Fields are to remain closed until it is deemed, they are playable. Councilman DeSalvo emphasized that no dragging or raking of fields take place until they are reopened.
- Solar speed signs will be marked out this week with the input of the Police Department and the Borough Engineer.
- Picnic tables at Manson Park are marked out and will be installed before month end.
- There is tree work to be done in conjunction with Shade Tree Commission. Quotes are being obtained.
- Repairs to the pillars on Garden, Beechwood and Buttonwood are in the budget and quotes are being obtained.

Engineering:

- Capital Living (Chelsea) final inspection was scheduled for today and is expecting a full C.O. soon. Sunrise is anticipating a late August opening as well as QuickChek.
- Summer Camp is moving to Sickles Park. Repainting the signage "Slow" on Sickles Place will take place soon.
- The Borough Engineer proposes resodding the infield at the small baseball field at Sickles Park, preferably after the spring season. It is expected to be closed for a minimum of four weeks. This will be considered again as soon as summer camp ends.
- The Obre Place Project has been advertised publicly to receive bids. The contract is expected to be awarded at the May 20th meeting. The work will begin over the summer.
- A complaint was received regarding garbage pickup behind The Grove. The Borough Engineer is addressing this issue with the Management of The Grove.

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Red Bank Regional:

- Cuts were made to services at RBR. Reductions were made in some assistant coaching positions, facility repairs and equipment purchase. Families are being asked to bear more costs for AP, IB and Dual Enrollment Programs as well as some athletic and summer enrichment programs.
- Councilman DeSalvo urges everyone to attend the RBR Board of Education Meeting on Wednesday night.
- The RBR budget is expected to be passed on May 1st – Councilman DeSalvo provided some of the preliminary numbers:
The tax rate per \$100 of Assessed Value is as follow: Little Silver - \$0.43 (1 cent increase), Red Bank - \$0.49 (5 cent increase) and Shrewsbury - \$0.48 (-1 cent decrease).
The Average Assessment for Little Silver is \$663,730/School Tax \$2,854, Red Bank Average Assessment \$366,231/School Tax \$1,795 and Shrewsbury Average Assessment \$552,125/School Tax \$2,650.

Community Alliance:

- On April 8th, there was a program held in Red Bank called “It’s Tough Being a Kid”. It talked about teen suicide prevention, mental illness and substance use with children.
- On May 2nd there is going to be a parent to parent discussion for 8th grade parents called “What to Expect When You’re Expecting a High School Student”. That will take place at the Historical Society Building.
- There will be an after school “Just Say No” Program-Improv for SBS children on anti-bullying scenarios.
- On May 19th, the Alliance will have a group running in the RBR Suicide Prevention Run. If interested, please check the Alliance website for more info and other upcoming events.

Councilman Eddy

- Councilman Eddy reported this year the Finance Committee will be reviewing the budget on a monthly basis in order to keep track where things are.
- Regarding technology, plans are being made to get all PCs upgraded to Windows 10 by the end of the year because Windows 7 will no longer be supported at the end of the year.

Councilwoman Eulner

- Councilwoman Eulner reported there is a new Part Time Administrative Assistant, Mary Russell, who is a resident of town as well as a member of the Shade Tree Commission.
- March 23rd, Councilwoman Eulner attended Core Training Seminar at Rutgers University and found it very informative. She also commented that the Shade Tree Commission should be lauded for all their hard work they do for the town.
- Bill Gerth is organizing the upcoming planting of goldenrod. This will help suppress the invasive vines they have been cut down in the last couple of years.
- Councilwoman Eulner attended the Shrewsbury Community Garden meeting last Monday. They have begun their clean-up and are getting ready to open in May. There are still a few plots left.

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Councilman Scott Gilbert had no report.

Councilman Brendan Gilmartin

- Councilman Gilmartin reported that baseball and softball is underway.
- Regarding summer camp, Councilman Gilmartin requested from Karen Goldberg, Summer Camp Director, to have all summer camp counselors announced by May 1st. Camp will be held at Sickles Park this summer.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Anderson attended the Annual Mayor's Conference in Trenton sponsored by the League of Municipalities. Mayors from around the State discussed various issues that are impacting their communities.
- On April 16th, there will be a fundraiser at the Shrewsbury Borough School from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This a book fair/family night. There will be various teachers reading as well as the Mayor himself.

Clerk/Administrator's Report

Ms Muttie reported that Mary Russell, new part-time assistant starting this past week and we are happy to have her on board.

Open the Floor to the Public

Mayor Anderson opened the floor to the public.

Charles Lamberti, 51 Brady Road – Mr. Lamberti expressed his frustrations with The Grove not following the ordinance of this town as it relates to noise. There have been large construction trucks, garbage pickup, tile cutting and forklift operating all at 6:00-6:30am especially on the weekends. Mr. Lamberti has reached out to The Grove first but did not receive cooperation. Mr. Lamberti is asking Council to address this situation immediately. Mayor Anderson assured Mr. Lamberti that this will be addressed in the morning. Mayor Anderson explained this is the first we are hearing about this and in the future to please feel free to contact the him or the Administrator if there are any further issues.

Amanda Ngo – 118 Borden Street – Ms. Ngo asked what the Professional Services Resolution for Special Counsel is focused on. Mayor Anderson explained it was for COAH Counsel.

Close the Floor to the Public

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Anderson closed the floor to the public.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.