

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

August 19, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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 Brendan Gilmartin
Councilman Jason Sena

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

Absent: None

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Erik Anderson

Presentation

Honoring Martin M. Barger, Esq.

Mayor Anderson read the following Proclamation:

***PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF MARTIN M. BARGER, ESQ.
DISTINGUISHED 50-YEAR SERVICE TO THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY***

WHEREAS, Martin M. Barger served the Borough as legal advisor and confidante to 10 Shrewsbury Mayors and Councils from 1969-2018; and,

WHEREAS, Martin M. Barger served as Planning Board Attorney from 1969-1974 and Borough Attorney from 1975-2018; and,

WHEREAS, Martin M. Barger provided gratis legal consultation to various Council members and committees on the policies and procedures of the operation of Municipal Government; and,

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***WHEREAS,** Martin M. Barger served as a key figure and played an integral role in the creation and establishment of the Shrewsbury Historical Society; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Martin M. Barger's long-term secretarial assistant, Linda Elbrecht was a consistent source of administrative support; and,*

***WHEREAS,** Martin M. Barger continues to enjoy world travels, visiting with his grandchildren and spending valued solitude and relaxation at his cherished Ogunquit, Maine destination.*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments and contributions for the good of the Borough and its residents, the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury do hereby congratulate Martin M. Barger, Esq. on the occasion of his retirement as Legal Counsel of the Borough and do hereby extend its best wishes and gratitude for all he has achieved.*

***BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED,** that this 19th day of August 2019 is a day of celebration in recognition of Martin M. Barger's outstanding achievements.*

Marty Barger thanked everyone for this recognition. Mr. Barger specifically thanked Bernie Marx and Emi Siciliano for giving him the initial opportunity that gave him this wonderful career with the Borough of Shrewsbury.

Introduction of Julius Clark, Principal of Red Bank Regional High School

Councilman DeSalvo introduced Mr. Julius Clark, the new Principal of Red Bank Regional High School, and invited Mr. Clark to come up and say a few words about himself to the Council and the public.

Mr. Clark stated he is the newly appointed principal of RBR. Mr. Clark mentioned he is a prior graduate of Red Bank Regional High School and recently moved back to the area when he was given the opportunity to be principal of RBR. Mr. Clark hopes to be reacquainted with the community and learn more about his neighboring towns. One of his goal is to build a closer relationship with them. His primary role is to create a safe, nurturing environment for his students and to foster relationships with them that enriches their high school experience. The Council wished Mr. Clark well and they look forward to having a close relationship with him.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the July 15, 2019 minutes, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following vote:

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

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Consent Agenda

Resolution 2019-105 Resolution Approving a Successor Collective Negotiations Agreement Between the Borough and the Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 32

Resolution 2019-106 Authorization to Conduct the Foundation for Shrewsbury Education's Annual 5K and To Hang Banner Over Patterson Avenue

Resolution 2019-107 Authorization to Conduct Block Party – Crest Drive – October 12, 2019

Resolution 2019-108 Resolution Approving the Bill List for August 19, 2019 and Authorizing Payment of Bills

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

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

Ordinances – Introduction/First Reading

Ordinance No. 2019-1066: Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of DPW Equipment/Vehicles for the Shrewsbury DPW and Appropriating \$162,000.00 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$153,900.00 Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs Thereof, Authorized in and by the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 2019-1066, seconded by Councilman Sena and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian

Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained money was allocated for police radios.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to approve the purchase of five Police radios for a total of \$4,650, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported the four-way stop will be installed on White Street in the next week or so. In regard to school busing, Red Bank Regional has been notified about the pending closure of North Monroe/Monroe off of Broad Street so that the buses can adjust their routes accordingly.

Councilman DeSalvo

- Summer camp has ended at Sickles Park and it was very successful this summer. It appears this will be the location for future summer camps.
- The brush from the storm in July has been picked up.
- Since last meeting, 4,000lbs of metal and 4,000lbs of electronic recycling has been picked up.
- Obre Place is completed – paved and painted. This was a great job handled by our Borough Engineer.
- DPW did a great job cleaning out the storm drain on Henry Street. A skateboard was cleared from the storm drain.
- Soil aeration was completed at Patterson Park to assist with the draining of the fields and it appears to be working well.
- The fields at Manson and Sickles are being prepared for soccer. Beehives were also removed from the parks; the public should be aware of that.

Regarding the four-way stop, a quote of \$375.00 was received to do the installation of the crosswalks. Quotes were also received for the installation of solar signs on Samara and Patterson for \$2,550. Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve this work, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Eddy

- The Tech Committee have research web companies to redesign the Borough's website. Several quotes were solicited, and most came in around \$10,000. There is a local company who does maintain and have designed some local municipalities' website and their quote was for \$2,000.

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve contracting Zumu for \$2,000 a year for the website, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

- Councilman Eddy reported the Tech Committee has been looking at a variety of solutions for push notifications. Currently we are jointly paying \$11,000 a year for Code Red. We are currently doing a small trial with Civic Ready which does a lot of municipal

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communications. The setup would be \$3,500 and then an annual maintenance of \$2,300. We are still looking at this and will hopefully decide by year end on how we want to proceed with push notifications.

- A copy of the audit has been given to each councilmember. Councilman Eddy will be setting up a meeting with the auditors and then have them come do their presentation for the Council.
- Councilman Eddy commented there are still some outstanding bonds related to improvements. Councilman Eddy spoke with the Borough Engineer and Councilman DeSalvo commented that he spoke with the Borough Engineer as well and he instructed him to make this a priority.
- Regarding capital improvements, Councilman Eddy requested each committee to reach out their respective departments to find out what they would like included in the 2020 Capital Budget.

Councilwoman Eulner

- In July 2019 the Fire Department had 53 calls including 13 mutual aid calls. There were 27 storm damage calls in town throughout July due to the various storms.
- The Shrewsbury Hose Company won the first-place trophy in the Hose and Ladder Competition at the Monmouth County Fair.
- The several cameras that were recently purchased for the Fire Company were received and training has been completed.
- There were 70 First Aid calls, total of 52 rigs were dispatched. The new member drive is ongoing and have a few new volunteers.
- The next Shade Tree Commission meeting will be September 12th. They are working on a pruning workshop to remind DPW employees on proper pruning as well as opening this workshop to residents.
- The Shrewsbury Community Garden is hosting a Fall Harvest for the members and their families in September.

Councilman Gilmartin

- Councilman Gilmartin reported the summer camp was very successful this year at Sickles Park. Everything ran very smoothly and there were no complaints.
- Right now, the Recreation Committee is preparing for the very busy Fall soccer season for K-8. This is a very busy time with getting all the registrations in and teams assigned. DPW is working hard to get the fields in order.
- SYAA is preparing sponsorships for the various teams, among them is QuickChek. QuickChek has requested permission to sponsor a team and they would like to be involved in community activities.

Councilman Sena

- Councilman Sena reported he reached out to Board Member Groom and advised her he is the liaison to the SBS School Board, and he plans to attend the next meeting.

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Mayor's Report

- Mayor Anderson along with Councilwoman DerAsadourian met with the Chief of Police, Traffic Safety and Superintendent Brent MacConnell to get ready for the start of the school year. The meeting was to make sure everyone is on the same page, specifically with removal of brush and trimming back trees along the sidewalks so things are up and running especially with the new traffic pattern on Obre,

Open the Floor to the Public

Mayor Anderson opened the floor to the public.

Jeffrey King, 24 Elizabeth Parkway, Eatontown, NJ
Jeff Oakes, Oceanport, NJ
Edward "Lefty" Grimes, Bayonne, NJ

Each spoke on their views of medical cannabis. They each discussed the beneficial uses of marijuana for various cancers, diseases and medical conditions. They requested Council to rethink the current ordinance and to act and amend the ordinance to support medical cannabis. Their view is compassion is key. They are advocating for the mature use of marijuana, to heal people and manage pain, not glorify its recreational usage.

Richard Saybolt, 15 Azalea Lane – Mr. Saybolt commented the creek behind his house needs some attention from DPW. The creek is clogged, and the water doesn't flow causing a mosquito issue in the summer. He requested that the town use money from the budget and have DPW clean this creek. Councilman DeSalvo explained the Borough Engineer is in the process of evaluating creeks in town and is compiling of list those creeks that need maintenance. This work will be performed after Thanksgiving. Councilman DeSalvo informed Mr. Saybolt that he will forward his address to the Borough Engineer to determine first if this is a creek, and secondly, whether it is an area to be considered for the creek cleaning project.

Stu Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue – Mr. Minis provided some information regarding additional towns joining the effort of banning plastic bags and added that Shrewsbury needs to get started in some direction with addressing plastic usage in town. He provided some facts on the advantages of banning plastic bags.

Close the Floor to the Public


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


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Motion to Move into Executive Session – No Action Will be Taken After

Councilman Eddy motioned to move into executive session at 8:34pm, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner, with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Attest: 
Maureen L. Muttie, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approve: 
Erik Anderson
Mayor