

Meeting Called to Order

The public meeting convened at 7:00pm.

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 28, 2018 by the Municipal Clerk.

Salute to Flag

Girl Scout Troop 607 and Shrewsbury Boy Scout Troop 50 presented the colors and led the Salute to the Flag.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, NJ.

Mayor's Oath of Office: Erik Anderson

Honorable Judge O'Brien administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Erik Anderson while his wife Melissa and three sons held the Bible.

Mayor's Message

Fellow Citizens, neighbors and friends, it is an absolute honor and privilege to have been elected to serve as Mayor of Shrewsbury. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve a community which has provided so much to me and my family.

As everyone in this room is undoubtedly aware, Shrewsbury is a special place. A community where we know our neighbors, lend each other a hand in a time of need and a place where we are fortunate to live and raise our families. In the coming year, the Council will be tasked with undertaking an examination of what we can do to balance maintaining and preserving the special qualities which make Shrewsbury such a great town to live, against mounting fiscal pressures from outside our borders.

This will include examining how the Borough operates to ensure that we are delivering the most cost effective services to our residents. Additionally, Shrewsbury will continue to explore all opportunities to share services, personnel and equipment with the County, and surrounding municipalities. Where appropriate, such agreements will allow Shrewsbury to enhance the services provided to our residents, while reducing municipal expenses.

In 2019, Shrewsbury must also continue to push for fair funding of SBS from the State. Shrewsbury Residents should not be required to raise their taxes to provide its students with modern teaching facilities or a roof that does not leak. Shrewsbury deserves to receive its fair share of the tax dollars it sends to Trenton to ensure the best education for its students. The current school funding formula is broken and we as a community need to continue the push for fair State funding for SBS.

Additionally, Red Bank Regional must finally address Shrewsbury being unfairly taxed to fund the operations of the High School. For too long Shrewsbury residents have been paying a higher tax rate for RBR than the other two sending districts. Again, this is not fair to our residents and must be corrected.

In addition to addressing these important fiscal issue, Shrewsbury must also continue planning for growth which balances the history of our town with the realities of today. While protecting our historic district, Shrewsbury must work to attract businesses which are compatible with our community.

While these are challenging issues facing Shrewsbury, there is no doubt in my mind that our town could not ask for a better Council to tackle these matters. Each Council Member's dedication to our town is unmatched and I look forward to working with each member this coming year on these issues.

We as a community are very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers and professionals who serve our town. From our fire and fire aid members, recreation coaches, school volunteers, members of various Boards and Committees to our professionals - Police, DPW, and Administration. It is our neighbors and friends and borough employees which make Shrewsbury what it is.... A community unlike any other in the state. I know that with the continued hard work and dedication of our volunteers and professionals, Shrewsbury's best days lie ahead.

I wish everyone all the best in the coming year and ask for your support as we continue to build an even better Shrewsbury.

Thank you - Mayor Anderson

Councilmember's Oath of Office: Donald Eddy

The Honorable Judge Zazzali-Hogan administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Donald Eddy while his wife Elizabeth held the Bible.

Councilmember's Oath of Office: Jeffrey DeSalvo

The Honorable Judge Zazzali-Hogan administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Jeffrey DeSalvo while his wife Norah and two sons held the Bible.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian
Councilman Jeff DeSalvo
Councilman Donald Eddy
Councilwoman Kim Doran Eulner

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

Absent: Councilman Peter Meyer

Organization of Mayor and Borough Council

Councilman Eddy moved to approve *Resolution 2019-001 Election of Council President for 2019 – Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian*, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Eddy moved to approve *Resolution 2019-02 Resolution confirming Council Committees and Liaisons*, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Swearing in of Line Officers

Fire Department

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Fire Chief John Merris while his wife Laura held the Bible.

Mayor Erik Anderson administered the Oath of Office to 1st Assistant Chief Edward Magenheimer and 2nd Assistant Chief Peter Gibson.

First Aid Squad

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Captain Jeannie Lamberti, 1st Lieutenant George Richdale, 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Lloyd and Engineer Rolf Kamp.

Fire Police

Mayor Anderson administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant Jay Forrar. (Captain Noelle Tyler and Lieutenant Peter Meyer were unable to attend).

Consent Agenda

- Resolution 2019-003 Confirming Appointment of Borough Officials for 2019
Resolution 2019-004 Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Professional Services
Resolution 2019-005 Confirming Appointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Borough
Resolution 2019-006 Resolution Designating Meetings of the Borough Council for the Year 2019 – Annual Notice
Resolution 2019-007 Resolution Designating Official Newspapers for all Municipal Notices and Advertising
Resolution 2019-008 Resolution Designating Borough Holidays for 2019
Resolution 2019-009 Resolution for Year 2019 Temporary Budget Appropriations
Resolution 2019-010 Resolution Designating Official Depositories for the Year 2019
Resolution 2019-011 Resolution Authorizing Pre-Payment of Certain Bills for 2019
Resolution 2019-012 Resolution Establishing a Grace Period and Interest Rates
Resolution 2019-013 Resolution Authorizing Deposit of Idle Funds of the Borough in any one of the Designated Depositories
Resolution 2019-014 Resolution Appointing Representative to Participate in the Community Development Program
Resolution 2019-015 Resolution Appointing MEL-JIF Representatives
Resolution 2019-016 Resolution Confirming Appointment of Council Committees, Liaisons and Procedures for Payment of Claims

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

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

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner, and approved by all Council present.

Close the Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Councilman Eddy motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Benediction

The Benediction was given by Reverend Lisa S. Mitchell of Christ Church, Shrewsbury, NJ

Adjourn

Councilman Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

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

Approve: _____
Erik Anderson
Mayor