

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

October 21, 2019

Meeting Called to Order

Council President DerAsadourian 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 Don Eddy
Councilwoman Kim Doran Eulner
Councilman Brendan Gilmartin
Councilman Jason Sena

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

Absent: Mayor Erik Anderson

Executive Session

Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney, announced there will be no executive session this evening and Council concurred.

Salute to Flag

Led by Council President DerAsadourian.

Approval of Minutes

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and approved by the following vote:

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

Approval of the September 16, 2019 minutes will be on the next Council Meeting Agenda.

Consent Agenda

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

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

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2019-140 - BEST PRACTICE INVENTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

WHEREAS, the State's CY 2019 / SFY 2020 Best Practices Inventory Questionnaire is required to receive the Municipality's final 5% of State funding; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has completed the Inventory and has provided the Mayor and Council with a copy of said document; and

WHEREAS, a review of this Inventory was discussed at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on October 7, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury that the Best Practice Inventory results were discussed and be filed as required with the State of New Jersey.

2019-141 - APPROVING VOLUNTEER FIREMAN ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1 has selected Andrew Gibson for active membership; and

WHEREAS, the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1 has requested municipal approval from the Borough Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury for said appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, New Jersey, that the application for active membership by Andrew Gibson to the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1 is hereby approved.

**2019-142 - AUTHORIZING THE 8TH ANNUAL SHREWSBURY CHANUKAH
MENORAH LIGHTING**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury does hereby authorize the 8th Annual Shrewsbury Chanukah Menorah Lighting on December 24, 2019 from 6:30pm to approximately 8:30pm at the Shrewsbury Borough Hall Gazebo.

**2019-143 - AUTHORIZING THE SHREWSBURY HOSE COMPANY LADIES
AUXILIARY TO PLACE BANNERS AND SIGNS ADVERTISING
PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury does hereby authorize the Shrewsbury Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary to place a banner, no larger than 12 square feet in total, on the Municipal Building property at the corner of Broad Street and Sycamore Avenue, and placing election style signs on private residences within the Borough.

2019-144 - AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT BLOCK PARTY- ROBINSON PLACE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury does hereby approve the request for a block party to be held on Robinson Place on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 2:00pm – 7:00pm, as requested on October 2, 2019 from resident Catherine Lynch.

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**2019-145 - A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILL LIST FOR OCTOBER 21, 2019
AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury received certain claims against it by way of voucher in the amount of \$74,338.15 for the period ending October 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the aforementioned claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Shrewsbury that the attached claims are hereby approved for payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Chief Financial Officer.

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian

- Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported Saturday, October 26th, is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Residents may drop off their unused/unwanted prescriptions to the Police Department from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Additionally, tomorrow night there will be an Opioid Presentation at Borough Hall. DisposeRX will be handed out which is a great product to use to safely dispose of unused/unwanted prescription drugs.
- Councilwoman DerAsadourian met with Bill Neary, Executive Director at "Keep Middlesex Moving" whereby ideas about pedestrian and bicycle safety and safe routes to school were discussed. Councilwoman DerAsadourian is looking to implement more safety features to make Shrewsbury a little more walkable and bikeable.

Councilman DeSalvo

- Councilman DeSalvo reported tomorrow evening at Borough Hall there will be an Opioid Crisis Information Session at 7:00pm. It is being presented jointly by the Community Alliance Committee and the Police Department. Councilman DeSalvo encourages all to attend.

Councilwoman Eddy

- Councilman Eddy reported October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month. He encourages everyone to practice good cybersecurity to protect their identity.
- The First Aid Squad printed up recyclable bag and recently handed them out at the PBA Truck Festival as well as the 5K Race and he hopes everyone will use them instead of plastic bags.
- The OEM vehicle has stopped working a few times this week and alternatives are being looked at to replace the vehicle as opposed to keep spending money on fixing it.

Councilwoman Doran Eulner

- Councilwoman Doran Eulner reported she attended the Shrewsbury Community Garden Meeting last Monday and learned that they have donated approximately 630 lbs. of vegetables to Lunch Break and Monmouth Day Care Center.

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Councilman Gilmartin

- Councilman Gilmartin reported both girls and boys' soccer are ongoing. There have been no complaints regarding scheduling or the field conditions. Councilman Gilmartin thanked the DPW employees for maintaining the fields.
- Recreation is now preparing for Street Hockey, Flag Football and Winter Basketball.

Councilman Sena

- Councilman Sena reported he attended the recent Shrewsbury Board of Education meeting on October 15th. A detailed presentation regarding recent test scores was provided. Shrewsbury's test scores were far higher than the state average in almost every category. This is a testament to the quality of education SBS provides to our students.
- SBS Veteran's Day Breakfast is coming up on November 6th.
- The next Environmental Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 13th and Councilman Sena will have a follow-up at that time.

Clerk/Administrator's Report

- Ms. Muttie had no report.

Open the Floor to the Public

Councilman Eddy made a motion to Open the Floor to the Public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Stu Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue – Mr. Minis asked about the status of the Monroe/North Monroe Project. Councilman DeSalvo commented the construction company is in the process of getting their bonds and insurance in place. Within a couple of weeks crews should be out there. Mr. Minis asked whether residents are going to get advance notice of when the project will begin. Councilman DeSalvo responded he has already had discussions with the Chief of Police. Signage will be posted regarding the closure of the street. Mr. Minis asked what is happening at the corner of White Road and Broad Street. Councilman DeSalvo explained it is a soil remediation project. Mr. Minis asked about the status of Dispatch. Councilwoman DerAsadourian replied it is status quo. Mr. Minis commented DPW is having problems with their contract negotiations and asked whether other contracts such as Dispatch will have problems as well. Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney, explained that all negotiations are different, and it is a process with the goal of everyone being happy in the end. Mr. Minis asked if there will be a sit down with the teamsters. Mr. Padula responded as mentioned at the last Council meeting, there has been a meeting scheduled since September to meet with the Teamsters. It is scheduled for October 30th. Mr. Minis commented that the NJ Food Council is supporting reusable bags. The Chairman of the Board of the NJ Food Council is Richard Saker and Richard Saker owns ShopRite in Shrewsbury. Mr. Minis suggested reaching out to the commercial properties in town to get their input regarding the topic of plastic bags.

John Merris, 26 Francis Street – Mr. Merris asked if there was any update on the Thomas Avenue light. Councilman DeSalvo responded he will check with the Borough Engineer tomorrow.

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Marge Clark, 213 Garden Road – Ms. Clark asked whether there is any update on the White Street traffic light. Councilman DeSalvo responded the NJDOT decided they are not going to change the light. Councilman DeSalvo further commented that he will ask the Borough Engineer to look into this again. Ms. Clark asked about the stop signs on White Street and what the feedback has been. Councilwoman DerAsadourian responded her opinion is that the stop signs are slowing down traffic and people are stopping at the stop signs. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that another traffic study will be done after some time to determine the effect on the overall traffic speed.

Bob Cherny, Teamsters Local Union 177 – Mr. Cherny commented that his union does not negotiate through email. Mr. Cherny further commented that he has said that multiple times and he just wanted to set the record straight. Mr. Padula agreed with Mr. Cherny that negotiations are not done through email but reiterated that this grandstanding was not necessary considering a meeting had been scheduled for some time to review the proposal.

Close the Floor to the Public

Councilman DeSalvo made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned the meeting at 7:34pm.

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

Approve: _____
Erik Anderson
Mayor