

Meeting Called to Order

Council President Eulner 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 8, 2020 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, Municipal Clerk

Absent: Mayor Erik Anderson

Executive Session

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve Resolution 2020-035, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian with ayes by all council members present.

Council moved into executive session at 6:34pm and was back on the record at 7:00pm.

Salute to Flag

Led by Council President Eulner.

Presentation

Discussion of Single-Use Plastic

Environmental Commission - Members Walter Huresky and Timothy Thomas

Environmental Commission members, Timothy Thomas and Walter Huresky presented a draft ordinance to the Council regarding the ban of single-use plastics. They provided examples of existing ordinances from other municipalities and Clean Action Ocean and noted that they are more restrictive than what the Environmental Commission is proposing. They added that their objective is to change the behavior of consumer use. In support of their objective, they emphasized that single-use plastic bags are not bio-degradable and block waterways and sewers, creating insect breeding grounds.

Council President Eulner thanked and reminded Mr. Huresky and Mr. Thomas that any decisions or actions regarding this matter would be premature at this time.

Councilman Sena inquired whether the Environmental Commission had the opinion that single-use plastic from Shrewsbury were ending up in the waterways.

Mr. Huresky referred to the information previously presented in the ordinance draft, noting that 9% of single-use plastic is/are recycled. He added that they do not decompose, only breaking down into smaller particles over the course of many years.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian inquired if the commission had spoken with any businesses regarding the use of a cloth or hemp bag instead of single-use bags and suggested sending a letter or invitation to businesses to attend a Council meeting or have a round table discussion regarding their concerns.

Mr. Huresky responded that the Environmental Commission's objective is to reduce the overall carbon footprint and encourage the behaviors of consumers to change.

Council President Eulner inquired whether they had reached out to the Shrewsbury Borough School about getting the children involved, suggesting that children can help change adult behavior.

Council President Eulner open the floor to the public on this topic:

Iona Leslie, 15 Sickles Place - Ms. Leslie stated she has previously presented to the council regarding single-use plastic bags. In her opinion, the State has not taken clear action and added that it's time for the Council to move forward on their own. She emphasized that people need to adjust their behavior.

Ed Kosberg, 91 Beechwood Drive - Mr. Kosberg stated that he has approached some businesses (i.e. Chicken Kitchen), who responded that they would abide with town restrictions, if instituted.

Andrew Jafolla, 92 Beechwood Drive - Mr. Jafolla stated that it would be a prudent move for the Council to enact the ordinance. He concurred with the opinion that veering away from single-use plastic bags is a matter of simply changing consumers' behavior. He expressed concerns about inviting local businesses to round table discussions with the Council. Mr. JaFolla questioned how the Council would perceive a lesser majority of attendees. Members of Council stated that a no-show attendance would, by default, be interpreted as not having concerns regarding the round table discussions.

Susan Greenberg, 18 Borden Street - Ms. Greenberg expressed interest in knowing a proposed timeline if the Council chose to move forward with the ordinance. Mr. Padula, Borough Attorney, explained that by legal procedure, two readings are required at a public meeting along with public notices. A fast-tracked ordinance would have an approximate 4-6-week timeline. Ms. Greenberg responded by urging Council to make the ordinance a priority.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue - Mr. Minis stated that plastic bags were not available to the general public many years ago and that consumers adapted to using them when they became available. He added that consumers would adapt again if they were to be removed.

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The Council had general concerns about local businesses being affected more than larger chain corporations. Responding to the Council's concerns, Peter Blair, Attorney for Clean Ocean Action stated that Paramus, NJ is the #1 retail area and has had the ban in place since January 1, 2020 without opposition from retailers. He further stated that the Paramus ordinance is very similar to the draft being proposed for Shrewsbury. It is Mr. Blair's opinion that an imposed ban for Shrewsbury would have similar results to that of Paramus.

Robin Blair, 69 Thornbrook Drive - Ms. Blair stated that she has been a member of the Environmental Commission since 2010. She explained that many years ago, a grant allowed the commission to distribute reusable bags to residents. She expressed her opinion that ignoring this issue is not prudent.

Hans Zweerink, 42 Beechwood Drive - Mr. Zweerink concurred with Ms. Blair regarding the use of reusable bags. He also expressed that formal legislation would improve the public's acceptance of reusable bags.

Eddy Huresky, 319 Sycamore Avenue - Mr. Huresky also expressed that a single-use plastic ban would be prudent. He stated that his family has adopted the use of reusable bags and emphasized that the change, while not effortless, is achievable.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Council President Eulner closed the floor to the public on this topic.

Consent Agenda

Councilman Sena 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

**RESOLUTION 2020-036 - APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT FOR USE OF SHREWSBURY'S MUNICIPAL
COURTROOM**

WHEREAS, the "Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act," N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 through 40A:65-35 (the "Act"), authorizes local units of this State to enter into a contract with any other local unit or units for the joint provision within their several jurisdictions of any service which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and
WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Shrewsbury and Oceanport have identified an area where working together through shared services will result in positive outcomes for both municipalities; and
WHEREAS, specifically, the Boroughs wish to enter into a shared services agreement pursuant to the Act which provides for the Borough of Oceanport to utilize the courtroom facilities of the Borough of Shrewsbury; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury wishes to approve an agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto, governing the Borough of Oceanport's use of Shrewsbury's courtroom facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Shrewsbury hereby approves an agreement between the Borough of Shrewsbury and the Borough of Oceanport in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the shared services agreement.

RESOLUTION 2020-037 - AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY DISPATCH SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, THROUGH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (C.40A:65-1, et seq.) authorizes local units such as this Municipality to enter into shared service agreements with other local units; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monmouth, a local unit, has offered to provide municipal assistance/shared services to this Municipality as part of the County's Emergency Telecommunications system and thereby serve as the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the Municipality, in accordance with the participation plan previously submitted by the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Shrewsbury to enter into the proposed Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide computer related services to support any call-taking and dispatching functions for the Borough of Shrewsbury as required. The County shall provide said service through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee shall be determined each calendar year in accordance with the County's shared service proposal distributed to the Borough of Shrewsbury on or about November 15th of the prior year. The Borough of Shrewsbury shall pay the County the service fee on or about April 1st of each year of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the Borough of Shrewsbury, that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the attached Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreement to the Shared Services Coordinator, County of Monmouth, Hall of Records, 1 E. Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment.

**RESOLUTION 2020-038 - AUTHORIZING A CHARITABLE EVENT ON
COUNTY ROADWAYS IN THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
(SHREWSBURY HOSE COMPANY NO. 1)**

WHEREAS. N.J.S.A. 39:4-60 provides that a municipality shall not authorize charitable organizations to solicit on any County highway or intersection of a County highway without the approval of the Board of Chosen Freeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council is in receipt of a request from the Shrewsbury Borough Hose Company No. 1 to solicit funds through two (2) so-called boot drives in 2020, on Saturday, May 30th and Saturday, July 25th between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm on Sycamore Avenue. Fire personnel will only work the east and west bound lanes of Sycamore Avenue and will not solicit on route 35. They are also seeking permission to have Fire personnel at the intersection of Sycamore Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue, where they will only work the north and south bound lanes of Shrewsbury Avenue. Class B uniforms and safety vests will be worn by all members working these events. Cones, signs and other warning equipment will also be used for safety, and to alert drivers that they are conducting a fund raiser; and

WHEREAS, monies raised will be used for training and other upgrades to the fire house and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1 has previously solicited funds at these locations without incident; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has reviewed their procedures for soliciting donations and finds same to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury that there is no objection to the request of the Shrewsbury Borough Hose Company No. 1 to solicit funds to the east and west of Route 35 on Sycamore Avenue but not on Route 35, and Sycamore Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue on May 30th, 2020 and July 25th, 2020.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby requested to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for their approval.

**RESOLUTION 2020-039 - APPROVING THE BILL LIST FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2020
AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury received certain claims against it by way of voucher in the amount of \$936,052.43 for the period ending February 18, 2020; 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

- Shared Services Agreement was renewed with Monmouth County for the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).
- Safe Routes to School meeting is pending.

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- Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that Community Alliance would welcome anyone interested in becoming a member. Please reach out to them if you would like to join.

Councilman DeSalvo

- The Police Committee met regarding the traffic and speed on Patterson Avenue and Samara Drive. It was discussed that 90% of those traveling on these roads were compliant.
- Councilman DeSalvo and Chief Turner felt that the current governing of these roads has been effective.

Councilwoman Eddy

- The Borough's OEM Coordinator, Jerzy Chojnacki, is updating the Emergency Management plan.
- DPW is having a meeting next week with Onsite Landscaping for the Grounds Maintenance Program. This program will allow the current staff to focus on other priorities within the Borough.

Councilwoman Doran Eulner

- Open Space will have a meeting this week to discuss 2020 projects.
- The Shade Tree Commission will be holding another pruning class in April, once brush collection has begun.
- The Community Garden has available plots for those who are interested.

Councilwoman Gilmartin

- In January, The Shrewsbury Hose Company had a total of 12 calls.
- Baseball/ Softball registration is closed; however, Lacrosse registration is still open. There will be a meeting on March 10th at 7:00pm with Recreation, DPW and all interested parties to go over the rules for the use of the fields as well as DPW's involvement with field maintenance.
- The Shrewsbury Youth Athletic Association (SYAA), a 501c3 will be holding a few events: On Thursday, February 20th, Shrewsbury Borough School will have a half-day. The SYAA will have a ½ day Hoopla for grades K thru 4, which will include activities, pizza and games for the kids. They will help accommodate the working parents that would not be able to get out of work. SYAA will also be holding a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament on February 21st in Red Bank.

Councilman Sena

- Councilman Sena stated that the primary budget was received this week, and he is looking forward to setting up a meeting with the Budget Committee.

Mayor's Report

Council President Eulner provided the Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Anderson attended the annual meeting with State Legislators and Mayors in Trenton last week. He was able to speak about the stresses being put on volunteer EMS services and bring it to the Legislators' attention. He also recommended that Legislators address the plastic bag bill on a state level.

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Clerk/Administrator's Report

No report

Open the Floor to the Public

Council President Eulner opened the floor to the public.

Stu Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue – Mr. Minis inquired where someone who may not attend meetings on a regular basis might be able to find an update on what was proposed by the Environmental Commission regarding single-use plastic bags and was in fact, accepted by the

Council. Council President Eulner explained that what was proposed by the Environmental Commission would have to be discussed by the Mayor and Council prior to any decision being made. Multiple members of the Council emphasized that the next step following the Environmental Commission's presentation is the due diligence of the information the Council has been presented with. Councilwoman DerAsadourian suggested that the Environmental Commission reach out to local businesses and get their input as well.

Close the Floor to the Public

With no one else wishing to speak, the floor was closed to the public.

Adjourn

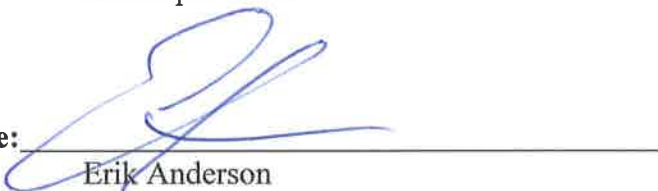
Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Attest:



Maureen L. Muttie, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approve:



Erik Anderson
Mayor