

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

MARCH 16, 2020

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:00pm 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 8, 2020 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian (via teleconference)
Councilman Don Eddy (via teleconference)
Councilwoman Kim Doran Eulner (via teleconference)
Councilman Brendan Gilmartin (via teleconference)
Councilman Jason Sena (via teleconference)

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

Absent: Councilman Jeff DeSalvo

For the record, Mayor Anderson confirmed and recognized each Councilmember's voice.

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Erik Anderson.

Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2020

Councilwoman DerAsadourian requested the January 21, 2020 minutes be carried to the next Council Meeting.

Resolutions

Resolution 2020-043 Introduction of 2020 Municipal Budget

Councilman Sena motioned to approve Resolution 2020-043, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

RESOLUTION 2020-043 - INTRODUCING THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2020:

General Appropriations for:

Appropriations within "CAPS"	
Municipal Purposes	\$ 7,718,204.00
Appropriations excluded from "CAPS":	
Municipal Purposes	\$ 1,686,404.84
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 390,144.70
Total General Appropriations	\$ 9,794,753.54
Less: Anticipated Revenues other	
than current property tax	\$ 2,203,966.67
Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes	
for Support of Municipal Budget	
as follows:	
Local tax for Municipal Purposes	
including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 7,590,786.87

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Two River Times in the issue of March 26, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Shrewsbury does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2020.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Shrewsbury Borough Hall on April 20, 2020, at 7:00pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2020 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Consent Agenda

Considering the Covid-19 crisis, Mayor Anderson asked that Resolution 2020-046 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Council concurred.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to approve the Consent Agenda except for resolution 2020-046, seconded by Councilman Sena and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

**RESOLUTION 2020-044 - HIRING A CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has the need for and has requested the hire of a Class II Special law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Turner has interviewed and recommended the hiring of Michael Mowder at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, as recommended by the Police; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury that Michael Mowder be hired as a Class II Special Law Enforcement Officer at \$22.00 per hour, effective March 16, 2020 or soon thereafter pending completion of employment process.

**RESOLUTION 2020-045 - HIRING MARY MCAWARD AS A
PART-TIME CROSSING GUARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury Police Department needs Part-Time Crossing Guards; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended the hiring of Mary McAward as a Part-Time Crossing Guard, with a per diem rate of \$50 per day; \$25 per half day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, that Mary McAward be hired at the aforementioned salary rate, pending confirmation of a favorable background check.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and the Police Department.

**RESOLUTION 2020-047 - APPROVING THE BILL LIST FOR MARCH 16, 2020 AND
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury received certain claims against it by way of voucher in the amount of \$134,790.31 for the period ending March 16, 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

- Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that on March 10, 2020, Brown & Brown Consultants came to meet with Borough employees to explain their services. Also, on the same date, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) had a meeting with the Engineer, Administrator and members of the Police Department to discuss the next steps for SRTS.

Councilman Eddy

- Councilman Eddy stated that the gazebo at Patterson Park is in disarray. He suggested that either the gazebo be moved or taken apart and disposed of.

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- Councilwoman Eulner, Chair of the Open Space Committee, stated the options suggested by Councilman Eddy had been discussed by the committee and they were in favor of taking it apart and disposing it.

Councilwoman Doran Eulner

No Report

Councilman Gilmartin

- Councilman Gilmartin stated he spoke with Rob Lynch from the Recreation Committee regarding the closing of all the fields in the Borough for any recreation activity until 4/6/2020 at the earliest, in compliance with Little League International.
- He also asked Mr. Lynch to reach out to the travel teams and inform them that we would prefer the teams not to gather in large groups or hold practices.
- Mayor Anderson suggested to Council that all Borough parks be closed to all organized sports practices. All members of the Council agreed with this action.

Councilman Sena

No Report

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Anderson stated that the Emergency Declaration is going to be further reviewed by Jerzy, though it is essentially an extension of what Governor Murphy has already put into place regarding Covid-19.
- Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Minis called the Administrator to get an update on the plastic bag ordinance.
- Mayor Anderson explained that he spoke with other residents regarding the plastic bag ordinance; however, due to the current circumstances, he felt the current focus of the Borough must be the health, safety and well-being of its residents.
- He added that the information provided to the Council from the Environmental Commission is still being evaluated and stated that the Council has not yet received any input from local businesses. In addition, he was unsure if the Environmental Commission would be providing that information, as well as any indication of state action that might be taken.
- Councilman Sena inquired whether the Environmental Commission is aware of their participation in reaching out to local businesses. Mayor Anderson responded that he was unsure of the level of involvement from the Environmental Commission.
- Mayor Anderson added that he spoke to a representative from ShopRite, who stated that they would not be opposed to a plastic bag ban, though they would prefer it come from a statewide ordinance. In the meantime, the ShopRite representative stated they would be willing to work in partnership with the community to recycle single-use plastic bags.

Clerk/Administrator's Report

No report.

Open the Floor to the Public

Mayor Anderson opened the floor to the public.

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Close the Floor to the Public

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

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

Attest:



Maureen L. Muttie, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approve:



Erik Anderson
Mayor