

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY  
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MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**May 1, 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Erik Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and read the Presiding Officer's Statement.

**Sunshine 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 April 29, 2023 by the Municipal Clerk.

**Roll Call**

Present: Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian  
Councilman Daniel Levy  
Councilman Jason Sena  
Councilwoman Jaclyn Woehnker

Also, Present: Erik Anderson, Mayor  
Bruce Padula, Attorney  
Christopher Cherbini, Borough Administrator  
Kayla Wharton

Absent: Councilman Don Eddy  
Councilman Brendan Gilmartin

**Salute to Flag**

Led by Mayor Erik Anderson

**Shared Service- Monmouth County Sheriff**

Mayor Anderson wanted to thank all of the members of the emergency services, Fire First Aid and Police Department for being in attendance. Mayor Anderson stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to discuss the future of Dispatch Services within the Borough of Shrewsbury. Currently there are four (4) full-time dispatchers working for the Borough, and our Dispatch Board is antiquated to say the least, and because of that there is no service repair company available in case it breaks.

Mayor Anderson explained the options that the council has been attempting to secure in order to keep dispatch in house, a joint service with other towns as an example. However, the other towns have realized as well that between equipment issues and staffing issues the most pragmatic alternative is to do a shared service with either Monmouth County or the NJ State Police. The Boroughs most recent attempts to have a local shared service with Little Silver did not work, as Little Silver joined the NJ State Police radio ban.

Mayor Anderson stated that there are a few options that can be done. Option 1, keep dispatch as is, and hopefully it will continue to function. Option 2, is to rebuild dispatch, with hopes of staffing it for a rough estimate of \$1,200,000- \$1,500,000- Option 3, is to partner with Monmouth County. The downside is that dispatch will no longer be in the building. However, the positive is that the dispatch will work and be properly staffed, it will help the officers be able to generate electronic system rather than the police currently hand writing their tickets.

Mayor Anderson asked the members of the emergency services if there were any questions or concerns from their specific department, all those present stated that while they would like dispatch to stay localized within Shrewsbury

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they are aware of the need to move to a shared service and believe it is the most advantageous for the safety of the residents of the Borough of Shrewsbury.

Mayor Anderson asked if members of council had any questions prior to opening the floor to the public. Councilman Sena asked what would happen if in 20 years or so the equipment needed to be updated. Mr. Cherbini explained that for all updates/ upgrades required for the county system are taken care of by the county and assessed preventatively rather than correctively. Mr. Cherbini stated that while there will be a cost to the borough to maintain the equipment as part of the shared service agreement, it can not exceed 2% per year for the next 3 years, which would be the term of the shared service. Councilwoman DerAsadourian asked the emergency services if there were any issues that have not been addressed, Chief Turner stated that there were none.

Open/Close to the Public

Inaudible, Glorney Street

-Gentleman asked if the dispatch time will be the same or if it will be longer? Chief Turner stated that there should not be a difference. Gentleman asked if the full time employees were going to be taken care of, Mayor Anderson explained that speaking about employees positions during an open public meeting is not allowed, without their knowledge. However, all current dispatch employees were offered positions with Monmouth County.

Mike Nugent, 58 Thornbrooke Drive

-Who is responsible to confirm that Monmouth County is held accountable if something goes wrong, or if the county does not meet the terms stated in the contract. Mayor Anderson explained that between the Administrator and the Chief of Police they will work closely with the county as they currently do. The protocol would be the same as what is in place today.

Gigi Blair, 31 Obre Place

-Ms. Blair asked how if we were moved to Monmouth County we would be able to communicate with local towns such as Little Silver considering they are on the State shared service. Chief Turner explained that the County and State work hand in hand and that we would be able to communicate far better. Ms. Blair also asked if the First Aid would need to utilize a new charting system, Mr. Cherbini stated that the county would provide a tablet to view the calls, but that the current IAM Responding would still be in use.

Joann Mazzucca, 10 Glorney Street

-Ms. Mazzucca asked how the borough was securing the network from potential cyber attacks. Mr. Cherbini stated that by moving to the county system, it is not an online based system where there would be the potential for attacks. Ms. Mazzucca also inquired what would happen if the county system goes down, Mayor Anderson stated that the county has generators and several backups located throughout the county.

Robin Murphy, 132 North Monroe Avenue

-Ms. Murphy brought up concerns regarding the response time from the county, as previously she has had an issue and the response time was extreme. Chief Turner stated that previously the county would have to get in contact with our dispatch, and if the Borough chooses to move forward with the county then the response time would be reduced.

Carolyn Barber, 152 Dorchester Way

-Ms. Barber asked if the county was also having a hard time with staffing as other municipalities are having. Mayor Anderson explained that they are fully staffed and that all county employees are trained for all towns.



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-Ms. Barber asked what should residents be doing if you would like to speak to someone in the police department? Mayor Anderson stated that you would simply contact the Borough Hall, who would transfer you to the police department as it would be a non-emergency.

Judy Kramer, 10 Willow Court

-Ms. Kramer would like to know how this will be rolled out if Mayor and Council chooses to transition to the county. Mayor Anderson stated that Councilwoman DerAsadourian and Mr. Cherbini would put together a comprehensive plan to inform the community.

Leslie Eaton, 916 Broad Street

-Ms. Eaton wanted to reiterate to the Chief to confirm that Monmouth County Dispatch is aware that Broad Street has a residential portion, and that it is not simply businesses. Mr. Cherbini explained that the county has a more advanced system than Shrewsbury is currently using, and with that being said the county will be able to make the addresses that are residential as well as have the backup of any incidents that took place at said residences.

-Ms. Eaton also wanted to know what happens when something is needed after hours. Mr. Cherbini stated that you will still contact the non-emergency line of 732-41-2500 and that will be answered and dealt with same as currently, simply from a different location.

Jay Eaton, 916 Broad Street

-Mr. Eaton asked if dispatch could be fully staffed and the equipment updated would county still be the best choice for the borough. Mr. Cherbini stated that the county will always have the current technology, and that will be the best choice for the Borough.

Lorraine Woloszyn, 945 Broad Street

-Ms. Woloszyn are there any surrounding towns that joined the county and left, and why? Mr. Cherbini stated that the few municipalities that were at the county and left was strictly a political choice.

Letter of Support from Councilman Brendan Gilmartin

*Dear Mayor Anderson and fellow members of the Shrewsbury Borough Council,*

*I regret that a personal conflict led to my absence from tonight's meeting but nevertheless wanted to submit for the record my support for the Shared Service Agreement (Resolution 2023-073) with the County of Monmouth for Emergency Dispatch Services.*

*As Councilman my highest priority is the safety and welfare of Shrewsbury residents. Part of that commitment includes emergency response services and ensuring necessary help arrives expeditiously.*

*During the past several years, Shrewsbury's dispatch professionals performed valiantly and professionally in their duty to provide enhanced public safety. However, there are impediments impacting our dispatch capabilities which have proven difficult to overcome, including staffing shortages, scheduling conflicts, and aging equipment which is exceedingly difficult to maintain and less compatible with other systems rendering communications with responders in nearby towns increasingly challenging.*

*In an effort to maintain centralized, local dispatch services, I and other council members have met with neighboring towns to discuss pooling resources to share this vital service. For various reasons, those overtures were unsuccessful. Careful assessment into the technology upgrades was also conducted but proved futile when balanced with the prospect of persistent staffing shortages.*

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*Therefore, after close consultation with emergency responders across Shrewsbury's police, first aid, and fire departments, careful study of the County of Monmouth's dispatch services, and resident safety, I am supporting Resolution 2023-073 and the appropriation of the funds requested under Ordinance 2023-1107.*

*Respectfully,*

*Shrewsbury Council President Brendan Gilmartin*

**Resolutions**

Councilman Sena motioned to approve Resolution 2023-073 seconded by Councilman Levy and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, Levy, Sena, and Woehner  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**RESOLUTION 2023- 073 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE/SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT  
WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act (N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.) authorizes Local Government Entities such as the Borough of Shrewsbury (the "Borough") to enter into Municipal Assistance/Shared Services Agreements with other local units; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monmouth, a local unit, has offered to provide Municipal Assistance / Shared Services to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Shrewsbury to enter into the proposed Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office for reasons of economy and efficiency..

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the attached Shared Services Agreement with the County of Monmouth and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office providing direct emergency dispatch services for Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for the Borough.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk forward a certified copy of this resolution, along with the executed Shared Services Agreement to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, County of Monmouth, Hall of Records, 1 E. Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 and the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, 2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728.

**Ordinance**

**2023-1107 First Reading/ Introduction:** Bond Ordinance Providing An Appropriation Of \$500,000 For Acquisition Of Emergency Services Equipment For And By The Borough Of Shrewsbury In The County Of Monmouth, New Jersey And, Authorizing The Issuance Of \$475,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough For Financing Part Of The Appropriation.

Open the Floor to the Public

Mayor Anderson opened the floor to the public to discuss Ordinance No. 2023-1107.

Close the Floor to the Public



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

**Motion to Introduce**

Councilman Sena motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-1107 , seconded by Councilwoman Woehnker and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, Levy, Sena, and Woehnker  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1107**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$475,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:**

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Shrewsbury, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said Improvement there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$500,000, such sum includes the sum of \$25,000 as the down payment (the "Down Payment") required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"). The Down Payment is now available by virtue of provisions in one or more previously adopted budgets for down payments for capital improvement purposes.

**SECTION 2:**

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements not covered by application of the Down Payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$475,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$475,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

**SECTION 3:**

(a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for the financing of which said obligations are to be issued is for acquisition of emergency services equipment, including radios and technology items, including all other related costs, appurtenances, materials and expenditures necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$475,000.

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(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$500,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

**SECTION 4:**

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**SECTION 5:**

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

**SECTION 6:**

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 10 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$475,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$75,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.



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**SECTION 7:**

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

**SECTION 8:**

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

**SECTION 9:**

The Chief Financial Officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The Chief Financial Officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

**SECTION 10:**

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$475,000.

**SECTION 11:**

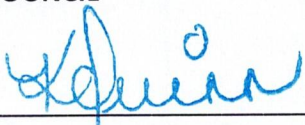
This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

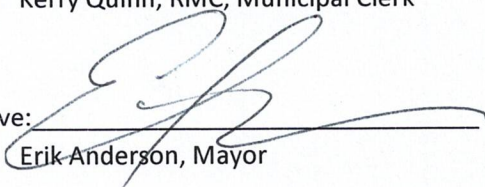
Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15PM on a motion made by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Levy with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

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Attest:   
Kerry Quinn, RMC, Municipal Clerk

Approve:   
Erik Anderson, Mayor

