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#### **Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Kim Eulnet 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 January 3, 2024, by the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

#### **Roll Call**

Present:

Councilman Brendan Gilmartin

Councilman Jason Sena Councilman Jim Daly Councilman Donald Eddy

Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian

Also, Present:

Kim Doran Eulner, Mayor

Bruce Padula, Esq., Borough Attorney

Christopher Cherbini, Borough Administrator Kayla Wharton, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Absent:

Councilman Daniel Levy

#### Salute to Flag

Led by Boy Scout Ryan Dasilva who was present at the meeting.

# Life Saving Award Presentation:

Mayor Eulner said the Borough Police Department and First Aid Squad had two serious calls in the Borough this past month which resulted in saving two of our residents.

Mayor Eulner read about the first event on January 12, 2024, Sgt. Rumola, Ptl. Ludwig & Ptl. Finelli responded to a resident's home in the Borough of Shrewsbury for a patient who collapsed upon arrival patrol found the patient unconscious. Ptl. Finelli attempted several sternum rubs on the patient with no reaction at which time it was determined that patrol needed to start CPR on the patient. CPR was initiated by Ptl. Finelli while Sgt. Rumola & Ptl. Ludwig set up the AED. Once the AED was on patient a shock was administered to the patient and two additional shocks were given prior to First Aid Squad arrival. Upon arrival on First Aid Squad EMT Ruggerio & EMT Drazen took over chest compression and took over clearing the patient's airway. Pt. was moved over to Zoll Autopulse for transport to the hospital and shortly after those responders' got ROSC on the patient (Return of spontaneous circulation). The patient was transported to a local hospital with a pulse. After following up with hospital staff apx. 5 days later the patient was in the intensive care unit with a pulse and was expected to make a recovery. Mayor Eulner presented those individuals above with certificates.

Mayor Eulner read about the second event on January 17, 2024, Sgt. Rumola, Ptl. Ludwig & Ptl. Finelli responded to a resident's home in the Borough of Shrewsbury for a patient with a complaint of severe chest pain. Upon arrival patrol placed the patient on high flow oxygen. EMT Ruggerio & EMT Wharton responded to the call after a quick report from patrol and the patient it was suspected that the patient was suffering from a cardiac event EMS quickly. administered aspirin and obtained a set of vitals on the patient. With assistance from patrol patient was moved over to the stretcher for immediate transport to a local hospital. Shortly after the patient was loaded into the ambulance and prior to

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transport beginning the patient went into cardiac arrest. CPR was immediately started with shocks administered to patient via AED. After numerous rounds of CPR the patient regained a pulse and patient was immediately transported to the hospital for further care. It was reported by hospital staff a short time later that the patient had a 100% heart blockage and was already out of the Cath Lab and doing well in the ICU. If it was not for patrol administering oxygen & not letting the patient walk around the scene and EMS administering Aspirin and care immediately the patient could have had a completely different outcome. Mayor Eulner presented those individuals above with certificates.

# **Eagle Scout Presentation & Rebranding of Borough Seal:**

Ryan Dasilva- Boy Scout Project Corinne Karl- Rebranding of Borough Seal

Councilman Eddy explained how the Borough has been looking into rebranding of the Borough seal for some time now and have been working with closely with Corinne Karl coming up with different ideas. Resident & Boy Scout Ryan Dasilva explained to council members that as his Eagle Scout project he would like to install new signs at the Borough Parks. Ms. Karl explained that this will be the first roll out of the new Borough seal and bring it to life with these new signs for parks & recreation will be under our new branding umbrella. Ms. Karl explained what the new seal would look like for the signs and explained that the parks and recreation would have a slightly different logo. Ryan Dasilva explained as his eagle scout project he would like to make new signs for the park so that residents and visitors of the town can find the parks easily. Ryan explained where he would like the signs to be located and what the size of the signs would be. Ryan showed the audience and council members what the signage currently looks like and what the new signage would look like. They also want to put a QR code on the sign where someone could scan it and see how to get to different parks etc. He explained that he will have one sign at Sickles Park & two signs placed at Patterson Park. Councilmembers asked questions to Ryan & Ms. Karl. The reason that he is proposing two signs at Patterson Park is so people can see the sign from both directions. Ryan explained that he will have nice landscaping planted around the signs which will be deer resistance. Councilwomen DerAsadourian asked what kind of material would be used? And she wanted to let Ryan know what they recently approved other projects at Sickles Park and just asked to make sure he follows up with them so that everything is spaced out. Ryan said the posts will be wooden with a pvc sleeve on them and the sign will be durable plastic. Mr. Cherbini said the sign will be what we design and the signs itself will be purchased by Open Space and installed by Eagle Scout. Ms. DerAsadourian said to reach out to Borough Engineer & DPW as they can help. Ryan explained that he is only doing Patterson Avenue & Sickles Park. Ryan explained that he hopes to have this started in April and shortly after installed and landscaping all done by Memorial Day. Councilmembers Thanked Ryan for his very detailed presentation. Ryan asked for an approval for this Eagle Scout project and asked Mayor Eulner to sign his eagle scout project.

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the Eagle Scout project pending the changes that were talked about this evening seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian. All in Favor.

Leslie Eaton from the public had a question regarding maintenance and who follows up on the project? Mayor Eulner said going forward we are going to be more proactive to make sure the project does not include heavy maintenance from DPW.

**Approval of Minutes** 

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the January 2, 2024 & January 9, 2024, Reorganization & Regular Meeting Minutes seconded by Councilman Daly, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

DerAsadourian, Eddy, Gilmartin, Sena, Daly

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

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#### **Ordinances:**

ORDINANCE 2024-1112, INTRODUCATION/FIRST READING: An Ordinance of the Council Of The Borough of Shrewsbury In The County Of Monmouth Amending and Supplementing Chapter 5, Article 10, Department of Public Works, Of The Shrewsbury Code.

## Motion to Introduce Ordinance 2024-1112

Councilman Eddy motioned to Introduce Ordinance 2024-1112 seconded by Councilman Sena, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

DerAsadourian, Eddy, Gilmartin, Sena, Daly

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Councilman Gilmartin asked a question why are we making the change from it saying Manager to Director? Mr. Cherbini said that all other towns call them Directors, so we are trying to streamline it nothing else is changing. Mr. Eddy said that this does not change the pay structure, it is strictly wording.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE X, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, OF THE SHREWSBURY BOROUGH CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough previously adopted Chapter 5, Article X, Department of Public Works, in the Borough Code establishing the Department and the position of Public Works Manager and codifying the powers and duties associated with that position; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend the existing Borough Ordinance to amend the title and qualifications associated with the position of the Public Works Manager; and

WHEREAS, all additions are shown in <u>bold italics with underlines</u>. The deletions are shown as <u>strikeovers in bold</u> <u>italics</u>. Sections of Chapter 5, Article X, Department of Public Works, that will remain unchanged are shown in normal type.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION ONE.** The Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury shall be amended as follows:

§ 5-44 Establishment of Department.

There is hereby established a Department of Public Works, the head of which shall be known as the "Public Works *Manager Director*."

§ 5-45 Term and qualifications of Public Works Manager Director

The Public Works <u>Manager Director</u> shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. He shall hold office at the pleasure of the Council and shall attain tenure of office after five years of continuous service as provided by law. He shall be certified pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6a et seq., <u>within two (2) years of the effective date of his/her appointment</u>. If the Borough pays for or reimburses the Public Works

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Director for necessary classes to be certified pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6a et seq., the Public Works Director shall be required to serve in the roll of Public Works Director for a period of two (2) years following the receipt of said certification. If the Public Works Director elects to not serve for two (2) years after receipt of his certification, the Public Works Director shall reimburse the Borough for all costs and expenses associated with necessary classes to be certified pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.6a et seq.

§ 5-46 Powers and duties of Public Works Manager Director.

The Public Works *Manager Director* shall:

- A. Have general supervision over all matters relating to the construction, management, maintenance and operation of the physical properties of the Borough.
- B. Develop a comprehensive program for the removal of snow and direct the removal of snow and the cleaning of streets.
- C. Supervise and direct all maintenance and repair employees employed by the Borough.
- D. Be responsible for the servicing of all requests and complaints from citizens involving Borough facilities, including, but not limited to, storm flooding and road damages.
- E. Provide all mechanical services required by any department, office or agency of the Borough.
- F. Under the supervision of the Mayor and Council, <u>Administrator</u>, and/or the Borough Engineer, supervise the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of all public streets within the limits of the Borough, and regulate street openings, the construction, alteration and repair of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and encroachments by objects and structures above and below public streets and sidewalks, and prevent interference with the public use thereof, and maintain reasonable standards of maintenance and repair.
- G. Provide for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and repair of storm sewer systems within the limits of the Borough.
- H. Operate and maintain all Borough properties.
- Perform such other duties as may be required by the <u>Administrator or</u> Mayor and Council.
- J. Supervise the collection and disposal of solid waste.
- K. The Public Works Director shall report to the Borough Administrator.

§ 5-47 Employees of Department; compensation.

The Public Works *Manager <u>Director</u>* shall <u>recommend for</u> hire such employees as are required for the performance of the duties set forth in this article, with the approval of the Public Works Committee and the Personnel Committee, at a compensation to be fixed by the Mayor and Council by ordinance.

**SECTION II. REPEALER.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. The Borough Clerk is authorized to renumber and/or re-codify any sections affected by such repeal to the extent consistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY. If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this Ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional such word, phrase, clause, section or

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provision shall be severable from the balance of the Ordinance and the remainder of the Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof after final passage according to law and approval by the State of New Jersey.

#### **Resolution:**

#### Resolution 2024-029

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve Resolution 2024-029, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, Eddy, Gilmartin, Sena, Daly

Nays: None Abstain: None

#### RESOLUTION APPOINTING MATTHEW HALL AS INTERIM DEPARMTENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Shrewsbury (the "Borough") is a governmental entity in the State of New Jersey that follows the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., also known as the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recommends Matthew Hall be appointed as Interim Department of Public Works Manager beginning on February 2, 2024 for the rate of \$1,000 per month; and

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough that:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9a, Matthew Hall be and hereby is appointed as Interim Department of Public Works Manager

#### Resolution 2024-030

Councilman Eddy motioned to open the Resolution 2024-030 up for discussion, seconded by Councilman Daly

Mr. Cherbini explained that they had a 2022 Ford get hit in a head on collison and the car was totaled to replace that patrol vehicle it would be over \$60,000 with the way rates are right now. Mr. Cherbini said a few years ago they purchased a police interceptor that ended up being a detective's vehicle. Instead of purchasing a expensive Ford we went with a cheaper smaller SUV as he does not need to be in a police rated vehicle. Mr. Cherbini said they were able to get financing on this vehicle for 0.9%. Councilwoman DerAsadourian said if we had a 2022 car what did the insurance company pay? Mr. Cherbini said \$38,000 to pay off the vehicle and they are paying another \$10,000-\$12,000 to move all the equipment over into the old detective's car so it gives us another patrol vehicle.

Councilman Gilmartin motioned to approve Resolution 2024-029, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, Eddy, Gilmartin, Sena, Daly

Nays: None Abstain: None

#### AUTHORIZE TO PURCHASE OF ONE BUICK ENCORE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase (1) detective vehicle for the Shrewsbury Borough Police Department;

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**WHEREAS,** two complete price quotes were received in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6.1 of the Local Public Contract Law; and

**WHEREAS,** , the Borough of Shrewsbury has a need to purchase, on a timely basis, an detective vehicle, specifically (1) new Buick Encore and

WHEREAS, the lowest cost proposal for a Buick provided by Jim Curley Buick of Keyport

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the purchase is \$28,000 per vehicle for a total of \$28,000 and funds that will be acquired through a 3 year finance agreement not to exceed .9% a year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council directs Chief Financial Officer and/or the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Jim Curley Buick to purchase one (1) new 2023 Buick Encore.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Councilman Eddy requested that 2024-036 & 2024-037 be pulled from the consent agenda and said those will be on next months agenda.

Councilman Sena motioned to approve the Consent Agenda without 2024-036 & 2024-037 seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

DerAsadourian, Eddy, Gilmartin, Sena, Daly

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-031**

## A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE RETIREMENT OF RONALD NEIS

WHEREAS, Ronald Neis is retiring from the Borough's Department of Public Works on February 1, 2024 after twenty nine (29) + years of service; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Neis and the Borough of Shrewsbury wish to set forth terms of Mr. Neis's retirement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury that Ronald Neis is entitled to be paid for unused sick time at the current rate. He will therefore be paid the sum of \$15,000.00, as a lump sum payment for the unused sick days, and \$4,629.12 for unused vacation days; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chief Financial Officer.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-032**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF UNUSED LAND USE BOARD HEARING ESCROW FUNDS

PROPERTY OWNER:

**VIO VEMS** 

PROPERTY LOCATION:

180 Shrewsbury Plaza

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**ESCROW ACCT:** 

E-12-2-255

**WHEREAS**, the above-named applicant previously posted, pursuant to the provision of the Municipal Land Use Law and Borough Ordinances Land Use Board hearing escrow funds for professional services to ensure proper review of application; and,

WHEREAS, said professional services for application review have been completed; and,

**WHERAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has received correspondence from the Borough Engineer recommending the return of the unused application escrow funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. That the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to effectuate the return of the unused application review escrow funds to the applicant in the amount of \$235.00, and subsequently closing escrow account E-12-2-255.
- 2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to each of the following:
  - a.) Borough Engineer
  - b.) Chief Financial Officer
  - c.) Land Use Administrative Agent
  - d.) Property Owner

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-033**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF UNUSED POOL INSPECTION REVIEW ESCROW FUNDS

PROPERTY OWNER:

Frank & Toni Lee Massa

PROPERTY LOCATION:

BLOCK 69, LOT 4 21 Dorchester Way

**ESCROW ACCT:** 

E-12-1-125 & E-12-2-95

**WHEREAS**, the above-named applicant previously posted, pursuant to the provision of the Municipal Land Use Law and Borough Ordinances, pool inspection review escrow funds for professional services to insure proper review of installations; and,

WHEREAS, said professional services for pool inspection review have been completed; and,

**WHERAS,** the Chief Financial Officer has received correspondence from the Borough Engineer recommending the return of the unused pool inspection escrow funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 3. That the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to effectuate the return of the unused pool inspection review escrow funds to the property owner in the amount of \$750, and subsequently closing escrow account E-12-1-125, and \$95.00, and subsequently closing escrow account E-12-2-223.
- 4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided by the Borough Clerk to each of the following:

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- e.) Borough Engineer
- f.) Chief Financial Officer
- g.) Land Use Administrative Agent
- h.) Property Owner

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-034**

#### **RESOLUTION APPLYING TO NEW JERSEY**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FY23**

# HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (HMEP) SUBAWARD #2023-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,250.02

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury desires to apply to the Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police for the FY23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Subaward for the period 9/30/2023 to 9/30/2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury is authorized to accept and is applying for the FY23 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Subaward in the amount of \$13,250.02 which will be subdivided into a Training and a Planning portion as described in the application in order to provide funding to improve the implementation of the Office of Emergency Management planning efforts as it relates to hazardous materials accidents/incidents within the Borough of Shrewsbury; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury hereby authorize and does accept said grant application with the Department of Law and Public Safety Division of State Police.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-035**

## RESOLUTION APPROVING VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHREWSBURY HOSE COMPANY #1

**WHEREAS**, the Shrewsbury Hose Company #1 has requested that the Mayor and Council approve the following to be approved by the New Jersey State Firemen's Association:

Nicholas Gandolfo Shrewsbury Hose Company #1

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that the above-mentioned volunteer (s) have been approved.

**RESOLUTION 2024-036** – Resolution pulled from consent agenda per Councilman Eddy

RESOLUTION 2024-037 – Resolution pulled from consent agenda per Councilman Eddy

#### RESOLUTION 2024-038

# A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BILL LIST FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury received certain claims against it by way of voucher in the amount of \$2,773,014.32 for the period ending February 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the aforementioned claims.

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**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

#### RESOLUTION 2024-039

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MODERN GROUP POWER SYSTEMS. TO SERVICE THE GENERATORS OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY

WHEREAS, the Borough has a need for Modern Group Power Systems. for generator maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the quote is below the quote threshold contained in the Local Public Contracts Law ("LPCL"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough authorizes the service of the generators for a coverage period from January 1, 2024 – December 30, 2024, for a total amount of \$4,293.00 at the following locations:

Department of Public Works, 90 White Road Borough Hall, 419 Sycamore Avenue Shrewsbury Hose Company, 783 Broad Street Shrewsbury First Aid, 115 Haddon Avenue

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-040**

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDEMNET OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR LSRP, LICENSED SITE REMEDIATION PROFESSIONALS

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Shrewsbury has a need to acquire LSRP, Licensed Site Remediation Professionals as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5 as appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the purchasing agent has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and,

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is for 1 year(s); and

WHEREAS, First Environmental Company has submitted a proposal March 13, 2023 indicating they will provide the Site Investigation and Remediation for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, First Environmental Company has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that First Environmental Company has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Shrewsbury in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the First Environmental Company from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, the CFO has certified that funds are available N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Shrewsbury authorizes the Borough Administrator to execute a contract on behalf of the Borough with First Environmental Company, as described

herein, not to exceed \$9,500.00; and

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value shall be placed on file with this resolution.

#### **Discussion and Action:**

Field Requests- Councilman Gilmartin

Councilman Gilmartin Explained the field requests that he has received. The first one is Shrewsbury Hurricane 12U Baseball team. All the children are from Shrewsbury. The coach submitted facilities use request form and did provide proof of insurance. A recommendation was made to approve this request. Councilwomen DerAsadourian asked about the recreation teams and school teams will the field be open enough for travel teams to use the field. Mr. Gilmartin explained that they are aware of the situation and understand that recreation teams come first. All in Favor to approve the above facilities use request form.

Councilman Gilmartin explained how the school has started their construction project and the school has asked to use our field at Sickles Park from March – May the time will be from 3:15-5:30 PM for practices and games this is for Baseball games. No request was made for Softball team. They will be using the larger field at Sickles Park. Mr. Gilmartin does not believe that this will be a conflict for recreation games as recreation games and practices get scheduled at 6PM or later that field. Mr. Gilmartin recommends this request to be approved with the current circumstances. All in Favor to approve the above facilities use request form.

Recreation Lacrosse has put in a large request of field time and Councilman Gilmartin wants to talk about this further with Mr. Cherbini and the coach.

Mayor Eulner announced our DPW Manager Ron Neis has retired and today is his and his wife's anniversary tomorrow, so they are out celebrating tonight. Mayor Eulner would like to honor him for over 30 years of dedication and service to the Borough of Shrewsbury. Mayor Eulner read the certificate out loud and announced that a proclamation will be presented at a later date.

#### **Reports of Council:**

#### Councilman Daly-

- He has met with Board of Health which we have been part of for two (2) Years. Councilman Daly advised that the Health Department has a lot of extra covid tests available for grabs and was asking if the Borough would be interested in obtaining a certain amount and be able to distribute and have them available for employees, first responders, residents etc. Everyone agreed to have Mr. Daly retain covid-19 tests from the Board of Health.
- The Land Use Board has been expanded and new applications are coming in.
- The Shade Tree annual report has been added and April 26<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day, and they are working with SBS on some new tree plantings.
- The Garden Club applications are live with still open plots.
- Board of Education March 7<sup>th</sup> we council members are invited for Read Across America. February 21<sup>st</sup> is the next Board of Education meeting a member resigned from the Board of Education recently and they will be voting at that meeting for the next Board of Education meeting.
- Notices went out to SBS parents and Obre residents regarding the construction starting at SBS, Traffic is going to be heavy in that area and the drop off location for students has been moved. Councilman Daly also advised he has asked the Board of Education to provide him with a tentative construction timeline.

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- Safe Routes to school a meeting on Thursday possibly some concerns regarding the traffic from construction.
- Community Alliance a meeting in the next few weeks regarding the events for the fall
- RBR waiting for budget numbers that should be sent in April.
- RBR will be going with a block schedule.

**Councilman Eddy-** DPW did a very good cleaning up from the most recent snow storm and very good job with communication from them.

#### Councilman Gilmartin:

- On Saturday, February 3, Mr. Gillmartin had the pleasure of joining other re-elected and newly elected public officials for a Local Government Leadership Program hosted by the New Jersey League of Municipalities. The sessions were informative, and we were able to hear perspectives and gain insights from other council members in the state.

#### **Shrewsbury Recreation:**

- Winter Basketball is underway
- Registration is open for spring Baseball and Softball due to close in the coming weeks
- Mr. Gilmartin Thanked Councilman Daly for engaging with Skate with Mates to host a free 'Learn to Skateboard Clinic' here in Shrewsbury this spring. Once we confirm the date, we'll post it to the municipal website and distribute it via standard communication channels.

#### **Shrewsbury Fire Department**

 One Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Gilmartin had the pleasure of meeting with Chief Jerzy Chojnacki and Assistant Chief Brent MacConnell. One of the key takeaways was the need for more volunteers to come forward. We discussed a range of possible recruitment initiatives and plans to help carry those efforts out in the coming months.

#### • January Call Report:

- o SFD responded to 17 calls, including 7 General Alarms.
- o Mutual Aid:
  - 1 to Eatontown
  - No Mutual Aid Calls
- With meetings, drills, and training, the department volunteered 95.82 hours.

#### **Shrewsbury First Aid Squad (Squad 45-21)**

#### • December Call Report:

- O Total Calls: 51 16 were sent to Assisted Living Facilities in town.
- 25 patients were transported to Riverview Medical Center; 2 to Monmouth Medical, and 3 to Jersey Shore University Medical Center.
- 2 Mutual aid calls into Shrewsbury

#### • Top Responder of the moth:

Kayla Wharton (17)

#### Councilman Levy (Absent)

- Mr. Cherbini reported that the only thing Councilman Levy asked to be brought up was the detective vehicle.

#### Councilman Sena:

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- Budget committee met last week regarding the budget and will have another meeting soon. Councilman Sena explained about the fix costs that have gone up like insurance and families of employees that have come onto our Borough insurance.
- Memorial Day call with first responders and how Memorial Day can be enhanced with an event after the ceremony at Borough Hall.
- The Centennial committee had a meeting and all department heads etc. the date they are looking at is May 16 2026. This happens the same year as the American 250 celebration and the County will be running an event.

#### Mayor's Report

#### Mayor Kim Doran Eulner

- Mayor Eulner did a ribbon cutting at Sandy Paws and she would like to get the word out about any new businesses in town herself and any council members that are available would like to acknowledge new businesses.
- She attended the Homesteaders meeting; Membership is down, and they are considering changing the name.
- Mayor Eulner would like to build up community pride and acknowledge residents and acknowledge the good that goes on in the Borough. Mayor Eulner asked that people reach out to her so that people can be recognized.
   Mayor Eulner can be reached via email <a href="mailto:keulner@shrewsburyboro.com">keulner@shrewsburyboro.com</a> or the Borough Clerk or Deputy Clerk.
- The Shrewsbury Borough yearbook ad is due and would like the Borough council to contribute. Deputy Clerk will
  coordinate the submission.

#### Administrator's Report

- Mr. Cherbini applied for the Lantern Fly grant and submitted to take care of our properties to spray trees. Last year with the grant over 100 trees got sprayed.
- The Eatons reached out about the speed signs on Route 35 they were not turning on at night and he believes it
  is because they are solar, and the skies have been overcast.
- The Administrator and Borough Engineer were requested by JCP&L to meet with them regarding a project on Newman Springs Road, Mr. Cherbini advised JCP&L in order to have the meeting he needed to see movement on the pole movement on White Street. Matt Hall from DPW will be having the speed signs on White Street installed once the mark out is completed.
- The firehouse sign has arrived it will be installed by DPW over the next couple of weeks. Councilwomen
  DerAsadourian has requested a resolution over who is going to have access to update the sign etc. She says this
  was discussed when the sign was approved and would like it on the March agenda.
- Councilman Gilmartin asked if it is the same solar signs that are in other locations in the Borough? Mr. Cherbini said yes they are, however he does not know the exact location.
- Councilwomen DerAsadourian would like to see a rabies clinic scheduled for the Fall. Mr. Cherbini advised that he will work on getting that scheduled.
- Ms. Wharton advised Shrewsbury Township just had one

#### Correspondence

No Report

#### Open to the Public

Leslie Eaton 916 Broad Street – Ms. Eaton would the recreation teams and coaches reminder about the garbage being picked up around the park. She advised Mayor Eulner that she loves how active she is being and bringing the community together. Ms. Eaton would like everyone to be able to communicate better. Mayor Eulner said it is hard to get people to visit the website. She just feels like in the past years everyone has become more isolated, and she would like to see everyone become more engaged. Ms. Eaton feels like the Borough should have more events to bring people together.

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Close the Floor to the Public

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm on a motion made by Councilman Sena, seconded by Councilman Daly with ayes by all

Councilmembers present

Attest:

Wharton, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Approve:

Kim Doran Eulner, Mayor