

Meeting Called to Order

The reorganizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury convened at 6:30PM.

Salute to the Flag

Shrewsbury Borough Boy Scout Troop #50 presented the colors and led the Salute to the Flag.

Mayor's State of the Borough Address

The Mayor read the following message into the record.

“This evening, we gather here to formally approve the organization of Shrewsbury’s municipal government for 2018. On this occasion we congratulate Erik Anderson on his successful bid for a three year term on Council and we congratulate and welcome Kim Eulner as the newest member of this Council. Both Erik and Kim are longtime members of our Shrewsbury Community and bring with them a solid understanding and appreciation of what is expected in service to the boro.

Tonight, we say farewell to Tom Moran thanking him for his dedication and insightfulness in his service to Shrewsbury. Collectively we say thank you and wish him well as he "opens new windows and new doors" in his relocation to a new residence in Delaware.

We begin the New Year with a new Police Chief—Robert Turner. Congratulations Bobby and we collectively wish you the best for many successes in our municipality. The challenges to law enforcement are becoming more complicated than ever. However, with your leadership and support of the professional team members of the Police Department, Shrewsbury is well positioned to address the needs and expectations of a community based policing operation. Look around and see for yourselves the many accomplishments of this past year. The municipal complex now sports improved recreation facilities with the addition of two widely utilized basketball courts, improvements to the ball and soccer fields, the expansion of the highly successful Community Garden, the integration of a designated Internet exchange location, improvements to the recording and sound systems in this meeting room, the installation of an all-inclusive generator to serve in case of an emergency, the stabilization and exterior painting of the Wardell House and the Shrewsbury Historical Society, and the soon to be installed upgraded lighting along the entrance roadway and parking areas. I want to thank members of this council for recognizing the importance of supporting and maintaining our taxpayers investment in our Municipal Complex.

This Council has also thought wisely and wrestled with allocating monies to support our DPW with upgraded and more efficient equipment. They have also supported our valued Hose Company with new equipment needed to respond to emergencies that might arise within our business and residential communities. Recognizing the economic impact of sharing services and equipment with surrounding communities, I report to you that we have entered into agreements with surrounding communities to take advantage of the savings offered through these agreements. And I also report to you that this Council remains committed to engage in additional Shared Services agreement where beneficial. Conversations are continuing this year to expand these agreements where viable.

Taken note of some of the road improvement projects around town. This Council has responsibly developed a long range plan to systematically address the needs of routine road maintenance.

Thanks to some grant funding from various sources, coupled with the leadership of our borough engineer, Dave Cranmer, road projects will continue as needed.

2017 has seen some changes along our commercial corridors with the construction of the Capitol

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Senior Living facility at the site of the former Shrewsbury Nursing home and the recent ground breaking to Lightbridge Academy Daycare Facility. Along the Broad Street corridor we have seen the renovations of several homes being reconfigured to accommodate small businesses. The Sunrise Assisted Living construction is well underway. The Goodwill facility should be opening shortly. The Grove has seen the addition of a new restaurant. Yes, there are a few projects – Shadowbrook, Quick Check & ShopRite that we thought would be further along but are now stalled, not because of any delays upon the part of our Zoning or Planning Boards, but rather due to activities by various objectors. Shrewsbury remains very attracted to business development. It is important that we continue to nurture further business development that complements the fabric of our community.

As your Mayor for the past eight years, I continue to be amazed at the number of individuals who are willing to commit their time, talent and energies to serve on various commissions and committees to support the activities of our community. It has been my practice to identify residents who are willing to make commitments without politicizing the selection process. To all these individuals, a well-deserved note of sincere appreciation is extended.

I also want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the entire boro staff who work so hard to keep us whole. In the coming months, we will see the retirement of our Borough Clerk Kathy Krueger and the relocation of Karen Lloyd to her new residence in Florida. At the same time we welcome Kerry Quinn as our Deputy Clerk. During these transitions, our remaining staff led by our borough administrator Tom Seaman, will continue to keep the ship afloat and headed in the right direction.

2018 is already lining up as a time of new challenges and adjustments. We will need to be vigilant to expected legislation and executive orders coming out of Trenton and Washington that will undoubtedly impact both our residents and our business partners. Regardless, I have every confidence that this Council and Administration will remain steadfast in their commitment to make us all proud of being Shrewsbury residents. In closing, thank you for your continued support and best wishes for good health to all in 2018.”

Councilmember’s Oath of Office: Erik Anderson

Judge Dennis O’Brien administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Erik Anderson while his sons, Connor, Carter and Quinlan held the Bible. Judge O’Brien acknowledged the retirement of the Clerk and shared his perspective on being on a Juvenile Conference Committee with her.

Councilmember’s Oath of Office: Kimberly Doran Eulner

Mayor Burden administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Kimberly Doran Eulner while her sons, Mark and Michael held the Bible.

Presiding Officer’s Statement

In accordance with the requirements of Section 4(a) of C.231, P.L. 1975, the required 48 hour advance notice of this meeting was given by mailing/faxing a copy of the agenda to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, in addition, to posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on December 29, 2017 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmember’s Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner, Eddy & Meyer

Also Present: Attorney Peter W. Kenny, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman & Clerk Kathleen P. Krueger

Absent: Marty Barger Borough Attorney represented by Mr. Kenny

Election of the Council President

Councilman Anderson moved to nominate Councilman Donald Eddy as Council President, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, Eulner, Eddy & Meyer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: DeSalvo

Certificate of Appreciation Honoring Former Councilman Thomas L. Moran

The Mayor read the Certificate of Appreciation honoring Mr. Thomas Moran into the record highlighting his accomplishments serving on the Planning Board and Borough Council as well as coaching multiple sports for the youth of Shrewsbury. The Mayor acknowledged his tireless work on COAH which culminated in negotiating the Fair Share Housing Agreement for Shrewsbury.

Mr. Moran was greeted with applause and he thanked the Mayor and Council.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2018-01 (Establishing Time & Place of the Meetings of the Mayor & Council)

Resolution #2018-02 (Appoint Council Committees, Liaisons & Procedures of Claim Payments)

Resolution #2018-03 (Designating Official Newspapers)

Resolution #2018-04 (Designating 2018 Borough Holidays)

Resolution #2018-05 (Designating Official Depositories of Borough Funds)

Resolution #2018-06 (Authorize Deposit of Borough Idle Funds in Designated Depositories)

Resolution #2018-07 (Establishing a Grace Period & Interest Rates)

Resolution #2018-08 (Temporary Budget)

Resolution #2018-09 (Authorize Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Approval of Bills List)

Resolution #2018-10 (Various Professional Services)

~~Resolution #2018-11 (Appoint Special Counsels)~~

Resolution #2018-12 (Appoint Municipal Public Defender)

Resolution #2018-13 (Appoint Monmouth Cty. Community Development Representatives)

Resolution #2018-14 (Appoint MEL-JIF Representatives)

Resolution #2018-15 (Appoint Council President to Serve in absence of the Mayor)

Resolution #2018-16 (Designate Responsibilities of Council)

Councilman Anderson requested that Resolution #2018-11 (Appoint Special Counsels) be removed from the consent agenda.

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolutions #2018-01 through #2018-16 as a consent agenda with the exception of Resolution #2018-11, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner, Eddy, & Meyer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution #2018-11 (Appoint Special Counsels) - TABLED

Councilman Anderson stated that his reason for removing this resolution from the consent agenda was that the resolution makes reference to the contracts for special counsel and that we are in receipt of one of the contracts but not the other so he requested to hold this over to another meeting for approval.

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Councilman Meyer inquired which contract was missing to which Councilman Anderson responded the Special COAH Counsel contract has not been received yet.

Councilman Anderson motioned to table this resolution for another meeting, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner & Eddy
NAYS: Meyer
ABSTAIN: None

Mayoral Appointments of Borough Officials with the Advice & Consent of Council

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Mayoral Appointments of Borough Officials with the Advice & Consent of Council, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner, Eddy, & Meyer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner, Eddy, & Meyer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions with Advice & Consent of Council

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions with Advice & Consent of Council, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner, Eddy, & Meyer
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Oaths of Office: Boards, Committees & Commissions

Mayor Burden invited anyone from the public being appointed to a Borough Board, Committee, or Commission to come forward to be sworn in at this time. No one from the public came forward.

Adjourn to Regular Public Meeting

Councilman Anderson moved to adjourn the Reorganizational Meeting at 6:51 PM, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Attest: _____
Kathleen P. Krueger, RMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: _____
Donald Burden, Mayor