

February 1, 2016

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Resolution #2015-21A (Executive Session)

Mayor Burden read Resolution #2015-21A to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve Resolution #2015-21A, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Public Meeting Reconvened

The public meeting reconvened at 7:20 PM.

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 January 29, 2016 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers DerAsadourian, Dodge, Eddy, Meyer & Moran

Also Present: Borough Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman & Deputy Clerk Bonnie Brookes

Absent: Councilman DeSalvo

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden.

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting – December 17, 2015

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting – December 22, 2015

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Reorganization – January 4, 2016

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting – January 4, 2016

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting – January 19, 2016

Councilman Dodge asked that a misspelling be corrected on the December 22nd Minutes.

Councilman Moran motioned to approve the minutes of December 17th, December 22nd, January 4th and January 19th, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Dodge, Eddy & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DerAsadourian & Meyer

Resolution #2016-21 (Allow Verizon to Jointly Use Existing Facilities Lawfully Erected in the Public Right of Way for Small Network Nodes)

Councilman Dodge motioned to approve Resolution #2016-21, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Dodge, Eddy, Meyer & Moran

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DerAsadourian

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Resolution #2016-22 (Hire Fill-In Dispatcher: Kyle F. Ludwig)

Resolution #2016-23 (Monmouth County Mosquito to Conduct Aerial Mosquito Control Operations)

Resolution #2016-24 (Appropriation Transfer No. 2)

Resolution #2016-25 (Participation in Federal Grant Program EMAA)

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolutions #2016-22, 23, 24, & 25, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DerAsadourian, Dodge, Eddy, Meyer & Moran
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Paint the Town Pink Banner Request

The Council approved the placement of the “Paint the Town Pink” banner on Patterson Avenue and pink ribbons at Borough Hall. Councilman Meyer motioned to approve the banner request, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DerAsadourian, Dodge, Eddy, Meyer & Moran
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Administrator Report

Mr. Seaman discussed with the Council making changes to the bulk trash collection schedule. He explained that DeLisa Demolition, the Borough’s trash contractor, suggested that three bulk items could be collected on the second trash collection day of each week to which the Council agreed.

Mr. Seaman reported on the low number of tax appeals for 2016 and noted that the MEL-JIF would like to hold an Elected Official Seminar at the Borough Hall. He also announced that the Borough Police Department won a safety award from the MEL-JIF.

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that she would have an Open Space report at the next meeting.

Councilman DeSalvo’s report was read by Councilwoman DerAsadourian. She stated that the Community Alliance would like to hold a music night on May 14th at Sickles Park and asked for Council approval. *Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to allow the Community Alliance to hold a music night on May 14th at Sickles Park, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by all Councilmembers present.*

Councilman Dodge reported on a county meeting he attended on the Assessment Demonstration Program (ADP). He stated that the presenters believe that the ADP is better than the old assessment system because it causes fewer appeals, the home values are more accurate, and it saves the municipalities money. Councilman Dodge discussed some of the issues that people raised at the meeting and noted that the ongoing investigation was not discussed. He reiterated his feelings that the Borough needs to think of an alternative to the assessment program.

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Councilman Eddy reported that it is budget time for the Borough and that he would be meeting with each of the Councilmember's to discuss the budget in the future.

Councilman Meyer reported on the recent snow storm. He stated that each DPW employee worked 30 hours of straight overtime. Councilman Meyer informed the Council that four of the Borough's vehicles were damaged due to over usage and age and reported on the repairs. He also stated that Little Silver rejected the Borough's proposal to share a street sweeper.

Councilman Meyer reported on the overwhelming number of potholes on Route 35. Mayor Burden asked that Mr. Seaman inquire as to the status of the Route 35 and Sycamore Avenue repaving projects. Councilman Meyer also noted that the DPW and the Dispatchers currently are working without a contract.

Councilman Moran reported that the Planning Board passed the resolutions that he discussed at the last meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on the meetings that he had attended in the previous two weeks including the Planning and Zoning Board recertification class that was held at the Borough. He also noted that he signed the Annual Community Forrest Accomplishment Report.

Correspondence

Ms. Brookes reminded the Council of the upcoming newly elected official's seminar and asked them to RSVP if they are interested.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Moran motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury, asked if the residents would be notified prior to the mosquito spraying that was mentioned in Resolution #2016-23. The Mayor informed her that residents would be notified if they decided spraying was needed. Ms. Clark asked how the DPW vehicles were damaged during the storm. Councilman Meyer replied that it was due to the age of the equipment for the most part and the large amount of snow the Borough received. Ms. Clark asked if the DPW can raise their plows when passing driveways as to not plow the residents in. Councilman Meyer stated that he would look into it but expressed concern over how narrow the streets are and the number of driveways in the Borough.

Christopher Vaios, 84 Garden Road, Shrewsbury, congratulated the Council for deciding to opt out of the ADP system. He mentioned that many people are outraged by the ADP system. He inquired about the Borough's timeline for developing an alternative system. Mr. Vaios stated that the residents should be involved with the process. Councilman Dodge noted some of the issues that they are going to face when developing this alternative. Councilman Eddy pointed out that whatever is developed needs to be consistent with other municipalities in Monmouth County. Mr. Vaios stated that the Borough should lead the county. Councilman Meyer noted that we have to keep in mind how it could impact the Borough's portion of the Red Bank Regional School Budget.

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Close the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Moran motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Payment of Bills

Councilman Eddy explained that a large portion of the bills list was for Red Bank Regional, Shrewsbury Borough School, the County, and Open Space. Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,971,475.13, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DerAsadourian, Dodge, Eddy, Moran & Meyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Adjourn

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

Attest: _____
Bonnie Brookes, RMC – Deputy Clerk

Approve: _____
Mayor Donald Burden