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Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 December 18th 2015 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Dodge, Meyer & Moran
Also Present: Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman & Clerk Kathleen P. Krueger
Absent: Councilman Eddy

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden

Approval of Minutes of November 16th 2015 Council Meeting

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

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

Authorize the Mayor to Sign the PBA Contract for 2016-2017

Councilman Meyer reviewed the details of the contract. Councilman Meyer motioned to authorize the Mayor's signature, seconded by Councilman Dodge and approved by the following vote:

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

Resolution #2015-79 (Promotion of Tracy J. Polk to Sergeant)

Councilman Dodge commented on Officer Polk's excellent record of service. Councilman Dodge motioned to authorize the promotion of Tracy J. Polk to Sergeant, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following vote:

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

Sergeant Polk's badge was pinned on his uniform by Dylan Bard.

Resolution #2015-80 (Hire Patrol Officer-Academy: Daniel L. DeCristofaro)

Councilman Dodge reviewed Mr. DeCristofaro's resume. Councilman Dodge motioned to hire Mr. DeCristofaro, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

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

Swearing in of Officer Daniel L. DeCristofaro

Mayor Burden swore in Officer DeCristofaro while his mother, Sue, and girlfriend, Sarah, held the Bible. His father, Tony, pinned his badge on his uniform.

Resolution #2015-81 (Appropriation Transfer #2)

Resolution #2015-82 (Cancel Grant Appropriation for Bulletproof Vest)

Resolution #2015-83 (Release Performance Guaranty for Jefferson Enterprises)

Resolution #2015-84 (Release Performance Guaranty for Colonial American Bank)

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolutions #2015-81, 82 (as amended), 83 & 84 as a consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Dodge and approved by the following vote:

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

Resolution #2015-85 (Authorization to Award Solid Waste & Recycling Collection)

Mr. Seaman stated that the Borough received four bids with the lowest bid submitted by DeLisa Demolition Inc. for \$486,000 for a three year period. He explained that additional dumpsters were also added to the contract and noted how satisfied the Borough has been with DeLisa's performance in their previous contract with the Borough. Councilman Dodge motioned to approve Resolution #2015-85, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following vote:

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

Authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to Sign Contract with DeLisa Demolition Inc. for Solid Waste and Recycling Collection

Councilman Dodge motioned to approve Resolution #2015-85, seconded by Councilman Meyer and approved by the following vote:

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

Approval of New Member of the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1: Joseph T. Calao

Councilman DeSalvo informed the Council Mr. Calao passed both his background and DMV check. Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve Mr. Calao's application for membership, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:

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

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Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman informed the Council that the Borough Assessor, Bill FitzPatrick, has been in contact with the County concerning the Borough's decision to opt out of ADP program. He also noted that his office will be working on the new Borough directory.

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian had nothing to report.

Councilman DeSalvo had nothing to report.

Councilman Dodge reported that he attended the interviews for police promotions. He added that there is a second sergeant position open but they decided not to fill it at this time which will lead to additional overtime.

Councilman Meyer reported that DPW will be reviewing their entire fleet prior to any action being taken on purchasing a new dump truck and noted that DPW invited the Council to visit DPW and view all their equipment. Mr. Meyer stated that the Borough is at an impasse with the DPW union after offering the same contract as the PBA accepted so; as a result, they are working without a contract. He stated that DPW may need to hire a part-timer due to the staff being down by two people who are out on medical leave, as well as, the extended hours at the Recycling center

Councilman Moran reported on the Planning Board activity including a change of use and a subdivision.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on the various meetings, events, and ribbon cuttings he attended in the past two weeks. He noted that he worked on reaching out and thanking all the volunteers who were up for reappointment.

Mayor Burden also noted that on the December 17th the Council decided to opt out of the ADP Program by passing Resolution 2015-78.

Correspondence

Clerk Krueger stated that she has no additional correspondence.

Open the Meeting to the Public

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

Keith McGee, 103 East End Avenue, Shrewsbury, stated that he wanted to bring closure to a baseball issue that he presented to the Council in September. He stated that he presented a list that included everything from safety concerns to procedures for taking care of the field.

Councilman Meyer noted that the Borough Engineer, Dave Cranmer, did a full review of the fields and found no safety concerns.

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Mr. McGee stated that these safety concerns were raised by people who understand the sport the kids are playing. He stated that he also brought in an expert from the Lakewood Blue Claws who made an independent report. Mr. McGee stated that the expert's report supports his concerns and he recommended not having children play on the fields. He stated that he sent the expert's report to Recreation and would forward it to the Council. He added that the report has a cost analysis of the repairs. Councilman Dodge asked Mr. McGee to inform the Council of the safety concerns at Manson Park. Mr. McGee spoke to concerns with the 'lip' leading to the outfield, the backstop, and the grading of the infield. He explained that the expert agreed that much of the baseball field's current problems had to do with maintenance being done incorrectly and the quality of the products the Borough uses. Mr. McGee stated that the people taking care of the fields need to be trained properly as many of the fields have not been maintained in six to ten years with proper clay.

Mr. McGee stated that he wanted to discuss the process so this could be addressed. He stated that the Recreation Committee has sat on this and a new process needs to be created. He asked that the Council act on this now and he volunteered himself and others to champion the cause. Councilman Dodge stated that the communication between Council and Recreation has greatly improved over the last year. He asked Mr. McGee to explain his relationship with Recreation. Mr. McGee stated that he worked with Recreation about four months ago and they were helpful but feels that the last few months they are not properly weighing needs vs. wants. Although he did state that they are supportive of fixing the field. Councilman Dodge explained how the budgeting process works and how each department can only request their budget once a year. Council asked Mr. McGee if he would be willing to work with Recreation one more time to follow the normal procedure, which he agreed to do.

Councilman Dodge questioned what was wrong with Sickles Park. Mr. McGee explained that the small field was beautiful when it was built but the dirt has sunk and now there are lips. He noted that a grass infield requires different maintenance. Mr. McGee stated that the large field has grading problems which cause run-off of the field dirt.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained that Council relies on Recreation for information on the enrollment of sports and that is why they are so involved. Mr. McGee commented that he thinks the Borough can actually do with fewer baseball fields that are better maintained.

Nilda Collazo Vaios, 84 Garden Road, Shrewsbury commented that she just found out that the Borough opted out of the County's new reassessment program and asked for more information on this decision. Councilman Meyer explained that it was approved on December 17th. Ms. Vaios told the Council that she applauded them for their decisions and questioned what the Borough would do now. Councilman Moran explained that they are still required to participate in the program through 2016. Councilman Meyer stated that opting out comes with many dangers including increasing the Borough's contribution to Red Bank Regional. Councilman Dodge explained that the Council has to decide what they are going to do instead of the County's program and will work on that in the New Year. He added that if they modified the program to the Borough's satisfaction they could decide to opt back in. Councilman Dodge noted that as

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long as there is an ongoing investigation he does not believe any towns will opt back into the program. Ms. Vaios asked if there were residents that had the knowledge of statistics, would they be allowed to help in the revaluation process. Councilman Dodge stated that the Borough could do a workshop but that they have a great deal of confidence in the Assessor.

Ms. Vaios asked the Council if they thought that Shrewsbury had an unfair burden with Red Bank Regional. Councilman DeNofa stated that Shrewsbury pays \$30,000 per student when other sending towns only pay \$14,000 and that there is nothing the Borough can do because of the state statute. Ms. Vaios questioned if the Borough could appeal to Senator Beck or Assemblyman O'Scanlon. Councilman Dodge explained that they had Senator Beck as a guest at one of the Council meetings nine months ago without much conclusion. Councilman Meyer explained the strength of the statutes. Ms. Vaios explained that this is hard for her to accept. Councilman Meyer explained why Red Bank Regional charges only about half the cost per student they charge Shrewsbury as they charge out of town tuition students. Councilman Dodge reviewed all the Borough Council's attempts to solve this issue and Mayor Burden stated this isn't just a Shrewsbury problem.

Close the Meeting to the Public

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

Payment of the Bills

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve that the bills list in the amount of \$87,738.25, which was seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

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

Adjournment

Councilman Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Councilmembers present.

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

Approve: _____
Mayor Donald Burden