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Meeting Called to Order

The reorganizational Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury convened at 7:00PM.

Salute to the Flag

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

Certification of Election Results

Municipal Clerk Krueger certified the election results of the Mayor and Council positions from the November 2014 General Election. She stated that the total number of registered voters is 3,103 and the total number of ballots cast was 1,193. Donald W. Burden received 913 votes for Mayor, Council Members at Large, Michael DeNofa received 841 and William Dodge received 811 votes.

Mayor's Oath of Office: Donald W. Burden

Freeholder Lillian G. Burry administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Donald W. Burden while his grandson, Rafferty, held the Bible. Ms. Burry stated that she has met a lot of elected officials in her years in government and that Don Burden ranks right at the top.

Mayor's State of the Borough Address

Mayor Burden stated that it is an honor and privilege to serve Shrewsbury for a second term as Mayor and recognized the support of Council, along with members of the Borough's Boards, Committees and Commissions. He added that their work is supported by our highly competent administrative staff under the leadership of our Borough Administrator, Tom Seaman, and our Borough Clerk Kathleen Krueger. Mayor Burden stated that the combined efforts of the Borough's many volunteers, police, fire department, and first aid create the necessary resources to ensure that Shrewsbury remains whole in addition to being financial solid and responsibly managed.

Mayor Burden stated that during the past four years taxes were raised modestly to support our annual municipal budget but noted that there was no increase in the Borough's part of the annual municipal budget. He reported that during his first term in office the Borough secured over one million dollars in grants not including the 2014 Monmouth County Municipal Open Space Grant awarded to Shrewsbury last month by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders for \$104,000 to be used for improvements at Manson Park.

Mayor Burden explained that the Council is currently working on the 2015 budget which will be adopted sometime in April. He stated that they are closely monitoring the new Tax Assessment Program that revalues the Borough's property values and its impact on the Borough. He added that he hopes that the recent revaluation of properties and new ratables will help the Borough's 2015 tax rate and budget.

Mayor Burden reported that the court revenues and construction permit fees were up this year. He explained that the increase in permit fees came from the construction at The Ivy, The Enclave, and the redevelopment of the bowling alley property. Mayor Burden reviewed the

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shared services the Borough has with Oceanport/Sea Bright for the use of our court room and our aid to Shrewsbury Township for fire protection. He added that the Borough is always looking for new opportunities to share services.

Mayor Burden highlighted some of the notable accomplishments of 2014 including the completion of the improvements to Patterson Avenue and the Sycamore Avenue crosswalk. He noted that the Master Plan with a Sustainability Element was adopted and thanked everyone who helped in its creation. Mayor Burden announced that the community was delighted in our first “Shrewsbury Day” whose goal was to support local businesses with the slogan “Shop Local, Shop Shrewsbury”. He noted that there was a wide range of activities and events in addition to the dedication of the Blair/Manson Eagle to the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

Mayor Burden showed appreciation for the Borough’s growing number of volunteers. He mentioned all the great events they organize for the Borough including the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, Chanukah Menorah Lighting, Red Ribbon Week, Paint the Town Pink, the annual Borough Clean-Up Day, and summer movie nights at Gopher Field and thanked all the volunteers responsible. Mayor Burden recognized the Environmental Commission for their work earning a Bronze award by Sustainable New Jersey. He mentioned appreciation for the Shrewsbury Garden Club and Master Gardeners who have helped beautify the Borough through their many projects. He also praised the Community Gardeners who raised crops to benefit Lunch Break’s food pantry. Additionally, Mayor Burden applauded all the volunteers who work with the Borough’s recreation sports programs.

Mayor Burden commented on the changes in the structure of the Borough’s Police Department with the promotions of Officer Boyd to Sergeant, Officer Ramsey to Detective Sergeant, and Officer Calicari to Lieutenant. He added that the Hose Company welcomed Ron Neis as Chief and the First Aid welcomed Dave Tyler as its new President. He noted that both the Shrewsbury Hose Company and the First Aid Squad added new members to their ranks this year. Mayor Burden solemnly acknowledged the passing of two dedicated volunteers with the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad, Jack Connors and Michael Bell, who served the Borough for many years.

Mayor Burden stated that there are many matters that the Council plans to address in 2015. He said one of these issues is the abandoned and vacant properties within the Borough which can become a bureaucratic nightmare. Mayor Burden shared that they are working towards a resolution as to what to do with the Wardell House and suggested that they might be able to apply for grant monies to restore the building just as Christ Church and the Quaker Meeting House have done.

Mayor Burden stressed the importance of supporting, maintaining and protecting the existing investments and infrastructure in Shrewsbury. He expressed his support for modernizing the Borough’s systems and equipment and investing in recreational areas. Mayor Burden stated that it is the Council’s duty to not only oversee and support the Borough current operations but to also chart Shrewsbury’s future.

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Mayor Burden thanked everyone for their continued support and wished everyone the best in 2015!

Councilman's Oath of Office: William E. Dodge

Freeholder John Curley administered the Oath of Office to Councilman William E. Dodge while his son, William III (Trey), 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 January 2, 2015 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilman DeSalvo, Councilman Dodge & Councilman Pellegrino
Also Present: Attorney Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, Clerk Kathleen P. Krueger & Deputy Clerk Bonnie Brookes
Absent: Councilwoman DerAsadourian, Councilmen DeNofa & Councilman Meyer

Election of the Council President

Councilman Pellegrino moved to appoint Councilman Dodge as Council President, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeSalvo, Dodge, & Pellegrino
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Swearing in Ceremony for Shrewsbury Hose Company, First Aid Squad & Fire Police

Mayor Burden invited all volunteers that have been voted into offices for the Shrewsbury Hose Company, First Aid Squad, and Fire Police to come forward and be sworn in. Ronald Neis, Bruce MacDonald, John Merris, Ralph Latham, Edward Magenheimer, and Jerzy Chojnaki from the Hose Company came forward to be sworn in. Donald Eddy, Michael Aufiero, George Richdale, Christopher Bell, and Bill Kelleher came forward from the First Aid. Mayor Burden swore all of these volunteers into their respective offices and thanked them for all they do for Shrewsbury.

Resolution #2015-01 (Establishing time & place of the meetings of the Mayor & Council)

Resolution #2015-02 (Appoint Council Committees, Liaisons & Procedures of Claim Payments)

Resolution #2015-03 (Designating Official Newspapers)

Resolution #2015-04 (Designating 2015 Borough Holidays)

Resolution #2015-05 (Designating Official Depositories of Borough Funds)

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Resolution #2015-06 (Authorize Deposit of Borough Idle Funds in Designated Depositories)

Resolution #2015-07 (Establishing a Grace Period & Interest Rates)

Resolution #2015-08 (Temporary Budget)

Resolution #2015-09 (Authorize Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Approval of Bills List)

Resolution #2015-10 (Various Professional Services)

Resolution #2015-11 (Appoint Monmouth Cty. Community Development Representatives)

Resolution #2015-12 (Appoint MEL-JIF Representatives)

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

Mayoral Appointments to Boards, Committees & Commissions

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

Councilman Pellegrino asked that a date be corrected on the Mayoral Appointment list of Borough Officials. Councilman Pellegrino motioned to approve Resolutions #2015-01 to #2015-12 and all appointments to boards, committees, and commissions as a consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeSalvo, Dodge, & Pellegrino

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 DeSalvo moved to adjourn the Reorganizational Meeting at 7:22 PM, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeSalvo, Dodge & Pellegrino

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

Approve: _____
Donald Burden, Mayor