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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 September 2, 2016 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer

Also Present: Attorney Martin Barger, Administrator Thomas Seaman & Municipal Clerk Kathleen P. Krueger

Absent: Councilmember Moran

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden.

Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting - August 15, 2016

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DeSalvo & Eddy

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: DerAsadourian & Meyer

Consent Agenda:

Resolution #2016-74 (Refund of Overpayment of Taxes)

Resolution #2016-75 (Release of Performance Guaranty for 471-475 Shrewsbury, LLC)

Memorialize Email Vote for Work on Obre Place Sidewalks

Permission for Banner across Patterson Avenue for the Shrewsbury Classic 5K Race

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Resolution #2016-76 (Hire Full-time Employee for DPW: William Paul Story)

Councilwoman DerAsadourian questioned if the new employee was vetted through the proper committees. Councilman DeSalvo reported that Mr. Neis and Mr. Wentway interviewed the candidates and decided he was the best fit for the Borough's needs. The Council discussed Mr. Story's hiring and conditions of employment. Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #2016-76, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy & Meyer

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Administrator Report

Mr. Seaman reported on the deadline for the next newsletter and noted that it would be the last printed issue. Council discussed the newsletters future. Mr. Seaman stated that he was going to apply for additional Superstorm Sandy reimbursement monies. He also noted the Finance Committee would be asking for the 2017 departmental budgets in December this year.

Reports of Council

Councilman Anderson reported that the Hose Company is having an issue with the 2000 fire engine's throttle which is being addressed. He also noted the suspension airbag on the ladder truck has failed and it will need to be addressed before the new ladder truck arrives in 2017. Councilman Anderson commented that the Red Bank Regional Board of Education meeting will be tomorrow.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported that Manson Park work continues and noted that the baseball field and walking trail is complete. She stated that there is a delay with the basketball court due to an equipment back order. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Shade Tree Commission is researching a solution to the invasive vine species problem that is prevalent at Manson Park.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian discussed the Safe Routes to School Program with the Council and agreed to have the Traffic Safety Officer reach out to the group.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Borough will need to resurface the tennis courts at Sickles Park soon and also asked the Council to consider removing the cost for residents to use them. *Councilman Meyer motioned to amend the ordinance to state the Borough will discontinue charging Borough residents for tennis badges starting in 2017, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following roll call:*

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

Councilman DeSalvo reported on the Board of Health's recent meeting on the Zika Virus and informed the Council on the Alliance's 'Chalk the Walk' program.

Councilman Moran's report was read by Councilman DeSalvo. Councilman DeSalvo informed the Council on DPW's many ongoing projects including brush collection, park maintenance, soccer prep, weed control, and new street signs. He noted that DPW has recommended that no fall baseball be played at Manson Park this year to allow for the sod to take root and portable goals to be investigated. Councilman DeSalvo stated that he asked DPW to put some signs up and regrade the area on the west side of the new basketball court at Sickles Park.

Councilman DeSalvo stated that the Borough received quotes to trim the trees in the middle of Park Avenue and noted that the lowest quote is from Becker Tree Service for \$6300.

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to accept the quote for \$6300 from Becker, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Meyer stated that he asked DPW to get a quote to have the gazebo by the ballfields repainted.

Councilman Eddy reported that the budget process was going to start early this year.

Councilman Meyer reported that Oceanport requested an extension to their Court Facility Use agreement and that the Council met with them. He reviewed some of the Borough's concerns including the cost and security which was discussed with Oceanport. Councilman Meyer noted that the Borough agreed to the contract extension but the cost associated with this extension was still to be determined.

Councilman Meyer said that he also spoke to Oceanport about shared services for a street sweeper and a truck wash. He also noted that they did discuss recent issues at Monmouth Park concerning Shrewsbury Borough residents. Mr. Meyer reported that Shrewsbury Township had reached out to the Borough for possible shared services which the Council discussed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on the Green Team meeting, the Community Garden's Harvest Festival, and noted all the meetings and events he had attended in the previous two weeks.

Correspondence

Ms. Krueger informed the Council on the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference dates and requested those interested in attending would need to let her know.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Meyer 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 was there as a resident and a coach. He stated that there is a problem with the scheduling of the fields. Mr. McGee stated that there are issues with the drainage and sprinkler system at Sickles Park causing the grass to dry up and grow in the infield. He noted that there needs to be a maintenance program and money set aside for the parks. Mr. McGee stated that he has had consistent issues with people, who are not experts, be 'gate keepers' closing the fields down which is no longer acceptable. He stated that the process that we have is not working and suggested a meeting with all interested parties. He stated that the idea that travel sports is not inclusive is not accurate.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian suggested that they have the contractor come back to review the issues of concern at Sickles Park. Mr. McGee stated that DPW is not accomplishing what needs to be done and it is a waste of their time and energy so we need to look into another way to maintain them. The Council discussed the issues of the field drainage with Mr. McGee. Councilman DeSalvo stated that he would get the ball rolling on these issues.

Mr. McGee stated that the DPW claim that they drag the field every Friday and his concern is that they are not using the proper equipment. Councilwoman DerAsadourian commented that

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the Borough should ask the vendors for a maintenance plan that the DPW can follow after work is completed on the fields. Mr. McGee stated that not maintaining the fields correctly is wasting everyone's time and money. Councilman DeSalvo stated that people need to realize though that sometimes other issues in the Borough take priority. Mr. McGee stated that the Borough needs to focus on maintaining the fields that they just spent a lot of money on. The Council discussed park maintenance with Mr. McGee. Mr. McGee suggested that an expert come in and teach the DPW how to maintain it properly.

Mr. McGee also stated that the Borough needs collaborative thinking when it comes to scheduling fields noting that they should be able to share the field with soccer players if there was a portable goal. He stated that the experts had advised that the field would be ready the third week of September but the 'gatekeeper' from DPW stated that he doesn't want them using the fields yet. Mr. McGee stated that he disagreed with the current process and that we should follow what the experts say about the field usage. Mr. McGee stated that it is unacceptable that Manson Park is a one sport field because a goal cannot be moved and that Shrewsbury Youth Athletic Association (SYAA) might be willing to pay for the portable goal.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue, Shrewsbury, thanked Councilman Eddy for his questions on Patterson Avenue and Councilman Meyer for his suggested equipment sharing with Oceanport. He stated that in April he asked the Council for 'No Parking' signs on Laurel Avenue. He explained that the current signs on the street are unreadable and asked if the Borough was doing anything to correct that issue. Mr. Seaman stated that he would speak to DPW about this adding that he was told these signs were ordered months ago.

Mr. Minis stated that when Patterson Avenue was redone the sidewalk stopped at the Conrail tracks. He reported that Conrail put in asphalt but there is a gap between that and the Boroughs' concrete and asked that it be corrected. The Council discussed the issue concerning property rights that is keeping it from being complete and noted that this issue would be looked into.

Mr. Minis stated that the 48 hour notice is not enough for the Two River Times to print the notification of the Council's meetings. He also stated that the Asbury Park Press did not publish the meeting notification as he checked the paper daily. Mr. Barger stated that the Borough does not have to publish the notification and that it is up to the paper as to what they do with the notifications they receive. Mr. Minis stated that he will accept that the Borough may have met their legal notification requirement but the information is not getting out to the residents. He inquired on the number of visits the Borough website receives routinely and noted that the newsletter going out in paper form insures that residents get the information. Ms. Minis suggested giving notification to residents that this will be the last newsletter to which Mayor Burden stated that notification would be on the front page of the last newsletter.

Close the Meeting to the Public

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

Payment of Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$1,247,285.47, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

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

Other

Councilman Meyer asked if there was any update on the lawsuit that was filed against the SYAA that also named the Borough. Mr. Seaman stated that Mrs. Lloyd along with the MEL-JIF are addressing that situation.

Councilman Meyer asked if Council wanted to open the Manson Park field for baseball this fall. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the only way that could be done is if a portable goal was purchased. The Council discussed the portable goal and the length of time the contractor says the field should remain unused. Councilman Meyer motioned that the Manson Park baseball field remain closed until November 5th 2016 when soccer is over, unless an acceptable goal is provided to the Borough at no cost to the Borough, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Adjourn

Councilman Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, seconded by Councilman Eddy and approved by all Councilmembers present.

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

Approve: _____
Mayor Donald Burden