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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 August 14, 2015 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
Also Present: Borough Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, Clerk Kathleen P. Krueger & Deputy Clerk Bonnie Brookes
Absent: Councilmembers Eddy & Meyer

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden

Moment of Silence for Former Police Chief & Councilman John McGuire

The Mayor requested a moment of silence in respect for the passing of former Police Chief and Councilman John McGuire.

Approval of the Minutes: Council Meeting of July 20, 2015

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

AYES: DeNofa, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: DerAsadourian

Mayor Appointment to the Recreation Committee – Cathy Villani

Mayor Burden appointed Cathy Villani to fill an unexpired term on the Recreation Committee.

Resolution #2015-58 (Renewal of Liquor License for Wine Utopia LLC – 230 Shrewsbury Plaza)

Resolution #2015-59 (Renewal of Liquor License for Wine Utopia LLC – 1099 Broad St)

Resolution #2015-60 (Renewal of Liquor License for 89 Newman Springs Road II, LLC)

Councilman Dodge motioned to approve Resolutions #2015-58, 59 & 60 as a consent agenda, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution #2015-61 (Release of Performance Guaranty for Vincent S. Montessori Academy)

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Councilman DeNofa motioned to approve Resolution #2015-61, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1017 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING: An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 90, Vehicles and Traffic

Previously parking vehicles on the street between the hours of 2:00 AM to 5:00 AM from November through March 31 was prohibited. This ordinance amendment lifts this restriction except when DPW needs to plow or work on the roads.

Open the Meeting to the Public on Ordinance No. 1017

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, and approved by all Councilmember's present.

Close the Meeting to the Public on Ordinance No. 1017

Seeing no one from the public wishing to speak, Councilman Dodge motioned to close the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Councilmember's present.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 1017

Councilman DeNofa motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1017, seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1018 – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of Fire Equipment for the Shrewsbury Hose Company No. 1 and Appropriating \$22,500 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$21,375 in Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs

Mr. Seaman stated that this would be used to purchase turnout gear and radios for the Shrewsbury Hose Company. Mayor Burden stated that the public hearing for this ordinance would be heard on September 8th 2015. Councilman DeNofa motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 1018, seconded by Councilman Dodge and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1019 – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of an Ambulance for the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad and Appropriating \$160,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$152,000 in Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs

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Councilman DeSalvo stated that the Council has the information on the ambulance that the First Aid would like to purchase. Councilwoman DerAsadourian inquired as to the bond rate and the type of bond that would be used to finance this project. Mr. Seaman stated that the type of bond(s) are not decided at this time since it takes at least eight months for the ambulance to be constructed which gives the Borough time to decide how to finance it. He explained how financing works for this purchase and the various options for notes and bonds. Councilman Dodge discussed how the funds for the project would be approved in the future if this ordinance is adopted. He also commended the First Aid Squad on all their work on the new ambulance request noting they went above and beyond in documentation and working with the Council. Mayor Burden stated that the public hearing for this ordinance would be on September 8th 2015. Councilman DeSalvo motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 1019, seconded by Councilman Dodge and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1020 – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Shrewsbury by Amending Chapter 39, Police Department

Councilman Dodge informed the Council that they had discussed many of these changes over the past year and now they need to approve the regulations in full. He explained that this would be the manual that the Police Department uses to regulate itself. Mayor Burden stated that the public hearing for this ordinance would be on September 8th 2015. Councilman Dodge motioned to introduce Ordinance No. 1020, seconded by Councilman DeNofa and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1021 – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING: Bond Ordinance Providing for the Acquisition of a Dump Truck and Equipment for DPW and Appropriating \$141,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$133,950 in Bonds and Notes to Finance a Portion of the Costs

Mr. Seaman stated that the DPW has been requesting a dump truck for a few years and that this vehicle is priced under the state contract. He also said that this price included a salt spreader to be used with the truck. Councilwoman DerAsadourian expressed concern over the lack of information on all of the Borough's current vehicles and their maintenance history and the constant requests for new vehicles from various departments. Councilman DeNofa stated the Police Department is on a rotating schedule for new vehicles. DPW, he added, has come to Council with several requests for Mason Dump Trucks over the last few years due to the fact that Council would not approve a regular dump truck that they need to handle the heavier workload. Councilman DeNofa informed the Council that DPW's computers crashed and they lost all their vehicle maintenance records. He stated that they just had a new system installed that will track this information however the past information is most likely lost. The Council discussed the request for the dump truck and salt spreader. The Council decided that more information was

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needed on DPW vehicles prior to introducing this ordinance. Councilman DeSalvo motioned to table Ordinance No. 1021 until more information could be obtained by Council, seconded by Councilman Dodge and tabled by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1021 was tabled.

Open Space Discussion

Mr. Seaman reported to the Council that he met with the County Engineer concerning the Open Space Grant for Manson Park. He informed the Council that he was told that new construction has a better chance of getting approved than rehab work. He added that the Council has to decide what the Borough would like to do and report back to the County with supporting documentation explaining why the Borough needed to change the original application.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that after talking to residents, it seems that everyone is in support of expanding the walking trail and adding the fitness stations. She stated that most are also in support of the safety upgrades to the baseball field. She noted that it would cost the Borough about \$80,000 to do both. Councilwoman DerAsadourian informed the Council that the Borough had received complaints on the upkeep of Manson Park and suggested setting aside a few thousand dollars to get the park back in shape by outsourcing the work. Councilman DeNofa stated that the upkeep is a separate issue that should be discussed separately from the grant. *Councilman DeNofa motioned to table discussion on the Manson Park Open Space Grant until all members of Council are present. The motion was not seconded.* Mr. Seaman explained the timeline for the grant.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained that Manson Park is a unique situation which causes a challenge since it is not in walking distance for most children. Councilman Dodge expressed concern over the proper handling of the Manson Park Open Space Project. Councilman DeNofa inquired if the Council would do these proposed improvements with the County's grant money or with the Borough's Open Space Trust Fund. Councilman Dodge stated that they would present this plan to the County and if they say no, the Borough should go ahead anyway to which Councilwoman DerAsadourian agreed. Council discussed the cost of the project.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to move forward with improving and extending the walking trail, adding fitness stations to the walking trail, and making the necessary safety improvements to the Little League Field, all at Manson Park, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: DeNofa
ABSTAIN: None

Administrator's Report

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Mr. Seaman reported on the newsletter deadline and the status of a grant for bullet proof vests. He also noted that the tax bills were mailed out and that they received very few complaints concerning the bills. He also informed the Council that there are twelve state tax appeals which Mr. Fitzpatrick is working on.

Reports of Council

Councilman DeNofa reported that the gas pumps at DPW were installed and are now operational. He explained the procedure for using these pumps. He noted that DPW was getting quotes to paint the Wardell house and were in the process of changing the fields over for fall sports.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported the Open Space Fund is healthy and the Borough should consider either repairing or replacing the basketball court at Sickles Park. She informed the Council about the engineer's thoughts and cost estimates for the project. Mayor Burden asked Councilman DeSalvo about the conditions of the court since he lives nearby. Councilman DeSalvo reported that it is in bad shape and gets used frequently. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Council needs to decide if the court is going to be repaired or replaced. She inquired if the decision is to replace, how many would be replaced at this time. The Council discussed the choices and decided to replace one basketball court at Sickles Park.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to have the Borough Engineer obtain bids to replace the basketball court at Sickles Park, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

AYES:	<i>DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge</i>
NAYS:	<i>None</i>
ABSTAIN:	<i>None</i>

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Council needs to keep the Esther Hymer Preserve on their radar and that the Shade Tree Commission is developing a proposal and estimate to improve the preserve. Councilman Dodge listed various issues with the property including the close proximity to the neighbors, underage drinking, and policing problems. Councilwoman DerAsadourian suggested the use of a picket fence to funnel people in and away from the homes. Councilman Dodge stated that the money should be invested into expanding the walking trail at Manson Park instead. Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained how wonderful the property is and why it should be improved. Mayor Burden stated that the maintenance is also an issue that needs to be considered.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Borough has received complaints on the upkeep of Manson Park and suggested using some of the Open Space Trust Fund money to have help reconditioning the park. Councilman DeSalvo stated that he would like to speak to DPW prior to outsourcing. Councilwoman DerAsadourian suggested hiring additional summer employees instead of outsourcing the work. The Council discussed the possibilities for help with the work that needs to be done at Manson Park.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian informed the Council that there is discussion of putting a bridge and a walking trail on the Bonanno Property. Mr. Seaman explained that the trail would be on

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the Borough's easement and would be used as an evacuation route for the school. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that she thinks it is a good project but that it should not be funded from the Open Space Trust Fund. Councilman Dodge explained how important this project is for the safety of the school children. He stated that in the case of an active shooter the children could cross the creek easily.

Councilman Dodge stated that he believed the Open Space Trust Fund could be used to fund this project because it will provide continuity between the open spaces in the Borough. He stated the original plan was a vehicle bridge, which he did not support, but the walking path and footbridge would be more appropriate. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that a walkway and bridge are a great idea but that an egress does not fall under the category of acquisition or maintenance of land for recreation and should not be funded with the Open Space Trust Fund. She stated that the Borough asked the taxpayers to give extra money towards recreation but the bridge does not fall under that category. The Council debated whether the path and bridge was an egress or continuity of open space. Attorney Barger explained that the Open Space Trust could be used for this project. Councilwoman DerAsadourian expressed her concern with the walkway ending on Sycamore Avenue which is a County road. She also questioned what would happen if a resident walked the path. Would they be charged with trespassing if they walk onto the school property? She read the ballot question to the Council to support her belief that the Open Space Trust Fund could not be used.

Councilman Dodge stated that he felt the Council should allow the Borough Engineer to design the path and bridge. Councilwoman DerAsadourian asked how the Borough would pay the Engineer for the plans and Mr. Seaman stated it would be taken out of the general engineering fund. Councilwoman DerAsadourian made it clear that by agreeing to allow the Engineer to design a plan that she is not in any way agreeing to use the Open Space Trust Fund to pay for the project.

Councilman Dodge motioned to have the Borough Engineer design preliminary plans for a footbridge and walking path to connect the Shrewsbury Borough School and Sycamore Avenue by way of the Borough Easement on the land known as the Bonanno Property, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman DeSalvo reported that the First Aid Squad had 42 calls in July of which 11 were mutual aid calls. He noted to date there have been 348 calls which are considerably more calls than last year. Mr. DeSalvo informed the Council of the various e-mail issues the Borough was experiencing and stated that they received a quote from Rackspace to handle the email for \$2.50 per user, per month, for a total of about \$150 a month. *Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve Rackspace for e-mail storage, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:*

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None

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ABSTAIN: None

Councilman DeSalvo stated that the Borough wants to allow residents to pay taxes online, and in-house, with credit cards. He stated that Mr. Seaman recommended Edmonds Associates whose software the Borough uses for taxes currently. He noted that the maintenance fee would be \$1200 and each credit card swipe machine placed at the counter would cost an additional \$130, for a total of \$1330. Councilman DeSalvo explained that any fees associated with the credit card payments would be passed on to the taxpayer wishing to use this option. Councilman DeSalvo stated that he would the option to pay additional Borough fees online in the future. *Councilman DeSalvo motioned to use Edmond's Associates for tax payments via credit card, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, and approved by the following vote:*

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Dodge had nothing to report.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported that a few residents have complained to her about the Recreation Committee's late payment fines. She explained that registration for soccer costs \$35 per child but the late fine is \$100. She stated that she understands Recreation's point of view but she thinks \$100 is a little excessive compared to other fines in the Borough. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated a middle ground needs to be found and proposed the late fine be double the activity fee. Councilman DeNofa asked why a parent's irresponsibility is now a Council problem. Councilman DeSalvo suggested a hard stop date for registration instead of late fines. Mayor Burden stated that he met with Recreation regarding this issue and explained that only 3% of people were late in signing their kids up for soccer this season. He also noted the small percentage of late registrations in other sports. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that although the percentage is low that does not account for the parents that chose to not sign their kids up because of the amount of the late fine. Councilman DeSalvo stated that the Borough notifies people of the deadline via e-mail and Code Red. The Council discussed the late fine amount. Attorney Barger informed the Council that the ordinance states that the Recreation Committee has the power to set fees and fines but that the Council can amend the Recreation Ordinance to take that power away from them and do it themselves. Mayor Burden explained that this \$100 fee is per family, not per child. *Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to make the Recreation late fine double the registration fee, which was seconded by Councilman DeSalvo.* Attorney Barger stated that he does not believe the Council has the power to change the fees and noted that this is going to change the way the Recreation Committee would function and warned the Council that it might not be the wisest choice to change the ordinance. *Councilman DeSalvo tabled the discussion on the Recreation Committee's late fees until the next meeting, which was seconded by Councilman Dodge, and approved by all Council members present.*

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on various events and meetings he attended over the past month including the engineering meetings, county meetings, and press releases. Mayor Burden stated

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that he would like to see a plaque placed on a bench in memory of John McGuire who served as both a Councilman and Chief of Police in the Borough. He suggested dedicating it on February 10th, Mr. McGuire's birthday. *Councilman DeNofa motioned to dedicate a bench to Mr. McGuire, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Council members present.*

Correspondence

Clerk Krueger stated that there was no additional correspondence.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Dodge motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Council members present.

Frank Neary, 30 Birch Drive, Shrewsbury, greeted the Mayor and Council and read a statement into the record. "I live at 30 Birch Drive and have done so for the last 17 years. I have also been an employee of this Borough for more than twenty years. I am going to read a very abbreviated prepared statement. I also know that the Borough has retained very capable legal representation on the matter I am going to speak about and that he is not here tonight. Keeping that in mind, I will not ask you any questions or ask you to respond in anyway if you don't want to. I am here to outline for the entire Council what information I feel is not getting to you.

On January 20th 2014, I was working for this Borough and I got hurt. In February of 2015, after two surgeries and more than a year of physical therapy, it was ultimately decided by the Borough's workman compensation doctor that I could no longer perform my duties. As disability retirement is a complicated thing, I retained an attorney to represent me to the PFRS (Police Fire Retirement System) Pension Board. In my communications with the Borough, according to the collective bargaining agreement, I included a sample resolution with complicated language associated with disability retirement. I prepared it with the assistance of a former employee of the PFRS. It was my attempt to assist and expedite a very complicated issue. Although I can assure you that each and every word in that sample resolution was and is correct to this day, I understand that the Council may have seen that as if I was trying to deceive them into getting something I was not entitled to. I assure you that it was not my attention and I apologize if that was the way it was received. Understandably, after all of this, there was some confusion about the details of disability retirement, so the Borough hired an outside, expert attorney to advise them. My attorney and the Borough's attorney have been in constant contact, extensively to work out the details of my departure. My attorney tells me that the Borough's representation has been forthright, fair, and responsive throughout this process while still protecting the Borough's interest.

Even with excellent lawyers for both sides, here we are, seven months later, still with no resolution. It is my position that, through no fault of the attorneys for either side, information is not getting back to the Council. I am going to be purposely vague here tonight and I will tell you why and you will see why in a moment. A few years ago, I had to take steps to prevent a Shrewsbury elected official from circumventing the law. Since that time, this elected official has threatened my job, has ridiculed me when they took official action regarding my job, has violated due process, has violated HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)

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regulations, has asked me to waive law in order to allow me to retire, has asked me to waive any claim I have in order to protect himself from civil action, and has asked, specifically, that I waive at least nine different protections under state and federal law. This Councilperson is not the soul person deciding my fate when it comes to separation of service. Last month, I openly attempted a meeting with all the members of the Police Committee, to address them, as I have addressed you here tonight, to let them know what is happening with my case without the filter of one Councilperson with an agenda. I have offered to have attorneys present, to not have attorneys present, or even that you (the Borough) can have yours present and I will leave mine at home. That meeting was blocked from happening by one person, guess who? This Councilperson decided that they would rather give up aspects of hearing my case without me questioning the committee and have anyone other than himself, hear the details of what had transpired under his management.

Since February 2015, this Borough has, under the direction of this one Councilperson, spent more than \$80,000 of taxpayer's dollars to exercise a personal vendetta. That goes up by about \$12,000 for every month it continues. This does not include almost a year's worth of private special attorney's fees. I am not a litigious person, but I have at least six different blatant illegal actions that I have not sought relief for. I don't want to pursue any of these, because I have to believe that they are not the actions of the entire Council, but the acts of a single person. Unfortunately, that person does represent all of you and these actions have a severe effect on my family and I. I may have no choice in the future but to protect my family and I through the courts. I don't want to do that, that's ridiculous to me. I want to get treated fairly and I will be more than willing to ride off into the sunset. You probably won't even hear from me until 2017, when I run against this person for a council seat.

To finish up, I feel that this departure can be completed in a fair, legal, and timely manner. I would bet that if both sides sat down together, with attorneys if requested, we could have an agreement that would benefit everyone in one sitting. So far, neither my attorney nor I have even been asked what terms I am seeking. I promised I would not ask questions of you (Council) as you are not represented tonight. I have also not mentioned any one Councilperson by name here on the microphone. I will however make a proposition that you (Council) can discuss later among yourselves. Please remove the Councilmember you know I am speaking about from this process as they have a personal agenda that does not benefit the Council, that does not benefit my family and I, and is making a mockery of the taxpayers' dollars. I was purposely vague here tonight out of respect for the rest of the Council. If this person is not removed from this process I will have no choice but to return to a September meeting and outline each and every detail in their entirety, in an open public session. I am sorry it had to come to this. Hopefully we can resolve it like adults. I didn't ask you any questions like promised but I will be happy to answer any questions you have for me if you choose to ask. Any person on this Council can feel free to contact me or my attorney, you don't have to go through my attorney, call me at any time. Thank you for your time, unless there are questions, I don't think there will be."

Robin Blair, 69 Thornbrook Drive, Shrewsbury inquired as to the length of the walking trail at Manson Park s and asked how many exercise stations were proposed. The Council stated that there would be twelve stations. Ms. Blair stated that it is a lot of stations for such a short path,

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even with an expansion. She noted that the Manson Park improvement project was not brought up to the Environmental Commission. Councilwoman DerAsadourian explained that currently the Open Space Committee is made up of her and two other Council members but it should be comprised of a member from each of the following the Council, Recreation, Environmental, and Shade Tree Commission. She stated that she was hopeful to have a proper committee setup in the future because it would make things easier to get everyone on the same page to make decisions. Ms. Blair stated that the committee sounds good but it would not help this situation. She said that back in March when the Council discussed this, there was a lack of communication and no one reached out to the general public to see what they wanted. She inquired as to the price of the walking trail and fitness stations which Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that she needed to check. Ms. Blair questioned the validity of the expenditure for the number of people that historically have used the park and hoping that more people will use it if it is upgraded. Councilman Dodge asked for clarification if Ms. Blair even wants the walking trail there at all. Ms. Blair stated that she loves the path but that it is a lot of money for the few people that use it. Councilman Dodge asked about the park usage when there were fitness stations in place years ago. Ms. Blair explained that she did not know that information but pointed out that a lot of people have fitness club memberships or home gyms so they would not be using the path. Councilwoman DerAsadourian noted that the school cross country team practices at Mason Park and it gets a lot of usage from them. Ms. Blair stated that it would be great if the Borough could fix the path to prevent wash outs when it rains as well as extending it. She also commented that it would be useful to get an expert in to help with the landscaping and eradicate the invasive plants in the park. She explained how difficult it is to get rid of invasive plants. Mr. Blair stated that there is only a handful of people that use the park and thanked Council for their time.

Paul Roman, 268 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury stated that he was there to represent the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad where he has been a member for 48 years. He thanked the Council for recognizing the work they do at the First Aid Squad through their support for the purchase of a new ambulance. Mr. Roman stated that normally the First Aid Squad purchases a new ambulance every eight years but they waited nine this time. He explained the process the committee goes through to select a new ambulance. Mr. Roman stated that he was very proud to be a member of the Shrewsbury First Aid Squad and that he tries to help where he can since he can no longer answer calls. The Council thanked Mr. Roman.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Avenue, Shrewsbury stated that he is on the Shade Tree Commission and wanted to talk about Open Space issues. He said in regards to the Bonanno Property, he has spoken informally to people on the topic of the footbridge and path, and is in support of it since it can be used not only as an egress but for also an educational opportunity for children to learn about nature. Mr. Minis spoke concerning the Esther Hymer Preserve, noting that he feels that all the stake holders should be involved in the decision. He stated that the Shade Tree has, and still will, take people on a walkthrough of the property if they are interested. Mr. Minis stated that they are looking for a place for people to take a walk and if the trail could be improved that would be great. He stated that they do not have cost estimates but are also looking for volunteers to help. Mr. Minis stated that he liked the idea of extending the trail out of the sun at Manson

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Park but did not see the need for the fitness stations. He also noted that the baseball field should be improved.

Close the Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Dodge motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Council members present.

Payment of the Bills

Mr. Seaman stated that the bills list was \$1,189,020.11 with an adjustment correcting last meeting's list in the amount of \$7,281.20. Councilman DeSalvo motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$1,196,301.31, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: DeNofa, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo & Dodge
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Adjournment

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:56pm, seconded by Councilman DeNofa, and approved by all Council members present.

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

Approve: _____
Mayor Donald Burden