

May 2, 2016

Meeting Called to Order

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

Resolution #2016-47A (Executive Session)

Mayor Burden read Resolution #2016-47A to enter into Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #2016-45A, seconded by Councilman Eddy, 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 April 29, 2016 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmembers DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Meyer & Moran
Also Present: Attorney Martin Barger, Administrator Thomas Seaman & Municipal Clerk Kathleen Krueger
Absent: Councilmember Anderson

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden.

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

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the minutes of April 4th, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

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

Consent Agenda:

Waive Raffle License Fee of \$20 for the Foundation for Shrewsbury Education Fundraiser
Approve Block Party on Spruce Drive on Sunday, May 22nd 12-8pm
Approve New Shrewsbury Hose Company Members: Matthew P. Suszka & Patrick Nowell
Resolution #2016-44 (Participation in Safe and Secure Communities Program)
Request to Place Lawn Signs on Borough Property for the Garden Club's Plant Sale

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

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

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Request to Extend Operating Hours for the Shrewsbury Surgery Center during Emergency Situations

Councilman Eddy explained how this assists the Borough's First Aid Squad. Councilman Meyer motioned to approve the request to extend the hours of the Shrewsbury Surgery Center during emergencies, seconded by Councilman Eddy, and approved by the following vote:

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

Resolution #2016-45 (Award Contract for Manson Park Improvements to Down to Earth Landscaping)

Councilwoman DerAsadourian informed the Council of the bids that the Borough received and the expected costs of the project. She noted that the Council would have to approve \$282,000 tonight but would receive \$108,000 back from the County in the form of a grant. Councilwoman DerAsadourian added the rush was due to getting the project completed before fall and the possibility of losing the grant if it is delayed a year. Councilman Meyer motioned to approve Resolution #2016-45 and certify \$282,000, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

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

Discussion/Possible Action on the ADP Program

Councilman Eddy explained why he believed the Borough should opt back into the ADP System. He introduced **Resolution #2016-46 (Opt Back into the ADP System)**. Councilman Meyer stated that with this resolution the Council will also educate the public on the program. Councilman DeSalvo noted that the Borough would be opting back in for one year only.

Open the Meeting to the Public to Discuss Resolution #2016-46

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

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury, clarified that the Council was planning on having a workshop on the ADP Program. Councilman Eddy stated that the workshop would explain how the ADP System works and how it effects taxes. Ms. Clark inquired when they would be voting on the resolution. Councilman Eddy explained due to a time crunch that they would have to vote today. Ms. Clark questioned what the point of a workshop was if it was after the fact. Councilman Eddy explained that it is an educational process. Ms. Clark stated that maybe this workshop should have been done sooner. Council explained that this has been an ongoing process. Councilman Eddy expressed the importance of the Borough opting back in at this time. Ms. Clerk stated that currently what is lurking in her mind is a response to Mr. Dodge's points. Councilman Eddy stated that Mr. Dodge's points were that there is no cost if we opt back in or stay out of the ADP Program. But the Council determined after doing the calculations it would cost the Borough's residents \$21,000 to opt out. Councilman Meyer explained the importance of having the Borough's valuation stay at 100% in regards to the school bill and noted all the money being saved on appeals. Council pointed out the number of times this issue had been discussed.

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Close the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Meyer seeing no one else wishing to speak motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by all members present.

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve Resolution #2016-46, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following vote:

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

Administrator Report

Mr. Seaman reported on the newsletter deadline and noted the Borough was updating the employee manual.

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian reported that the fields at Sickles Park and Patterson Avenue Park are done and look great and everyone is happy. She informed the Council that new field use guidelines have been developed by Recreation and DPW which she will ask Attorney Barger to put into a resolution. Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated that the Open Space Committee needs to meet to discuss the Facility Use Permit form. Attorney Barger stated that the regulations are already in resolution form and can be approved as is. Ms. Krueger stated that it would be Resolution #2016-47.

Resolution #2016-47 (Field Use Regulations)

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to approve Resolution #2016-47, seconded by Councilman Meyer, and approved by the following vote:

*AYES: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Meyer & Moran
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None*

Councilman DeSalvo reported that DPW would be creating a maintenance plan for the fields. He noted that the Avenue of the Common paving project was sent to the County for approval. He also invited the Council to the Community Alliance's Music Night.

Councilman Eddy reported that the Court requested information from the Borough concerning the Brandywine Senior Living tax appeal. He explained that they needed to have a report created to defend themselves. He noted that Attorney Barger acquired several quotes and the lowest was from Peter Stockler at a cost of \$11,000. Councilman Eddy explained that if Brandywine Senior Living wins the appeal, the Borough would owe them over \$300,000.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury, commented that many people are frustrated with the appeal process. She suggested that the number might be down because people give up. Councilman Eddy explained how the appeal process worked in the ADP System.

Councilman Eddy motioned to allow the Borough Attorney to go into contract not to exceed \$11,000, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian, and approved by the following vote:

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AYES: *DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Meyer & Moran*
NAYS: *None*
ABSTAIN: *None*

Councilman Meyer reported that the Borough met with the Teamsters with no result. He stated that the police are aware of the appalling conditions of Route 35 and are pushing the state to do something about it.

Councilman Moran reported on the recent Planning Board meeting and the World Jeep application.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Burden reported on the activities, meetings, and events he attended in the previous two weeks.

Correspondence

Ms. Krueger stated there was no additional correspondence.

Open the Meeting to the Public

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

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road, Shrewsbury, inquired on Resolution #2016-47 if it included just the physical regulations which the Council confirmed it did. Ms. Clark stated that she appreciated canvassers being discussed in the newsletter and asked if the solicitors should be required to show proof that they have Borough approval. She also asked that the residents be made aware of who has permission. Councilwoman DerAsadourian suggested that approved solicitors be put on the Borough's website which the Council thought was a good idea.

Ms. Clark, stated that there is a police officer at the corner of White Street and Route 35 and asked if they could help direct traffic for people turning off of Route 35 because normally only one car can get through per light cycle.

Ms. Clark asked how Tinton Falls got their huge field and wanted to know if Shrewsbury could have something like that. Councilman Meyer explained that a private entity paid for the entire thing and allows the Borough to use it when they don't. Ms. Clark asked if some of the big areas of land could be used for something like that and the Council explained that many of the undeveloped areas of town are wetlands.

Close the Meeting to the Public

Councilman DeSalvo seeing no one else wishing to speak motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by all Councilmembers present

Payment of Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills in the amount of \$2,179,081.42, seconded by Councilwoman Moran, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: *DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Moran & Meyer*

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NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution #2016-47A (Enter into Executive Session)

Mayor Burden stated that the Council needed to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Moran motioned to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by all Councilmembers present. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:48 PM.

Public Meeting Reconvened

The public meeting reconvened at 8:04 PM.

Adjourn

Councilman Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by all Councilmembers present.

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

Approve: _____
Mayor Donald Burden