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Meeting Called to Order

The public meeting convened at 7:00 PM.

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 November 3, 2017 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Burden, Councilmember's Anderson, DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Meyer & Moran

Also Present: Borough Attorney Martin Barger, Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman, Clerk Kathleen Krueger

Absent: Councilman Eddy

*Councilman Eddy entered the meeting at 6:02 PM.

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Burden.

Approval of Minutes: Borough Council Meeting October 16, 2017

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017, seconded by Councilman Moran and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

A Moment of Silent Reflection in Respect for the Passing of Arno Weber

A moment of silent reflection in respect for the passing for Arno Weber, who served on the Two River Water Reclamation Authority representing Shrewsbury Borough.

Consent Agenda

Resolution #2017-88 (Opposing Proposed OPRA and OPMA Legislation)

Request to Waive Borough Raffle License Fee for the Annual Santa Breakfast Fundraiser

Request to Place Signage at the Four Corners, Borough Hall and Around Town to Promote the Annual Tree Lighting Two Weeks Prior to the Event to be Held at Boro Hall on November 25th at 4:00PM

~~Approve the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Developer's Construction Agreement with Edifici RE, Inc. t/a Lightbridge Academy~~

Councilman Moran requested that the Mayor and Clerk sign the Developer's Construction Agreement with Edifici RE, Inc. be removed from the consent agenda for further clarification.

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

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

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NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None

Approve the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Developer's Construction Agreement with Edifici RE, Inc. t/a Lightbridge Academy

Councilman Moran explained that the commercial section located by the Ivy on Shrewsbury Avenue was purchased and their application was fully vetted by the Planning Board. The Developers Agreement has also been fully vetted by both the Planning Board Counsel and Borough Engineer for use as daycare and educational facility which will be known as Lightbridge Academy. It has been determined to be a very effective use of that property. Councilman Moran motioned to approve the Mayor and Clerk signing the Developer's Construction Agreement with Edifici RE, Inc. t/a Lightbridge Academy, seconded by Councilman Anderson and approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Seaman reported for the Tax Assessor, Bill FitzPatrick, on the settlement of the tax appeal for the previously owned Stop and Shop. Attorney Barger noted that he was not able to relay specifics but acknowledged that this was a good settlement for the Borough. He noted that Mr. FitzPatrick is working on resolving two others, one which may possibly be withdrawn, which would leave only one left to be tried which was Treasure Island. Mr. Barger noted this particular appeal will be a difficult one to settle. Mr. Barger reported that there were a number of prior tax appeals that Mr. FitzPatrick inherited from the previous assessor and that Mr. FitzPatrick has done a very good job bringing to closure the prior outstanding appeals.

Mr. Seaman stated that the deadline for articles for the Borough Newsletter is December 11. He reported on the status of the search for the pending open Clerk position and noted receiving 10 resumes that he and Clerk Krueger would be reviewing and setting up interviews for the potential candidates. Mr. Seaman noted that he and Ms. Grieco are working on the Borough Directory and requested any suggested changes be made as soon as possible.

Mr. Seaman shared with the Mayor and Council that he had learned of the passing of retired Officer Sojka who passed away the previous week. He stated that he had worked for the Borough for over 25 years.

Reports of Council

Councilman Anderson reported that the Shrewsbury Board of Education election is scheduled for tomorrow with 7 candidates running for 3 spots. He stated that he had forwarded the Fire Department October activity log to the Council. He also reminded the public about the Comedy Night fundraiser the Shrewsbury Hose Company is sponsoring on Saturday night.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian stated she had nothing to report this evening.

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Councilman DeSalvo reported on the Community Alliance program ‘Under the Influence’ covering prescription drug abuse was being held at the high school tonight. He noted the importance of this topic.

Councilman Eddy reported that the budgets need to be in before Thanksgiving so initial meetings with Mr. Seaman could be in early December. He reminded everyone to include Capital Improvement plans with their 5 year view as well as their budget needs for the next year. Mr. Eddy noted they would be looking to meet with each of the groups in December.

Councilman Meyer stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Moran reported that leaf collection was in full swing with both the loaders and new Packer truck being utilized. Mr. Moran noted that brush collection ceases on 10/31 and he noted the Code Red message that was issued advising residents not to put brush out after that date. Mr. Moran noted that one of the contractors’s loaned the Borough their roller equipment to address the swale on the western side of the walking trail which was tested with the recent rainfall and held up really well. He noted the new machine is working well on the ball fields.

Councilman Moran noted that DPW met with Oceanport and Fort Monmouth concerning the maintenance of the Jet Truck and the Street Sweeper and has planned training on this equipment for later this week. He noted the Ave at the Common project is entering its final stages.

Councilman Moran read into the record the letter from Mr. Dan Becker which praised DPW for their maintenance of the Borough on a daily basis. Mr. Becker praised the excellence of their work and stated that they are rarely acknowledged for helping Shrewsbury remain the treasure that it is.

Mayor’s Report – The Mayor listed the numerous events he attended which included meetings for the Tree/Menorah Lighting, State OEM, Homesteaders, Monmouth County Archives Day, Shared Service meeting with Mayor Neff, Planning Board, SBS updates meeting with Brent MacConnell, Monmouth County Historic Commission and the Two River Council of Mayors. In addition, he was present for the Shrewsbury 5K Race, participated in the Monmouth County Library presentation to Freehold Director Lillian Burry, the Fall Festival at the Grove, Shrewsbury Green Team presentation at SBS, Shrewsbury Historical Autumn Harvest celebration and Holmdel library ribbon cutting event in the Old Bell Labs building. He noted that he also participated in the active shooter training at the Shrewsbury Surgical Center along with our Police Department, OEM, Fire and First Aid. The Mayor acknowledged the new lights installed on Patriot Isle which was gifted by Broadway Lighting in honor of the continued dedication and work done by Ron Neis for Shrewsbury Borough. Mayor Burden also acknowledged Karen Lloyd for championing safety in the Borough. He read a statement from the report of the MEL-JIF which stated “Survey reveals no significant deficiencies and there is an indication of good safety management practices throughout the Borough. No new suggestions of improvement are being submitted.” He thanked Karen Lloyd again for all her hard work.

Correspondence

Municipal Clerk Krueger reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day for the General Election. She noted that Districts 1 and 3 will vote at the Firehouse and District 2 will vote here

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at Borough Hall. Clerk Krueger stated that the polls open at 6AM and close at 8:00PM and that she hoped that everyone gets out to vote.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman Moran motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Anderson, and approved by all Council present.

Close the Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Councilman DeSalvo motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Moran, and approved by all Councilmembers present. The Mayor stated for the record that there are 3 people present in the public for this meeting.

Payment of the Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$2,447,948.59, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following vote:

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

Mr. Eddy noted that most of the bills are tax payments associated with County, RBR and Borough School and a little bit of paving and Open Space and Library tax.

Adjourn

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25PM, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Donald Burden – Mayor