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Mayor Cooperhouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Dodge and Menapace. Council Members Keegan and Murphy were absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

RESOLUTION #2009-118 (Executive Session)

Mayor Cooperhouse read Resolution #2009-118 to enter into executive session.

Reconvene Public Meeting

Mayor Cooperhouse reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Dodge and Menapace. Council Members Keegan and Murphy were absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

The Mayor announced for the Public's notice that at the conclusion of the public session the Council will return to Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters and Labor Negotiations with possible action to follow.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Cooperhouse led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: October 5, 2009

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2009. The Mayor noted a correction to the Executive Session Minutes in that it indicates that he had indicated at the Planning Board level that the Hovnanian Company had requested 55 units and 11 units at the Kara Homes site. The Mayor corrected the minutes that it is not Hovnanian but should read Sea Shore Estates. Additionally the other item has to deal with the current PBA negotiation which the Mayor stated he did not want to divulge that correction publicly as it has a direct impact on the negotiations. The minutes were approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes acknowledging the correction to the minutes.

RESOLUTION #2009-119 (Hire Part Time Fill-In Dispatcher)

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman DeNofa to approve Resolution #2009-119 to hire Jason Robert Rademacher as Part-Time fill-in Dispatcher at the hourly salary of \$10.00 per hour for training hours and \$15.32 per hour upon completion of training and working individually, effective immediately. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Administrators Report

Mr. Seaman reported that the Monmouth County JIF announced the dividend refunds for 2009 and the Borough of Shrewsbury will be receiving \$17,995.13 and which will in turn go into our general revenues.

Administrator Seaman added that also the MEL JIF has announced the elected officials training seminars and he noted that everyone should have received the seminar schedule. Mr. Seaman pointed out that the Borough receives \$250 credit to our liability claims premium for each individual who attends. The Mayor pointed out that the closest seminar to us is on December 3, 2009 in the Wall Township Municipal building. Mr. Seaman noted that he can always request the MEL JIF to hold one at the Borough if that was more helpful.

Mr. Seaman stated that in reference to the Bonnano property that Green Acres is in the process of reviewing our documentation and at the conclusion of that effort and with the submission of a few more documents from us, they will be able to certify a payment to the Borough.

Reports of Council

Councilman Burden reminded everyone that the local Police Department will be collecting medicine cabinet drugs on November 14, 2009. He noted that there will be containers at Borough Hall where these medications can be disposed of and afterward they will be taken out to Freehold for proper destruction. He encouraged everyone to share the information with their neighbors.

Mr. Seaman pointed out that this information is on the Borough website and will be on the marquee at the Fire House.

Councilman Dodge had nothing to report.

Councilman DeNofa had nothing to report.

Councilman Menapace informed the Council that States Heating & Cooling completed the repair of the furnace in the DPW garage and recommended the Borough consider a 5 year plan to replace the current furnace. Mr. Menapace stated that one recommendation involves use of small individual units that hang from the ceiling. The benefit of them is they can be individually controlled and could save the Borough money on energy costs. The projected cost of that system would be in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the project. Mr. Menapace stated that he had asked Bob Wentway to start looking at proposals for budgetary purposes.

Mr. Menapace continued that the DPW consultants recommended preparation of written work rules governing operations at DPW. Mr. Menapace noted that Mr. Wentway has completed that task and provided a draft for the DPW committee which reviewed his draft and approved it. Mr. Menapace questioned if there was a need for the Borough Attorney to review them before he

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makes that available to the employees? Attorney Barger responded that he would like to review that document first.

Councilman Menapace reported that there was nothing new on additional quotes for the structural repairs of the DPW garage. He stated that with winter approaching he has requested that this be made a priority item.

Mr. Menapace noted that on October 25, 2009 the Shrewsbury Garden Club and our local Brownie Troop planted over 100 Daffodil bulbs in the bedding below the new municipal center sign. He continued that he hopes next spring we will have a burst of color at the corner if the squirrels don't eat too many of the bulbs. Councilman Menapace thanked all who participated with a special thanks to Nancy Schmaltz for setting it up.

Councilman Menapace reported that on October 27, 2009 the required annual review of court security was held. The question of installation of a metal detector was discussed. He noted that they would be looking into that issue. Mr. Menapace said that Judge Berube stated that it has not been mandated yet. He added that he would be exploring the possibility that funding for the purchase might be available from the County Office of Emergency Management.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor asked where we were with the Traffic Ad Hoc Committee recommendations. Councilman Menapace responded that he had gotten a memo out to the Department Heads and asked for their input no later than November 10th for the first two memos. He noted that he has already received some responses back but is waiting for the balance. Councilman Burden noted that the next meeting would be attended by the Superintendent of the School to discuss the situation at the school on Obre Place.

The Mayor reported a conversation he had with an individual who lives on White Street who has three young children and is very interested in joining the Traffic Ad Hoc Committee and he relayed this person's contact information to Councilman Menapace.

The Mayor spoke about the letter received from Connor Strong Risk Control that they will no longer be providing the CDL drug and alcohol testing program. He asked Mr. Seaman who would be picking that up going forward. Mr. Seaman noted that he would be talking with DPW and contacting the JIF. He noted that they usually have another agency which would be picking that up and he would provide that information once he has it.

The Mayor reported that he had received an email from Karen Hepburn and Kim Gittines who were at the last Council meeting to discuss the tree lighting. He noted that they were very appreciative of Council's approval. They were interested in decorating the Courtyard with lights as well as the Gazebo. Councilman Burden recommended getting a better idea of their plan as he was concerned about the electrical cords because of the foot traffic in the courtyard in contrast to the Gazebo which is isolated. Mr. Seaman offered to contact them to find out more information.

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Mayor Cooperhouse stated that we received correspondence from Jeff Surenian's office that they have submitted our Affordable Housing plan to the court and is scheduled for a hearing on December 8, 2009. Attorney Barger stated that correspondence he received indicated that there doesn't seem to be opposition at this point but that is subject to change. If no opposition surfaces it could be approved that day or shortly after.

Correspondence there was nothing to report

Open Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace seconded by Councilman Burden to open the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road asked the Mayor and Council if they noticed anything different in town on October 31, 2009. And if so what their feelings were?

Ms. Clark noted that she had to get to Red Bank by 7:00 AM that morning and that Garden Road had huge amounts of toilet paper in the trees and bushes and shaving foam on cars. She felt it gave a very poor image of our town. She noted that in Red Bank she didn't see that at all. She felt it was glaring on White, Beechwood, Garden Rd. and many of the streets in our town. She felt it looked really awful.

Councilman Menapace responded that kids have been doing this for years now but the good thing is most home owners clean up promptly.

The Mayor questioned Ms. Clark if she felt it was worse this year. She responded it was just bad and she wasn't sure. Councilman Menapace added that he felt it was more excessive this year.

The Mayor stated that we may need to discuss the option of imposing a curfew in Shrewsbury next year. He added that in some neighborhoods even the parents are out with their children.

Ms. Clark reiterated that she felt it just really looked terrible this year.

Carol Clark, 203 Garden Road, stated that she would just like to bring some additional concerns from this past weekend to the floor as well. She stated that she felt mischief night was horrible this year. She stated that there was parents out with the children and on Garden Road they were spraying stuff on the cars but additionally they were banging on doors. She noted that someone banged really loudly on her door at 8:30 PM which she found very disturbing and then again at 10:00 PM they came back and continued to bang on her door. She was concerned about the residents who are elderly and are subjected to this kind of treatment. She noted that at that hour there was a group of eight to ten kids walking down the street.

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She questioned where the Police were. She observed the residents scrubbing the foam off their cars the next day and she felt that a curfew might be something that should be considered for next year.

On the website it states that there is no brush collection after October 29th. Ms. Clark expressed concern that the leaves haven't fallen from the trees that much yet and so much of the garden plants, vegetable plants and flowers are still thriving. She noted that a lot of the garden is not cleaned out yet and she suggested the Council considers the changes in the weather patterns and what has occurred in our gardening timeline and consider extending the brush pick up time to coincide with how these things have changed in our seasons.

Ms. Clark also brought to the floor the situation of the playground at Sickles. She informed the Mayor and Council of an incident that occurred on Saturday around 12:15 or 12:30 PM when a game was going on and an umpire who was working the game relieved himself on the playground with children around and she noted there are "Port a Johns" there. Ms. Clark stated that she took his license plate number and let him know that she was disgusted with him. She asked that the Recreation commission be notified and contact who he reports to and have this situation addressed. Councilman Menapace asked Ms. Clark if she personally witnessed this to which she responded she did. She noted that the Police need to show a presence down at the park.

Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Burden to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize payment of all bills as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to enter into executive session at 8:34 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Mayor Cooperhouse reconvened the public meeting at 9:04 PM. Present were Council Members Burden, DeNofa, Dodge and Menapace. Council Members Keegan and Murphy were absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Adjournment

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
MUNICIPAL CENTER
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A motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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

Approve: _____
Terel Cooperhouse, Mayor