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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 Dodge, Menapace and Murphy. Council Members Burden, Keegan and McGuire were absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

RESOLUTION #2009-37 (Executive Session)

Mayor Cooperhouse read Resolution #2009-37 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 Dodge, Menapace and Murphy. Council Members Burden, Keegan and McGuire were absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Cooperhouse led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2009

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-38 (Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriation #2 [TABLED])

Due to lack of 2/3 vote of the full majority, a motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to table Resolution #2009-38 until April 6, 2009. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-39 (Release of Business Surety Bond for Lynn Cremona)

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-39 releasing the Business Surety Bond for Lynn Cremona. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-40 (Authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to Execute the Shared Services Agreement with Monmouth County)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Murphy to approve Resolution #2009-40 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Shared Services Agreement with Monmouth County. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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RESOLUTION #2009-41 (Authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to Execute the Commodity Resale Agreement with Monmouth County)

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2009-41 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Commodity Resale Agreement with Monmouth County. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-42 (Release Bond for Soil Movement and Post to Inspection Escrow Account for Seashore Estates, LLC)

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-42 authorizing the release of the bond for soil movement and post to inspection escrow account for Seashore Estates, LLC. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-43 (Hire Part Time Cleaning Person)

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve Resolution #2009-43 hiring a part time cleaning person with a change to show that the hours do not exceed 20 hours per week. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

RESOLUTION #2009-44 (Authorization for NJDOT to Install Flashing School Speed Limit Sign)

A motion was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-44 authorizing the NJDOT to install a flashing school speed limit sign in the vicinity of Route 35 and Obre Place with participation being 75% from the State and 25% from the Borough. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign Agreement Between the NJDOT and the Borough of Shrewsbury to Install Flashing School Signs

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign an agreement between the NJDOT and the Borough of Shrewsbury for the installation of flashing school signs. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Approval: New Members of Hose Co. #1; Kevin McGee and Nicholas Hubbard

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge to approve the appointments of two new members of Hose Company #1; Kevin McGee and Nicholas Hubbard. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

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Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign Contract Renewals for Cranmer Engineering

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Dodge to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a renewal contracts for engineering services with Cranmer Engineering. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Authorize Mayor to sign Contract Renewal for Auditing Services

A motion was made by Councilman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the contract renewal for auditing services. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman advised that on April 1st the Shrewsbury Board of Education will introduce the budget with the public in attendance.

Administrator Seaman advised that on April 6th the Parent-Teachers Organization will be meeting with the Shrewsbury Borough School and the Red Bank Regional School to discuss their budgets.

Administrator Seaman reported that the MEL JIF elected officials seminar is scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Court Room in the Municipal Building in the Borough of Atlantic Highlands. MEL will credit each member's 2000 assessment by \$250.00 for each elected official, manager or administrator who attends.

Administrator Seaman also reported that the Director of Purchasing for Rutgers University, Dr. Kevin Lyons, met with representatives of the DPW, Police, Administration and School Superintendent to discuss the advantage of Green Purchasing through Rutgers. The meeting was productive and the Borough is looking into the possibility of using their service.

Administrator Seaman also reported that the Newsletter is being formulated and he intends to have it out in the beginning of April as there will be some school budget information.

Administrator Seaman also reported that the First Aid generator is installed and wired, and should be running this week.

Reports of Council

Councilman Dodge reported that he met with the Business Administrator of Red Bank Regional to go over the budget with particular focus what the increases are, it shows about a 2.8% increase. It is pretty much a flat budget this year. The numbers showed a 39% increase since 2004.

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Councilman Murphy reminded everyone that the April 4th Budget Workshop is open to the public. The Finance Committee reviews the budget and no action will be taken. The public is welcome. The workshop will begin at 9:00 AM.

Councilman Menapace reported that the tennis courts are in serious disrepair and the repairs could be very costly, however there are still funds in the Open Space Trust that can also be used. He requested that the Borough Engineer provide some estimates for the tennis courts in order to correct the problem.

Council Menapace also reported that the work on Sickles and West End Avenue should start on or about April 1st and should run about two weeks each. Letters will be sent to the residents that will be affected. The White Street Bridge is still awaiting Wetlands approval, all other permits are approved.

Councilman Dodge asked Mr. Menapace if the tennis courts are a danger to anyone.

Councilman Menapace said he asked Bob Wentway and Dave Cranmer to look them over carefully, as he believes one is a hazard and not playable. He had asked the Engineer if we could possibly do a patch job on the other two courts to hold us over until a total estimate can be done.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cooperhouse questioned whether or not it is possible for the Council not to collect the Open Space Fund Tax for a year.

The Borough Attorney advised that should be checked with the Borough Auditor.

Mayor Cooperhouse informed that as part of a 'green initiative', he requested the Borough Administrator to gather our usage numbers together from 2008. He asked Mr. Seaman to talk to all the Department Heads and formally introduce our green initiative to cut back on utilities and discuss their ideas for conservation.

Mayor Cooperhouse also noted that he and Councilman Murphy will be meeting with the Little Silver Mayor and Council President to formally discuss shared services. He said in this discussion, everything will be on the table.

Mayor Cooperhouse also noted an article in the "Asbury Park Press" concerning a feasibility study whereby different school districts that should be joined and indicated that Shrewsbury should be joined with Eatontown. He spoke with Senator Beck's office and other school officials and we were advised that that idea was reversed and Shrewsbury would go back to being combined with Red Bank and Little Silver.

Mayor Cooperhouse noted the presentation of 15 skateboarders. He had suggested that they go to Recreation with their suggestions and Recreation basically bounced it back to Council. He

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suggested that they submit ideas and questions to us. The Mayor said that someone had noted there is a grant available for a skate boarding park that should be submitted by June and asked Mr. Seaman to look into that. He also asked the 'skate boarders' to come to our Council Meeting in April as we will be more prepared.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

Open Meeting to the Public

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

Carol Clark, 203 Garden Road questioned whether or not hiring a person for cleaning is a savings compared to a cleaning company.

The Administrator responded that the projected savings is about \$6,000.00 per year; the person will be part time, no health benefits.

Ms. Clark asked about the hourly rate for the Borough Engineer. Ms. Clark asked if she could get a full listing of last year's engineering payout with a line by line itemization.

Mr. Seaman advised her that he could give her a printout of the engineer's costs.

Mayor Cooperhouse advised that many of these questions will be taken up at the Budget Workshop.

Ms. Clark complained about the junk in the stream that goes under White Road and wanted to know who is responsible.

She was advised that the Borough is reviewing the stream with the NJDEP and will find out who is responsible.

Ms. Clark questioned the Avenue of the Commons behind the library and advised that the sidewalk is not walk-able and requested that it be looked at.

Kevin Buchanan, 4 Trafalgar Place noted that he is glad to see that Shrewsbury signed a petition opposing the liquefied natural gas exploration off coast.

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Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman Dodge 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 Murphy, seconded by Councilman Dodge 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.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by Councilman Dodge, seconded by Councilman Murphy and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest: _____
Lynn A. Spillane, CMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: _____
Terel Cooperhouse, Mayor