

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES



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**Shrewsbury Township Committee
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
REGULAR MEETING – 7PM
MINUTES**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Mayor Edward Nolan at 7:00 P.M.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 4(a) of C.231, P.L. 1975, the required Annual Notice of this meeting was published in Asbury Park Press on January 8, 2019, in addition to posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 8, 2019 by the Municipal Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS PRESENT: Committeeman Jennings, Deputy Mayor Puhak, and Mayor Nolan.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT: Township Attorney, Gene Anthony and Municipal Clerk, Pamela D. Howard.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE IN ATTENDANCE

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019

**Moved by Mayor Nolan, seconded by Mr. Puhak.
Ayes – Mr. Jennings, Mr. Puhak and Mayor Nolan.**

CORRESPONDENCE

1. NJDEP NEWS RELEASE

**Moved by Mayor Nolan, seconded by Mr. Puhak.
Ayes – Mr. Jennings, Mr. Puhak and Mayor Nolan.**

REPORTS:

FINANCE: NONE

RECREATION REPORT: NONE

MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mr. Anthony stated he sent a letter to Alfred Vail Mutual Association indicating that they were very interested in when they were going to undertake their project in lifting the building at the exit of Shrewsbury Township. He has already spoken to the State Police and they are ready to participate in traffic control as long as they have knowledge as to when the project begins and they are paid by the developer. The Code Enforcement Officer would also like to be made aware to make sure there are no violations while the project is going on. He also sent a letter to Tom Welsh, Code Enforcement Officer indicating there were complaints from Donna Johnson about

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dumping by the store and there is a property ordinance that is enforceable and hopefully he will respond and act accordingly. He stated he also sent the new Shared Service Agreement to the Interim Boro Business Administrator of Shrewsbury Boro for our Fire Protection. The Shared Service Agreement is up at the end of the year and the terms were basically the same as last year. She did not indicate there would be a problem with the renewal. He also sent a letter to Tinton Falls EMS North indicating the Township was interested in a contract for them to provide first aid services in the evening hours. He sent them information pertaining to Shrewsbury Township and is now waiting a response. He went on to state that Shrewsbury Apartments sent a letter to the Township wanting to know why they were not a part of a Municipal Service Agreement with the Township for garbage collection or either reimbursement. He stated he sent a letter advising them that the Township was not subject to the Municipal Service Act and that it only applies for garbage services to apartments, co-ops and condominiums where garbage service is already being provided to other residents of the municipality and Shrewsbury Township does not provide municipal or contracted garbage pickup for any residents in Shrewsbury Township. He stated all of these letters were sent out on September 16th and September 17th. He stated he prepared an ad to be placed on the League of Municipalities website and that's going out and hopefully we will have a few applicants for the Public Works position. He further stated the Township has already received a few applications for the position. The deadline is October 1st and they should be reviewed by the Personnel Committee and he could participate if the Committee would like.

Mayor Nolan wished Mr. Foster well.

HOUSING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT: NONE

PUBLIC WORKS: NONE

SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: NONE

ORDINANCE(S) - NONE

RESOLUTIONS

TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY

RESOLUTION # 2019-93

RESOLUTION TO URGE VOTERS TO SUPPORT THE REFERENDUM ON THE ELECTION BALLOT IN NOVEMBER, SO THAT VETERANS OR WIDOWED SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES (CCRC) WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTION

WHEREAS, the State Constitution for New Jersey authorizes veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who served in active duty during war and other times of emergency to receive a property tax deduction, in the amount of \$250 per year, in well-deserved recognition of their service to our country; and,

WHEREAS, veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) have been unfairly denied eligibility for the \$250 property tax deduction because they do not own their units, even though they instead contribute to property taxes through a monthly payment, and even though they have made the same sacrifices as all veterans in our great country; and,

WHEREAS, there are twenty-five CCRCs in the State which collectively house approximately 2,500 veterans or widowed spouses who are being denied the property tax deduction, including Seabrook Village in Tinton Falls; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Vin Gopal has sponsored legislation (S1331), that has been approved by the Senate and General Assembly, to extend the deduction to veterans and their widowed spouses in CCRCs;

WHEREAS, the extension of the deduction, because it requires an amendment to the State Constitution, must be approved by the voters at the ballot in November before it will become valid and effective; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee now desire to memorialize their support of the referendum on the ballot in November, and to urge the voters of this State to vote in favor of the property tax deduction for veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury urge voters to support the referendum on the ballot in November 2019, so that veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRC) will be eligible for the \$250 property tax deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee believes that this small benefit to our veterans and widowed spouses of veterans who reside in CCRCs is a proper and warranted acknowledgement of the tremendous sacrifices that veterans have given to protect and serve our great nation.

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Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Jennings		X	X			
Puhak	X		X			
Nolan			X			

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee at the Meeting held on September 24, 2019.

 Pamela Howard, RMC, CMR
 Municipal Clerk

 Edward P. Nolan
 Mayor

Ms. Howard announced that there was an error in the bill list and the amount now listed is the correct amount. There was an error in the amount of the Comcast bill. Therefore the bill and payment was pulled in its entirety.

Township of Shrewsbury
 Resolution #2019-94

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury hereby authorizes payment of the Bills in the amount of **\$12,589.26**.

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Jennings		X	X			
Puhak			X			
Nolan	X		X			

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NEW BUSINESS –NONE

OLD BUSINESS –NONE

PUBLIC PORTION –

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Do I hear a motion to open the meeting to the public? Moved by Mayor Nolan seconded by Mr. Jennings.

Ayes – Mr. Jennings, Mr. Puhak and Mayor Nolan.

Rich Osis 113 Belshaw, stated he spoke to Jeff Foster and thanked him for his years of service and wished him the best and hopefully the Township can get someone to replace him before the leaves start falling.

Robin Kane 84 Belshaw, stated she thanked Jeff Foster for all of his hard work and for going above and beyond for the Township and he would be missed. She stated the playground equipment was getting rusty and questioned whether the Township was eligible for any grants.

Mr. Anthony stated he would have to speak to the engineer regarding that because they have been applying for grants for major infrastructures. He would also talk to the Recreation Director in Eatontown to see what she does.

Mrs. Kane discussed the safety issues involved regarding the equipment. She also stated it was hurricane season and discussed the generators and questioned whether the Township had the ability to hook them up and have them work properly. She questioned why weren't they already hooked up.

Mayor Nolan stated they were trying to get the connection to the building. He stated they would have to have an electrician do it.

Mrs. Kane thanked the Committee for all that they do but stated the generators could help in the event of an outage. She also discussed the use of the second generator. She stated they were lacking maintenance and maybe Dave Dasher could start them. She questioned if Mr. Dasher was capable of doing leaf collection.

Mayor Nolan stated they would need two people for that.

Mrs. Kane questioned whether Mr. Dasher could be back up for snow removal and running a plow when winter arrives.

Mr. Anthony stated they were hoping they would have a full-time employee in Public Works by then. He stated applications should be in by October 1st and they already have applications for the Public Works position.

Mrs. Kane stated there were no Recreation Programs all summer. She talked to both Katrina and Rich about it. She stated Katrina stated she was going to do the summer programs on September 21st and that was last week and there was nothing. She stated she made suggestions but there was nothing. She also questioned who was paying to rent the building for basketball and are they paying the Township for basketball training.

Mr. Anthony stated he did not think that he's seen any and he's only seen two indemnification agreements prepared.

Mrs. Kane stated there was a lot of basketball training going on and Rich uses the gym to train outside people. She stated she felt the building was not used to its full potential and found a real lack in the Recreation head. She stated both Rich and Katrina were great people but there were no programs that would help any of the children. There were no programs or recruitment to bring new kids in or activated. She stated there still were no lights on Crawford.

Mayor Nolan stated he would check with Joanne as far as Recreation and the light should be done by next week.

Bill Spengeman 143 Belshaw questioned whether the payment to the League of Municipalities could be cancelled since Jeff Foster will not be going.

Ms. Howard reported that once an employee is registered you cannot cancel but the registration could be transferred to another employee.

Mr. Anthony stated the conference wasn't until the second week in November and perhaps the new employee could attend.

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Mr. Spengeman stated he saw Mr. Anthony looking at the abandoned vehicles and questioned whether they've gotten closer to getting them removed.

Mr. Anthony stated he's spoken to Mr. Welsh and he's supposed to be on top of it. He will follow up with him.

Mrs. Kane stated on the bill list there was a bill for Comcast for \$1406.00.

Mayor Nolan stated that was cancelled, it was pulled because it was a mistake and that is why the new total amount was \$12,589.26.

Moved by Mayor Nolan to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Jennings.

Ayes – Jennings, Mr. Puhak and Mayor Nolan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Regular Meeting, October 8, 2019 at 7:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

– Do I hear a motion to adjourn the meeting? Moved by Mayor Nolan seconded by Mr. Puhak

Ayes – Mr. Jennings, Mr. Puhak, and Mayor Nolan.

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Jennings			X			
Puhak		X	X			
Nolan	X		X			

October 8, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Howard, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: _____
Pamela D. Howard, RMC

Date