## COMMITTEEMEMBER <u>PUHAK</u> OFFERED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION:

## **RESOLUTION #2017-55**

## **<u>RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUTURE HOSPITALIZATION/MAJOR</u></u> <u>MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR RETIREE, JANET DELONARDO</u>**

WHEREAS, Janet Delonardo served as Municipal Clerk and in other positions as an employee of Shrewsbury Township for over twenty-five years, and upon retirement did not receive lifetime medical benefits per the governing body at that time; and

WHEREAS, per a letter from Janet Delonardo's attorney dated January 18, 2017, Janet Delonardo challenged the lack of medical benefits, and the present governing body reviewed the matter with legal counsel, Gene J. Anthony, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, based on Ordinance 3.23.10, amending the established Personnel Code and other amended Ordinances to the Personnel Code, and past practice and understanding between Janet Delonardo and the governing body, the present governing body, and based on the opinion of legal counsel, Gene J. Anthony, Esq., has concluded that Janet Delonardo is entitled to lifetime hospitalization/major medical health benefits as a prior employee in continuous service for over twenty-five years in Shrewsbury Township; subject to certain conditions stated more fully below.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury, that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to seek and restore lifetime hospitalization/major medical health benefits for Janet Delonardo commencing April 1, 2017 or as soon thereafter as implementation is possible, based on the following conditions:

- Janet Delonardo shall execute a Release that shall relieve Shrewsbury Township of any responsibility for reimbursement for any medical costs from the time of retirement to the date of implementation of the aforesaid authorized medical coverage;
- 2. Janet Delonardo shall be responsible for any required contribution towards medical costs that would be required of any employee, or required by law;
- Janet Delonardo shall maintain Medicare Parts A and B as her primary insurance coverage;
- Janet Delonardo shall authorize and obtain and provide to Shrewsbury Township a Certificate of Pension from the State of New Jersey every year, indicating her

enrollment in the pension system and receipt of a pension and allowing her to continue to be qualified for such benefits.

5. Janet Delonardo acknowledges that future medical coverage is subject to the right of the Township to change medical plans, third party providers, change the present CJHIF provider to State Health Benefits provider and/or be subject to any changes in the rules and regulations promulgated by providers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Resolution, along with a proposed Release shall be forwarded to counsel for Janet Delonardo for execution of said release and action for medical insurance shall be undertaken by the Township upon receipt of the fully executed Release.

## Seconded by Committeemember <u>BAILLY</u> and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

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

Dated: March 21, 2017

EDWARD NOLAN Mayor

ATTEST:

<u>Terí Gíercyk RMC</u> TERI GIERCYK, RMC Township Clerk

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the resolution adopted

by the Shrewsbury Township Committee on March 21, 2017.

<u>Terí Gíercyk RMC</u> TERI GIERCYK Township Clerk