

**TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY**  
**Resolution 2024-106**  
County of Monmouth

**RESOLUTION FOR THE CLOSED SESSION UNDER THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

**WHEREAS** the Open Public Meetings Act permits the Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury to exclude the public when certain matters are to be discussed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury shall have a closed session for purposes of discussing contract negotiations and legal issues;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer, shall be discussed. (Attachment i)

1. The Outstanding Balance owed to the Township from Alfred Vail Mutual Association for water testing.
2. The impact of the outstanding water usage billing of Alfred Vail Mutual Association that may impact on the sale of the Townships Water system that supplies the main lines to Alfred Vail Mutual Association. This is perceived as a debt to the utility.
3. In addition, the additional cost to Shrewsbury Township for a Service line break that increased the flow to Two Rivers Water Reclamation costing the Township approximately \$ 60,000 in additional payments.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the public shall be informed of the results of the closed session at the continuation of the present public meeting, or at the next public meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee, or as soon thereafter as possible.

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

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee at the Meeting held on December 23, 2024.

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Katrina Thornton  
Acting Municipal Clerk

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Lester Jennings  
Mayor

## ATTACHMENT I

NJAWC has stated that AVMA has not paid their water bills to a total of \$ 77,000.00 outstanding.

Our understanding is that an offer to alleviate \$11,000 of that outstanding billing may be forfeited by NJAWC

Thus, leaving AVMA with an outstanding cost of \$66,000.00

**This could cause an issue with the current agreement to sell the water system as it is a debt, not of the Townships, but a debt relating to the water system.**

**AVMA is seeking to have the sale of the water system to cover their outstanding water bills.**

AVMA has requested a reimbursement from the Township in the amount of \$ 1,440.16 for water flow due to a water main break.

The AVMA service line break required the Township to pay an additional (unbudgeted) Quarterly fee to TRWRA in the amount of \$ 21,107.54.

Water testing is required by the DEP, as per the New Jersey Safe Drinking Water Act rules, specifically N.J.A.C. 7:10-5.4(b). This was not related to the sale of the water system; as noted. Cost as of 11/30/2024, to which the Township was willing to pay 1/3 of, although the entire billing is the responsibility of AVMA - \$ 90,415.57

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Therefore, AVMA would be responsible for reimbursement to the Township in the amount of \$ 60,277.06

The Township made an offer to forfeit the additional 1/3 of the monies the Township has paid to assist AVMA with their compliance in the amount of \$ 30,138.53

**Based on the above numbers and situations. AVMA owes the Township of Shrewsbury,**

\$ 21,107.54

\$ 60,277.06

**\$81,384.60 Sub-Total**

-1,440.16

**\$ 79,944.44 Grand Total Owed to the Township**

The Township will have a \$ 77,000 sewage payment in January 2025, which includes an additional payment for the service line break water flow. This is approximately \$ 30,00 over the normal rate of quarterly payments.