

TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY

RESOLUTION # 2023-17

County of Monmouth

Authorizing Alternatives to In-Person Meeting Presence and Voting

WHEREAS, as a general proposition each form of government, including the Township Form of Government, requires a quorum or a majority of the full authorized numbers of the governing body’s membership to be present for any meeting to take place under the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, for a quorum to be present under the Township Form of Government in Shrewsbury Township, there must be at least two members of the governing present, with matters of approval voted upon by affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, at times, and under certain circumstances, a member of the Township Committee, due to health or reasonable excuse, may be unable to attend a meeting, but desires to participate in a “present and voting” situation before the Township Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee recognizes the aforesaid situation and accepts the fact that as an alternative to being physically present should be allowed under the aforesaid circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that a simple majority of the governing body must be present in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the governing body and for voting purposes, and that the Township Committee of Shrewsbury Township shall consider “present” at any meeting subject to the Open Public Meetings Act as being present and conducting business “in-person” or by alternative means such as but not limited to Zoom or similar available platforms or telephone conference in “real time” through the entire length of the meeting or for a particular vote, as long as disconnecting thereafter does not result in the lack of quorum or continuation of the meeting.

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Puhak						
Lettice						
Jennings						

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee at the Meeting held on January 1, 2023.

Katrina Thornton, CMR
Acting Municipal Clerk

Mayor