

**TOWNSHIP OF SHREWSBURY
RESOLUTION #2024-36**

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF QUALIFIED RESPONDENT

WHEREAS the Township of Shrewsbury desires to enter into negotiations to establish fair cost for the sale of its water system; and

WHEREAS, the Township has previously identified New Jersey American Water as a qualified respondent and has prepared and issued a request for proposal to New Jersey American Water in November 2023; and

WHEREAS the Township received a proposal from New Jersey American Water on December 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of P.L.2015, c.18 (C.58:30-6), the Township reviewed the proposal, taking into consideration the evaluation criteria set forth in the request for proposals and as specified under P.L. 2015 c.18 C.58:30-6(b) and found the following as critical items which are advantageous to the public:

- Cash payment for the water assets.
- A capital improvement plan, including monetary commitment and complete replacement of distribution infrastructure.
- Transition of responsibility under the Water Quality Accountability Act to New Jersey American Water (NJAW), which will stabilize and improve resiliency of the Township’s aging water infrastructure.
- Operational and regulatory relief allowing the Township to focus on other priorities and reducing the environmental and financial risk to the Township.
- Customer financial assistance programs for qualifying customers.
- Ability to respond to emergency conditions and location of critical staff and regional offices.
- Commitment to restore roads in the Township including full width mill and overlay in any location where water main will be replaced.
- Proposed rate structure

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to designate New Jersey American Water as the qualified respondent whose proposal is most advantageous to the public.

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 February 20, 2024.

Katrina Thornton, CMR
Acting Municipal Clerk

Lester Jennings
Mayor