

The Shamong Township Committee held a regular meeting on the above date at the Municipal Building.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shevelew at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk stated please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner. Written notice has been sent to the Burlington County Times, published in the Central Record, and posted on the official bulletin board and Website of Shamong Township.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and)	Mr. Sean Gray	P
Absentees)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
Noted)	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Christopher Norman	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

At this time Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for comments and Superintendent, Tom Christensen, reported on the following items; the bond for the solar project is almost completed, the next board meeting will be October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the IMMS Library, they will receive \$144,370 in stimulus funds which will be used for funding the 2011-2012 budget, they received an excellent audit report with no citations or recommendations, the Strategic Plan Subcommittees met last week and will be working on action plans, student Board of Education representatives have been selected and will take oath at the October 19th meeting, the Administrator and Board of Education are exploring tuition-based Kindergarten Enrichment Program for 2011-2012 school year, book fair is October 4-7, school closed for Teacher-in-service day on October 11th, picture day for IMMS is October 14th and October 19th for IMS, October 18th is School Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week, Home and School Assoc. Halloween Event is scheduled for October 22nd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., the Halloween Parade at IMS if October 29th at 1:30 p.m., and you can follow Superintendent on Twitter just sign up to follow his daily tweets.

Mr. Mahoney from 106 Mohawk Trail explained to the Committee he has neighbors with roosters that crow every morning around 2:00 am and he and his wife are not getting much sleep. He asked the Committee to adopt an ordinance against this type of noise in residential areas. Mr. Heinold suggested he would contact the Board of Health to see what, if anything, could be done under the existing noise/nuisance ordinance they have in place. Elaine Billmeyer thanked the Committee for putting a notice on the website entitled "Caring for Your Aging Parents". There being no further comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Mayor Shevelew read the attached two proclamations into the record; National Fire Fighters Day and Dating Violence Awareness Month.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve the regular and executive minutes of September 7, 2010. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator explained she is working on getting monies from the Burlington County Open Space and Recreation Grant. The grant is for \$250,000 with a possible 10% bonus bringing it to \$275,000. She is submitting an application for \$133,000 which is for the renovation of Stonycreek Complex converting to soccer fields. Other options were discussed to include design work for hiking/biking trails behind the Dingtowntown Complex Phase I, hiking/biking trails on the Packenah Trail property, and for playground equipment. She asked for direction on how to handle the balance of the grant for this year which is approximately \$100,000. Committeeman Gray suggested repair of the basketball and tennis courts at Stonycreek and the Committee was in agreement. The Committee also agreed bathroom facilities and a snack stand should be included. Committeeman Norman suggested doing a Master Plan for hiking trails if these monies are available for next year. The Administrator stated she will get this completed and to the County by the deadline October 15th. Mayor Shevelew informed the Committee that he had a request from Mr. Volpe to see if either the township or a combination of the township and IMAA could come up with approximately \$5,000 in funding that they could use to get the tools to make the trails. They have raised approximately \$10,000 but need about \$5,000 more for the project. Mayor Shevelew complimented Mr. Volpe for a wonderful job he does with his students.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve the Clerk, Tax Collector, CFO, and members of the Committee to attend seminars relative to their positions. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Long who abstained.

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to establish a 2010 RFP/RFQ sub committee consisting of Mrs. Onorato and Mr. Long, to review applications received and report their recommendation to the Township Committee. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Long who abstained.

There was discussion on whether to finish paving Old Indian Mills Road by using Township funds at a cost of approximately \$77,000 and the Committee decided to wait until next year then apply for grant money to finish the road.

The Administrator reported the parking lot, especially around the salt bin area, is in need of repair and she received a ball park figure of approximately \$51,080 for the cost of the asphalt from our engineer. The Committee decided to discuss this further before taking any action.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-74 Final approval of farmland applications for a property that does not require municipal cost share. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-80 to refund overpayment of taxes as result of a County Tax Appeal. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Gray who abstained.

Mayor Shevelew explained we are going into Shared Services with Southampton for our Tax Assessor. He will be available in Southampton on Tuesday afternoon, as well as, in Shamong on Tuesday evening. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-81 authorizing certain budgetary transfers for Shared Service Agreement with Southampton Township. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-82 authorizing the Shared Services Agreement between the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Burlington and Shamong Township for a County Centralized Communications System. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-83 authorizing the issuance of requests for proposals for Solar Photovoltaic Energy Project for the Municipal Complex. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Long who abstained.

The Committee discussed Ordinance 2010-14 amending the Shamong Township Code at Chapter 110 to create Chapter 110-110.1 governing "Clustering" and decided to table it until the November 3rd meeting. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to table Ordinance 2010-14 until the November 3rd meeting. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2010-15 an Ordinance of the Township of Shamong fixing annual salaries to be paid to the members of the Township Committee and certain designated officers of said Township on first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voted yes, except Committeeman Gray who abstained.

The Engineer reported that Old Indian Mills Road Project is in the construction phase and as discussed earlier in the meeting they will do change orders to maximize the grant money. He explained that Saddlebrook Ridge Recreation Fields Notice to Proceed was issued and the field layout is complete and construction has begun. Mr. Citerone reported the tax maps are at the State for review and comments but is not sure when they will receive them back

The solicitor had nothing for the public meeting but did explain he does need to speak to the Committee in executive session relative to pending litigation and also, under attorney/client privilege relative to the ongoing clustering conversation.

The Administrator stated the Tax Assessor reported total added assessments to be realized equal \$75,131.55 and this is approximately a 50% increase from 2009, the softball field lighting litigation costs as of August 2010 totals \$15,435.32, the Joint Land Use Board will be working on updating the Master Plan, Fawn Lake Village has submitted a Notice of Rent Increase to the Rent Control Board and a hearing will take place at the Rent Control Boards meeting, a hearing has been scheduled for October 13th relative to the vandalism incurred at Stony Creek Recreation Complex in early August and the Township is seeking restitution of damages totaling \$1,099.90, the "Ride in the Pines" sponsored by the Meteor Motorcycle Club will take place on October 23-24, 2010, Jeep Jamboree will be held October 28th – 30th, and the 2010 Pine Barons Enduro Riders Clock Run has been scheduled for October 31st.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Mrs. King asked what the Pinelands thoughts and comments are on the septic systems and wells in doing the clustering. Mr. Heinold could only explain he feels their theory is, if you have 100 acres and you cluster 20 houses on 20 acres you than have 80 acres of open space which the Pinelands looks on as a plus. Mrs. King feels they are defeating everything they have done in the past and this clustering will cause septic problems. The Committee agrees with Mrs. King that it is out of character for the Pinelands and they are still working on the solution. Committeeman Norman suggested it might have something to do with the policy of affordable housing in the Pinelands. Mr. Knight questioned why the solar panels would not be on the roof and Mr. Long stated if the company feels that is where the panels should be that would not be a problem. Mr. Tuman of 114 Shadow Lake Drive complained about the neighbor with the roosters and asked the township to pass a nuisance law on roosters. Mayor Shevelew asked if he has talked to his neighbor about this and tried to work it out since that is usually a better solution than getting the township involved. Mr. Tuman said he will try to talk to his neighbor. Mr. Knight said they may be a different type of rooster that is breed for fighting and that is why they crow all the time. Mrs. King suggested having the animal control person check to see how the roosters are being housed because that could be an issue. There being no further comments the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Mayor Shevelew called for a motion to go into executive session to discuss a number of items regarding attorney-client privilege, land acquisition, and potential litigation. He stated if they decide to take any action it will be done when they return to regular session.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to convene the regular meeting and go into executive session. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Committee reconvened their regular meeting stating there would be no action taken from the executive meeting at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk