

Shamong NJ 08088

January 6, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gray at approximately 8:06 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 mailed to the Burlington County Times and published in the Central Record. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Shamong.

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

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Reinhart asked when the selection of the new committee member would be made from the 3 names that were submitted to replace Committeewoman Reinhart and Mayor Gray answered that by law they have 30 days and will fill the seat as soon as possible. Rev. Schroeder thanked the Committee and staff for the work that was done to help and assist a resident to get into suitable housing and out of the cold weather. His church and other residents, such as, Henry Robbins, Richard Giberson, Brian Gardner, Ed Tretina, and others worked very hard in getting the housing hooked up and ready for occupancy and the resident was very thankful. Sgt. Moore reported they did some arrests in connection with the burglaries that were going on through out the surrounding areas and Shamong but stated the residents need to keep their guard up because there could be more burglars out there. Mrs. Reinhart asked how the tipping fees were going to be handled for the demolition of the house that the church and volunteer residents are working on and the Administrator said the county was unable to help but a private party, Hainesport Rail, has offered their services at no cost. Mr. Schroeder stated he believes this project will cost approximately \$200,000.00 and they have already gotten donations from people who heard about the situation and wanted to help. Mr. Knight asked how much the tipping fee was and the Administrator reported approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000. There being no further comments from the public; that portion of the meeting was closed.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, the minutes of the December 9, 2008 meeting was approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members voting yes, except for Committeeman Mozitis who abstained.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to introduce Ordinance 2009-001 to exceed the Municipal Budget

appropriation limits and to establish a CAP Bank on first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to adopt Resolution 2009R-014 requesting Pinelands Commission not adopt mandated Pinelands Forest and Rural Development regulations regarding clustering. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-015 a Local Government Energy Audit. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve a shared service with Burlington County in conjunction with securing PARIS Grant funding. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Martin, it was moved to award annual contracts with Munidex, Inc. for software maintenance agreement of the Tax Department software for \$2,732 per year, Finance Department software for \$2,732 per year, and the Registrar's software for \$212.80 per year, and authorizing the Township Administrator to expedite all related documents. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to recess the regular Township Committee meeting and conduct a Board of Health meeting. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Clerk stated the Board of Health meeting was advertised as per the Open Public Meetings Act in the Central Record and posted on the Shamong municipal bulletin board.

The Administrators explained by State law the township is required to do a bi-annually dog census and the last census was done in 2001. Our previous animal control officer did the census but our current officer does not. The Administrator reported the fees collected from dog licenses would support the cost of having a census done. The Administrator explained it needs to be a door to door census. No action was decided at this time on the dog census. Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public and Mrs. Reinhart asked if what are the qualifications you need to perform the census and Mayor Gray stated he did not believe there were any. Mrs. Reinhart asked how much money was in the dog account and the Administrator explained she did not receive the figure from the CFO as yet. Mrs. King asked how many licenses are issued each year and the Administrator reported approximately 270 last year. **There being no further comments from the**

public, on motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the Board of Health meeting was adjourned. All present were in favor.

The engineer, Mr. Arango, thanked the Committee for his appointment and acknowledged he is looking forward to working with the Committee this year. Mr. Arango also congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on their appointments.

Mr. Arango reported he received notification that the Township will receive a grant for the NJDOT Trust Fund Application FY 2009 in the amount of \$180,000 and they have begun their preliminary study and are currently reviewing exiting topo plans. Mr. Arango reported that the contractor has submitted his final pay certificate and the required Maintenance Bond (Bond #6591909) for Atsion Road, Section 12 and his firm has submitted the paper work to the Township. Once the Township pays the contractor the State can reimburse the Township. Mr. Arango reported the same for Atsion Road, Section 13. He also noted the dates of the Maintenance Bonds since they are important so a final inspection is done before the release of the bonds. Mr. Arango also reported the Maintenance Bond for Atsion Road, Sections 10 and 11 will expires June 5, 2009.

The solicitor, Mr. Heinold, thanked the Committee for his appointment again this year and congratulated the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Committeeman Mozitis on their appointments.

Mr. Heinold reviewed his previous recommendation and approval by the Committee for foreclosure on certain properties and is recommending two other properties known as block 23.01 lots 19 and 23 for foreclosure by the township since they are landlocked parcels that abut lands already owned by Shamong Township. Mr. Heinold also reported on block 10 lot 24.02 which is adjacent to the Shamong Landfill site stating an environmental study should be done before considering foreclosure. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to have Mr. Heinold's firm start foreclosure proceeding on block 23.01 lots 19 and 23. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator reported on the following items: the JIF Elected Officials Training Program will be held on January 29, 2009 in Hammonton and elected officials who attend will earn \$250 credit to the costs of the Township's Workers Compensation costs, the Clerk's office has been in contact with Burlington County Transportation office to confirm the feasibility of shared services for street signs and vehicle washing in order to satisfy the February 2009 Stormwater Management requirements, the Green Acres Application for soccer fields at the Stony Creek Field off Atsion Road has been submitted and awaiting a decision in early 2009, the work on the 2010 census continues, the 2009 Gypsy Moth treatment area is 2,281 acres and the cost per acre in 2005-2008 was \$39.44, now the cost for 2009 has been estimated at \$60 per acre bringing the projected treatment cost to \$136,860. The Township Committee has until the end of January to decide if they want to participate in the gypsy moth program.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Knight asked about Mr. Heinold's report stating he understood about the one lot being heavily encumbered by a PSE&G powerline but questioned what the other lots issue was. Mr. Heinold explained the other is a deed issue, wherein, it appears the State actually owns the property. Mr. Knight questioned if the property could be turned over to the State to acquire more land as needed to reach our goal even with the powerline easement and Mr. Heinold said he understands what Mr. Knight is saying but Mr. Renwick feels the State would not accept it. Mrs. King asked the Administrator who did the recount of the gypsy moth mass survey and the Administrator reported a gentlemen from the State Agricultural Department. The Administrator explained she did request to be notified when the recount was going to be done so that someone from the Township could accompany them but they did the survey without contacting her office as she had requested. Mrs. Reinhart questioned where in the agenda was the approval to pay the contractor for Atsion Road, Sections 12 and 13 and the Administrator explained it was on the bill list. Mr. Knight explained if there would be a real wet spring the gypsy moths could be reduced because the rain and dampness causes disease to them and they die. Mr. Knight feels they are on the decline and the township could be throwing money away by spraying this year. Mayor Gray explained the Committee has not made a decision yet on whether to spray for the gypsy moths. Mr. Knight also doesn't understand why the large increase for spraying when fuel prices have dropped and suggested questioning that increase. Mrs. Reinhart stated she did contact the Administrator in reference to the conditions at the emergency exit on Forked Neck Road at the athletic complex since the water is still going onto the road. The Administrator reported the public works employees checked and reported it was clogged with debris and cleaned it out. They have been monitoring the area and have not seen the road iced up. Mr. Reinhart asked if the fire company was included in the energy audit and the Administrator said they were included but she may need a resolution from the fire company and will contact Mr. Reinhart and let him know. Mayor Gray thanked Sgt. Moore for his attendance to the meetings and service to the township. There being no further comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk