

Shamong, NJ 08088

April 7, 2009

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Gray.

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, published in the Central Record and posted on the official bulletin board of Shamong Township.

The Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Christensen, Superintendent of Indian Mills Schools, reported on the following items; the budget tax increase this year will be 6.58 cents, they will be cutting 1 custodian and 1 elementary teacher, and cutting 7 clubs/activities, spring break will be April 10-17, parent conferences are April 22-24, NJ ASK Testing begins week of April 27th, report cards April 21st at IMS and April 23rd at IMMS, take your child to work day is April 23rd, H&SA sponsoring an indoor soccer tournament Saturday, April 25th at IMMS, H&SA also sponsoring a golf outing on May 4th at 11:00 am at Medford Village Country Club, National Teachers' Day is May 5th, and the Board of Education Meeting is April 28th at 7:00 p.m. at IMMS for reorg and regular meeting.

A NJ State Trooper reported there have been some burglaries in the area, none in Shamong, so he is asking residents to be vigilant and call the State Police if they see anything suspicious.

There being no further comments from the public, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, the minutes of March 3rd were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator read Proclamation by Mayor, Celebrating April 20 – 26, 2009 as Week of the Young Child, and Mayor Gray stated he will sign his approval on this Proclamation.

The Administrator read Proclamation by Mayor, National Donate Life Month 2009, and Mayor Gray stated he will sign his approval on this Proclamation.

Mr. Matchett, Township JIF Commissioner, was present and submitted a report to the Committee of his time spent representing Shamong Township at JIF functions. He explained he did not keep a record of these activities because he was never asked, so his figures are estimated. Mr. Matchett reported he also prepares and submits a quarterly report outlining important issues. He stated Shamong qualified for \$1300 in Safety Incentive Award monies and \$750 in Optional Safety Budget money. Mr. Matchett reported a new Chairman was elected, Mr. Joseph Brodski of Mansfield and Donna Ryan was elected as Secretary. Committeeman Mozitis questioned if the report presented represented Mr. Matchett working for JIF or the Township and Mr. Matchett explained he represents the township on the JIF and it involves committees and sub-committees which creates a lot of work. Committeeman Mozitis asked Mr. Matchett if he had his own insurance agency and Mr. Matchett stated his insurance business has nothing to do with JIF and he does not get business from JIF. Committeeman Mozitis thought Mr. Matchett should possibly be a sub-contractor and Mr. Matchett explained you must be an employee of the Township in order to represent the Township on JIF because it is in their By-Laws. Mr. Matchett explained he is professionally a Life and Health Agent and the JIF work involves Property and Casualty. However, he is licensed in Property and Casualty but has not written a piece of business in the past 15 years. Mr. Matchett also explained he was appointed to the JIF when he was on the Committee because of his insurance knowledge.

The Administrator reported she has not received a response from the local manager of Oakview Leisure Mobile Home Park nor from the owner in Connecticut in reference to the letter sent to them from the Township explaining there is a water problem at the entrance to the park off Atsion Road that is potentially dangerous. The Administrator will forward the information to Mr. Heinold, Solicitor for the Township, and he will send a letter.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve payment to the Rabies Clinic workers. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to make the following appointments of the 2009 Fire Police for a term of 5 years;

**Mike Bader, J. Borowsky, Charles Burgin, Bill Gates, Laura King,
Robert King, Paul Miller, Chris Reinhart, Joe Reinhart, Donald Robel,
Andy Roppoli, Robert Rowe, Stanley Rowe, Tim Rowe, John Smith,
Michael Westrol, Sue Wilson.**

A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve the Performance Surety Bond received on block 23.01, lot 12 for the Valenzano Winery in the amount of \$221,437.04. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed with the Committee some fee schedules in the Facility Use Policy that they have been working on for the past several meetings and, since it is a lengthily document, the Committee will review it further before taking any action. Mr. Heinold, the solicitor, recommended that the Committee adopt just a resolution and not the document when they are ready to adopt.

The Administrator informed the Committee that Mr. Richard Maffei, Jr. of 3 Brotherton Road, Shamong has filed and received a Peddler/Solicitor License that is valid for one year which allows him to sell prepackaged ice cream as Ice Cream Dreams, LLC at the ball fields and throughout the township.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve a new Comcast Internet Service Agreement conditional on current franchise agreement. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed with the Committee the budget figures that resulted from the cuts made at the last meeting. She stated the proposed 2009 Budget is just under \$470,000, less than what the approved budget for 2008 was, which represents a 17 ¼ % reduction. The following cuts were made at the last meeting; COLA 3%, Township Committee recommended cutting their salaries in half, legal, engineering, and streets and roads were also cut. Committeemen Mozitis and Schroeder stated they feel due to the economic crises there should be no salary increases. Committeeman Mozitis also feels the Streets and Roads Department budget line should not be cut because he feels road work needs to be done this year.

The Engineer, Rick Arango, reported on the Indian Mills Dam Inspection explaining every ten years there must be a formal in depth inspection done by a certified professional engineer and it has been ten years since the last formal inspection. He reviewed the proposal he submitted to the Committee to do this inspection and stated the fee will not exceed \$15,330.00. The Administrator asked about some specific items and if they were included in the proposal price and Mr. Arango stated yes. Committeeman Schroeder feels this proposal should go out to bid even though Mr. Arango's figures are under the threshold of \$17,500. After some discussion, **on motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Mr. Arango's proposal on the required formal in depth dam inspection. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mr. Arango reviewed with the Committee the 2010 DOT Grant they received to resurface a section of Old Indian Mills Road and explained there was a drainage issue on the road that the Committee authorized Mr. Arango to do a drainage study of. Mr. Arango

introduced Mr. Mike Sintrone from his office who is the project engineer and Mike gave the Committee a synopsis of how they would fix the drainage issue on Old Indian Mills Road. Mr. Arango stated if the Committee would like him to proceed he needs authorization. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to authorize Remington, Vernick and Arango to submit proposal and final design on the 2009 DOT Grant for Old Indian Mills Road. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to authorize Remington, Vernick and Arango to apply for the 2010 Local Aide Grant to be used for Old Indian Mills Road. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-36 requesting permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to waive the statutory deadline for filing the 2009 Municipal Budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, in was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-37 authorizing self-examination of 2009 budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-38 fixing annual salaries to be paid to certain designated officers, appointees and employees of said township. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Shevelew, Schroeder, and Norman voting yes, Committeemen Gray and Mozitis abstaining.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-39 honoring Our Troops and Support Our Troops Day. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009-40 in opposition to Governor Corzine's FY 2010 State Budget. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Schroeder who voted no.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Norman, the attached bill list was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mr. Arango, Township Engineer, stated he submitted his report and has nothing further to report.

Mr. Heinold reported there are two more lots owned by Samost on Silver Lake Drive that can be foreclosed on; block 23.15 lot 6 tax lien amount of \$7,963.44 and block 23.17 lot 6 tax lien amount of \$5,135.25. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to authorize Mr. Heinold to start procedures for foreclosure on the above lots. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator reported on the following issues; there will be Public Document Shredding Day available to all Shamong and Tabernacle residents on April 11th from 7 am to noon at Tab Shredding in West Berlin, South Jersey Magazine spotlighted Shamong Township in their spring edition, IMAA has requested the snack stand be painted and the Juvenile Justice Bureau has been contacted to see if they can do this as they have in the past, the Township has been notified by the EPA that a 5 year review will be conducted on the Ewan Site and a tour is planned for April 22nd at 10:00 am, the Burlington County Vicinage named Shamong Township Court along with 10 other towns that have met or exceeded the Vicinage Goal in ALL 5 case categories.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mrs. Reinhart referred to the improvements to Old Indian Mills Road and asked if the work that will be done meets storm water requirements. Mr. Arango stated it would address any state storm water management issues. Mrs. Reinhart reported she is concerned since there is still flooding across the road at the emergency entrance on Forked Neck Road even after several repairs. Mr. Arango said he understands and will look at it tomorrow. Mrs. King asked how many sections are going to be done on Old Indian Mills Road and Mr. Arango stated at this time at least two. Mrs. King asked if after the work is done will there still be water on the road because of the berm and Mr. Arango said possibly but they want to get the water off the road. Mrs. King asked if Lynn Heinold was asked about the formal inspection of the dam that was suppose to be done in 1999 and she was told no but all the files in the municipal building were reviewed. She suggested someone check with him to see if he recalls when and what was done. Committeeman Shevelew noted Mr. Arango stated he checked with the State and they had no record of the inspection so it wouldn't matter if Lynn said it was done because the State does not have information. Mr. Knight asked if there was a copy of the budget available and Mayor Gray said not tonight, hopefully, it will be ready for introduction at the May meeting. Mr. Knight expressed his dissatisfaction with employees getting a raise including the Township Committee. He also was not happy that the Township Committee cut their salary in half. He stated he felt they should not take any salary for one year. Mr. Knight stated he feels all salaries should be frozen this year. The Committee explained to Mr. Knight that the Committee has not made a decision on raises for anyone at this time. Mayor Gray stated he feels the residents would feel good about the Committee cutting their salary in half since no other board has ever done this in the past. Mrs. Reinhart questioned Resolution 2009R-36 asking if a request was made for a delay in April and the Administrator explained that the CFO and Auditor felt the timing of this resolution was appropriate. Mrs. Reinhart asked if any calculations have been done to see how much money has been saved since the Zoning Board and Planning Board were combined and the Board said this has not been done. Mrs. Reinhart suggested the Committee do this and make a comparison to see if it

is worth having a joint board. She stated she attends meetings throughout the County and has heard conflicting stories that it doesn't save money and could be a conflict by having joint boards. Mayor Gray stated they will take in under advisement. There being no further comments from the public, the meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Gray stated the Committee would go into executive session to discuss items of potential litigation and land acquisition and when they return they may or may not take official action. On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to go into executive session. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to reconvene the regular meeting.

There was no action taken and there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk