

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

Mayor Shevelew called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 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 faxed to the Burlington County Times, published in the Central Record and posted on the official website and bulletin board 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

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Andrew Kavulich of 3 Breckenridge Drive explained the homeowners association of Stony Creek is working on a project to improve the sight-triangle of the three entrances into the development off of Atsion Road and is looking for guidance from the Committee on what they can and cannot do. Mayor Shevelew explained sight-triangle issues for motor vehicles exiting the entrances would take precedence over any conservation issues. The Administrator stated she spoke with the Township engineer and he said he would need to review the plans of the development and then contact Mr. Kavulich. Mr. Kavulich explained he has renderings of what they would like to do and the Administrator suggested he bring them to the office and the engineer would review them. There being no further comments from the public the public portion of the meeting was closed.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the minutes of January 26, 2010 regular and executive sessions as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Committee discussed a potential ordinance for residential resale inspection requirements and agreed the solicitor be asked what would be needed to put this in place.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve an estimated cost of \$20 for the Clerk’s request for attending a seminar which she received CEU’s. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported the Tax Assessor awarded an appeal on block 12.01 lot 47 with an assessed value at \$295,000 reduced to \$231,600 being a reduction of \$61,400.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the repairs to the 1996 Dodge transmission, drive shaft and solenoid for a cost of \$5,195.97 to Hainesport Auto and Truck under State Contract. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Mayor informed the Committee that JIF requires the Personnel Manual to be reviewed bi-annually and each member has a copy with changes noted in the margin to review. They can take action at the next township meeting.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the Aetna Dental Insurance effective March 1, 2010. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator stated the letters went out to all property owners on the Open Space and Recreation Plan to see what their position was on the plan and she received one response from block 41 lots 5 and 6 asking to be removed from the plan. Mayor Shevelew stated he received one e-mail from a woman who owns approximately 18 acres and she was looking for clarification so Mayor Shevelew will respond to her by letter next week.

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-025 urging the elimination of a 4% cap on Local Tax Levy. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed Resolution 2010R-026 in opposition of Senate Bill 458 consolidation of Municipal Tax Assessor, Tax Collector and Health Services and the Committee will wait for further information from the Administrator before taking any action.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-027 opposing New Jersey taxpayers funding pension benefits for non-government employees. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2010-02 an ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation under N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 for the preparation and revision of the municipal tax maps in the amount of \$13,750.00 on first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mayor Shevelew asked if there were any comments on Ordinance 2010-03 authorizing acquisition of property at block 7 lots 9 and 20.01 and block 12.01 lot 5. This is 88 acres owned by Mr. Parnes and the township would like to purchase this land for the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Committeeman Mozitis asked if there has been any response

from the owner and Mayor Shevelew noted that the solicitor has had some conversation with him and/or his lawyer.

The Administrator explained fees are charged by State Statute for Open Public Records Act requests. However, there recently was an appeal on the fees that are charged for this information because it is felt the government should not make a profit on making copies. She explained the Clerk's Association is working on this trying to establish a blanket cost so all municipalities will be the same and they have until July 1st take formal action on.

Committeeman Norman explained he was at a meeting in another township and he was approached by a company who is doing solar rays and they are looking for large tracts of municipal owned land for a solar ray project. They explained to him the township could make a substantial amount of money if they supplied the land and his company put up the solar rays to generate energy for profit. Committeeman Norman stated he is not familiar with any of this but understands Committeeman Long is knowledgeable in this area and would suggest he investigate this company to see if it would be profitable for the township to enter into an agreement to do this project.

The Administrator reported on the following items; the Burlington County Health Department has submitted copies of satisfactory inspections for the Indian Mills Elementary School and Indian Mills Pizza, the Burlington County Freeholders are requesting resolution of final approval to their plans to purchase and preserve the Aristone Farm which is approximately 157 acres at no cost to the township, the LOSAP schedule has been received from the fire company and 27 members qualify for a total of \$28,763.00, the 2007 and 2008 Military Leave Benefit Reimbursement has been approved and we will receive \$5,347.26, early this month a reverse 911 resident notification was sent out and 2,131 residents were successfully reached in 26 minutes, public works received emails and phone messages expressing their appreciation for the work they did during the snow storms, we have been notified that the storms of February 5th and 6th and December 19th and 20th have qualified for FEMA Funds and we are waiting for the amounts of reimbursement to be verified.

The Administrator reported the Municipal Court office collected \$20,188.50 in fines for January and turned over \$5,133.50 to the Township. The Tax Collector's office for the month of January collected \$762,849.86.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Laura King stated she and Mrs. Ritter heard a drip during the meeting and suggested we have it checked. The Administrator said she would have our Public Works Department check it out. Mr. Thomas Aaron from Audubon asked about the Land Use Board minutes. The Clerk explained once they are approved by the Joint Land Use Board, they will be posted to the website. 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