

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

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 8:01 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 and posted on the official bulletin board of Shamong Township.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gray made the following announcement: Many of you may know that on May 1st, just a few days ago, Bill Gardner a long time resident and employee of the Township lost his life. Bill had served the community for over 40 years beginning his public services at the age of 16 as a volunteer fire fighter for the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company where he is a life time member. He was also a member of the Shamong Emergency Management Team, the Indian Mills United Methodist Church, and the New Jersey Forest Fire Service where he served as a forest warden. In honor of Bill and his Family I would like to offer a moment of silence.

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

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Christensen, Superintendent of Schools, gave the following report; he thanked the community for passing the budget stating it passed by over 250 votes but cuts were still made which included one 3rd grade teacher, one custodian, and 7 clubs, Home and School Golf Outing was May 4th, the Soccer Tournament raised around \$6,000 for school programs sponsored by H&SA, it is National Teacher Appreciation Week and May 5th is Teacher Appreciation Day and the H&SA sponsored an event each day of the week to thank and honor our teachers, the next Board of Education meeting is May 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the IMMS when Teachers of the Year and Student recognition will take place, Teachers of the Year are Ellen Marchitello grade 3 and Linda Cleveland grade 6, the Board of Education will be discussing a bond referendum and solar project at the May 19th meeting, many activities /events have been posted on the website, still waiting for direction and application process from the State Department of Education so they can apply the stimulus funds, and school will be closed May 25th for Memorial Day.

Mr. O'Keefe then spoke stating he received a request from Mrs. Onorato to have the IMAA provide the last six months of financial statements and he is submitting them tonight for review. Mr. O'Keefe explained every first Monday of the month IMAA has a meeting that is open to the public and so are their financial statements for anyone from the community to review. Mr. O'Keefe explained over the last seven years IMAA has donated to the township at the fields by volunteering time, purchasing equipment, putting in irrigation, building batting cages and dug outs, placing lighting on fields, etc approximately \$300,000. He wanted it on the record that IMAA is not constantly asking the township to do things, stating they go ahead and get them done. He also wanted it noted that there are a lot of people behind him who give their time. Mayor Gray thanked Mr. O'Keefe for attending the meeting and supplying the financial reports as requested. Committeeman Schroeder asked Mr. O'Keefe if he could submit an annual financial report to the Committee to have on hand and answer any questions that may come up. There being no further comments from the public Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Norman, the minutes of April 7, 2009 were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to authorize the Township Solicitor to draft a Letter of No Contest for Helicopter rides at the 2009 Valenzano Winery Winefest. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Mozitis who abstained.

The Administrator reported Garden Homes Management Corporation repaired the entrances at the Oakview Mobile Home Park and corrected the water problem. Committeeman Schroeder stated they did a very nice job. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the renewal of Garden Homes Management Corporation Mobile Home Park License for a 3 year term to expire December 31, 2011. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except for Committeeman Schroeder who abstained.**

Mr. Mozitis and Mr. Schroeder will be attending the Carranza Memorial Day Celebration on July 11th representing Shamong Township.

The Administrator reviewed discussions of concern on the budget and explained the CFO recommended maximizing the 4% appropriations cap, reinstating the budget to its original amount prior to the roughly \$400K in cuts, and adopting the budget as so. If the Committee so desired they could cancel those items out at any time thereafter. Doing it this way benefits the Township in future years and does not create a local purpose tax. The Committee agreed to this process. No other action was decided on the budget at this time.

The solicitor, Mr. Heinold, explained the Pinelands position on COAH could impact on the township and Mr. Heinold feels they should go into executive session to discuss the

land acquisition and how it is associated with this. Mr. Heinold recommends we contact the Pinelands Commission and request information from them on what they are looking for in the Pinelands towns in order to comply with COAH.

Mr. Taylor, a member of the EMT, was present and asked for the Committee's support in opposing Resolution 2009-042. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-042 which opposes Governor Corzine's intention to redirect \$4,000,000 from the dedicated EMT Training Fund to the General Treasury of the State of New Jersey leaving only a proposed \$400,000 balance in the Fund. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mr. Heinold explained the Committee discussed two more properties for tax lien foreclosure associated with Silver Lake Drive properties and Resolution 2009-043 authorizes this. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009-043 authoring the special solicitor to foreclose certain properties for delinquent taxes in the Township of Shamong, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

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

The engineer, Mr. Greg Sullivan, reported they will have a drainage design proposal for Old Indian Mills Road at the May 26th meeting. Mr. Sullivan reported his firm performed an inspection of Asphalt Care, block 27.01 lot 9.12 and recommend the release of the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$18,832.59. Mr. Sullivan also reported they are currently working on the Formal Inspection of the Indian Mills Lake Dam. He reported work has been completed on the McKendimen Road Project and the 2004 Road Repairs Project so action can be taken at the May 26th meeting.

Mr. Heinold stated he had nothing more to report in public session but would like to have an executive session to discuss Open Space and pending litigation involving new claims by New Jersey Sandhill Band of Lenape and Cherokee Indians to see if the Committee wants to take any action.

The Administrator reported on the following items; the Juvenile Justice Bureau is scheduled to paint the snack stand and dug outs at Dingtletown, Atlantic Electric has been contacted to install a transformer at the Dingtletown Ballpark, the Township Engineer and the NJDOT have notified us that the State Aide applications will be due on or before June 12th, the American Cancer Society Bike-a-thon will be held July 12th, the 2008 Stormwater Management Annual Report has been submitted, and the 2008 Recycling Tonnage Report has been submitted.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public, there being no comments from the public, Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Gray asked the Administrator what the status was on the Indian Mills Fire Company, as far as making any decision for the monetary request, or is it part of the budget decision and the Administrator informed him it is part of the budget decision and we are awaiting the submission of their 2008 audit.

Mayor Gray again thanked Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Christensen for attending the meeting.

Mayor Gray announced the Committee would go into executive session where they may or may not take official action. If official action is taken, they will do so when the regular meeting is reconvened. On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-044 for executive session on attorney client privilege and potential litigation. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The regular meeting was reconvened and Mr. Heinold asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2009R-045 authorizing the appointment of appraisers for the appraisal of real property being block 12.01, lot 3 and the appraisers are Richard Martin bidding \$3,000 and Richard Carabelli bidding \$3,200. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-45 and approving Richard Martin and Richard Carabelli as the appraisers. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Committee also instructed the solicitor to send a letter to the State Deputy Attorney General's Office in reference to the NJ Sandhill Band of Lenape and Cherokee Indians v. State, et al. for motion to dismiss.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk