

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

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 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

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 Denise Mozitis stated she had attended a recent school board meeting and it didn't sound very promising as far as budget cuts. She also stated she understands surveys are being done for speed limits on Forked Neck Road, Grassy Lake Road, Oak Shade Road, Atsion and Tuckerton Road and she asked if this is money for improvements that if you don't use it you loose it. The Administrator advised no, that it would come out of the Operating Expense. She stated she drives Forked Neck Road everyday and to make that 25 mph would not be wise because there is no enforcement. The Administrator explained the reason the Committee is looking at lowering the speed on that road is because there was an agreement with the residents in that area when Dingtowntown II was completed they would request having the speed limit lowered due to heavy traffic, the curve in the road, and children going to and from the complex. Mrs. Mozitis asked if residents have asked to have the speed limit lowered on these other roads and the Administrator explained yes they have. Committeeman Schroeder explained this was discussed very heavily at the last meeting and he is more concerned about some intersections in town being more dangerous than speed limits on the roads. He agreed with Mrs. Mozitis that enforcement is more important than the speed limits. Mrs. Mozitis feels it is wasteful to put money into studies that ultimately will not be enforced. Mrs. Mozitis would like to see money in the budget that could be given to the schools, if they asked, because all after school activities are being taken away. Mayor Gray reported he is meeting with Mr. Christensen this Friday to discuss the budget. Mayor Gray stated he feels this Committee and this town has been run very conservative in recent years and hopefully eliminate a local purpose tax that was implemented last year. Mayor Gray feels the township is doing their part but he can't speak for the school district. A resident, Mr. Firas Emachan, who resides at 60 Dellett Court presented a packet for the Committee's review in reference to a system, Nixle that could be used to communicate to all residents through phone text message,

email and the web. He briefly reviewed the system and the costs which is free. Mayor Gray asked if any communities were signed up and Mr. Emachan reported Burlington Township, Mt. Holly Township and Gloucester Township were signed up with his company. Mayor Gray thanked Mr. Emachan for his time and said the Committee will review the material and if interested will contact him to attend the April 28th meeting. There were no further comments from the public and Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2009 as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mr. Brian Monaghan our Risk Management Consultant was present and reported on the progress of the township's safety committee and safety efforts. Mr. Monaghan read from the Risk Control Report of 2008 which stated Shamong Township had no workers comp claims in 2008 as were none in 2007, lost time due to accidents zero, Shamong is showing greater participation in the JIF Safety Incentive Program, safety videos are being used for departmental training, several participants registered for MSI classes, there are more departmental safety check lists being completed, the SFI follow up is better than last year, another improvement was in regional training, representatives attended the Safety Coordinator's Roundtable and all the applicable regional training programs. Mr. Monaghan explained that is their observation, they are paid to find something wrong, but they couldn't find anything wrong. He reported Shamong received 97 points out of a possible 100 making them be gold metal winners and getting ads much money as could be gotten. Mr. Monaghan reported he attended Shamong's lost control meetings and they are very well run. He recommends Shamong keep on doing what they have been doing since there are no reported loses. Committeeman Mozitis reported his company just had CPR, first aid, and AED training and he asked about AED units for the township building and possibly the complex. Mr. Monaghan explained the township could use their safety incentive money to purchase them. Mr. Monaghan stated he does not know where they can be purchased at a discount but he will check into it.

The Administrator reviewed budget figures with the Committee but explained since the State has not finalized their budget these figures could change. The Committee reviewed the budget line by line cutting where they felt possible. The Administrator will forward a copy of the revised budget to the auditor for his review.

The Administrator explained the Home and School Association is requesting to do a clean up of the Stony Creek Fields on May 2, 2009 and would like the Committee to approve a Waiver and Indemnification Agreement in order for them to proceed. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve a Waiver and Indemnification Agreement for Indian Mills Home and School Association. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.** Committeeman Mozitis asked if a form letter could be kept for these requests so we don't need to have the attorney review each time there is a request. The Administrator explained this will be kept on file and used in the future if another request is made.

The Committee reviewed the “facility use policy” that Mr. Heinold submitted as requested at the last meeting and agreed to have the Administrator make adjustments geared directly to building usage.

The Administrator informed the Committee that the Tax Assessor received notice from the State Government to conduct a review of the farmland assessment records and the oversight of farmland qualified properties for mismanagement of the farm land assessment program. The State is allowing the assessor to charge a \$25 fee for the inspection of the actual farmland.

The Administrator informed the Committee they will need to take formal action at the April 7th meeting on appointing the Fire Police members for a five year appointment.

The Administrator explained the total cost through Concord Engineering, Inc. to have an energy audit done is \$10,673.00 of which the New Jersey Clean Program will cover 75%. The Administrator reported the total cost to the Township to have an energy audit done on the municipal building, municipal garage, and lighting at the ball fields is \$2700.00 which may be covered through the grant funding if the township follows the energy audit recommendations. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to authorize Concord Engineering, Inc. to do the audit at a cost of \$10,673.00. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator reported she received a letter from the Catholic Charities which is an organization that runs a shelter for battered and abused women. She explained periodically the township receives a request to pay for services when our residents attend. There are two residents on their list, one of which comes up most of the time, and the question is, do we continue to pay for this. The Committee agreed to pay since the amount is minimal (\$240.00 annually).

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to release Arbor Glen on Oak Shade Road from their Maintenance Bond. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported that Mr. Renwick attended the Pinelands Municipal Council meeting and was told they are about two years away and there will be a transition period before they enact this program. They are suggesting that the County Board of Health do the inspections every three years and it be pumped if the inspection report requires it to be done.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-31 authorizing submission of application for the ANJEC 2009 Smart Growth Grant. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Mozitis.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-032 Salary Resolution for Public Works, Discovery Clerk, and Deputy Registrar. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved that Resolution 2009R-033 amending the 2009 Temporary Budget be approved. 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-34 authorizing certain budgetary transfers to the 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 the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported on the following items; the Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 10 am to 12 noon, there will be a public document shredding day available to all Shamong and Tabernacle residents on April 11th from 7 am to 12 noon at Tab Shredding on Cooper Road in West Berlin, South Jersey Magazine spotlighted Shamong Township in their spring edition, IMAA has requested the snack stand be painted and we have reached out to the Juvenile Justice Bureau as we did in the past, Green Acres has verbally authorized our application for funds relative to the proposed Soccer Complex located at the Stony Creek Fields, the Township Engineer and the State NJDOT have notified us that the State aide applications will be due on or before June 12th, Seneca High School will be holding a “Seneca Senior Send-Off” which replaces the “Grad Bash” held on graduation night and the township typically contributes approximately \$2000 to \$2500 with some of that coming from the STASA Grant, and the Township has been notified by the EPA that a 5 year review will be conducted on the Ewan Site and a site tour is presently planned for April 22nd at 10 am. The Administrator reported the Tax Collector collected \$2,880,00 for the month of February and year-to-date \$3,711,000. The Administrator reported the Court Administrator’s Report showed revenue received for month of February approximately \$23,000 and year-to-date of \$47,731 with disbursements of \$16,805 year-to-date \$35,750 and the total for the month that remained with the township was \$5,077 year-to-date \$10,672. The Administrator reported the Building Code Office revenue for the month of February was \$2,932, year-to-date \$11,641, they did 33 inspections in the month of February with 62 year-to-date. She also reported Mr. Perri has started working on the back log of previous years permits that were never completed and he will submit them to Mr. Renwick when finalized.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Reinhart asked the Administrator if the list of fire fighters came from Stanley Rowe and she confirmed that was correct. Mr. Reinhart asked if the Clean Community monies would be available

again this year and the Administrator replied yes. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Gray asked for a motion to go into executive session where they will discuss potential land acquisition, as well as, potential litigation. Mayor Gray explained when they return from executive session they may or may not take official action. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to convene the regular meeting and go into executive session. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Township Committee reconvened their regular meeting, there being no further business, and the Township Committee adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Township Clerk