

Shamong, NJ 08088

February 3, 2009

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

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 8:02 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the January 6 and 13, 2009 minutes as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman Schroeder who abstained.**

The Administrator reviewed the process for the renewing of the mobile home park licensing stating it was in order and reported she spoke with the Rent Control Board to see if there were any issues that needed to be addressed and was told the piling of leaves on the vacant lot was still an issue and Rich O'Neal said they did clean the leaves up but not to his satisfaction. He also stated the park manager verbally abuses the park residents. The Administrator explained there is an area near the entrance where the park manager did some landscaping and it has created a water problem. This is where the children wait for the bus. It is dangerous because it freezes and they could slip and fall. It is her understanding that Garden Homes has been informed of this situation. Committeeman Schroeder explained he lives there and wants it on the record that there is an area of about 25' by 15' that is ice where the children wait for the bus and he feels it is a safety issue because of the traffic along Atsion Road. Committeeman Schroeder also feels there is selective enforcement within the park and problems with the home owners association. Committeeman Schroeder also feels Garden Homes, through their onsite manger, has been very unresponsive, doesn't return calls, and does not address situations. Committeeman Schroeder would like the approval for renewal of their license tabled and

have the solicitor reach out on issues that need to be addressed. Committeeman Shevelew recommended sending a letter to the park manager stating these issues and asking him to attend the next township meeting. A copy should be sent to Garden State Homes office also.

The Administrator explained that the Committee needs to make a decision tonight on whether they will or will not participate in the gypsy moth spraying. She reported Pemberton, and Tabernacle are not spraying this year since the egg mass numbers have declined but Medford is spraying. Mayor Gray stated with the information presented he is inclined to vote no on the treatment but welcomes comments from the other members of the committee. The other members concurred with the Mayor and suggested the office have a list of companies who do ground spraying available for the residents if they make inquiries. The Administrator explained this was available last year and will be again this year. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to not participate in the spraying for gypsy moth egg masses this spring. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator explained each year we request quotes to treat the algae on the Indian Mills Lake. The low quote was Princeton Hydro who treated the Dellett Lake in prior years. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, Seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve Princeton Hydro to treat the lake and apply for a permit. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator informed the Committee the LOSAP 2008 report was received and the total expenditure will be \$35,118.00.

The Administrator explained she received 2009 maintenance quotes for the irrigation systems and reviewed the quotes received from J & S versus A&T Sprinklers, which quoted less expensive costs for spring turn-on and winterizing of the systems. **On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve A&T Sprinklers to service the irrigation systems for 2009. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except Mayor Gray who abstained.**

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Aetna Dental Insurance Contract for 2009. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve D & P Trees quote to remove trees on Dellett Court and at the Dingtletown recreation complex. 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-020 providing for the budget to be read by title only. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-021 which authorizes the Administrator to submit the annual tonnage grant document and sign off on the agreement. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Gray read Ordinance 2009-001 by title and the Administrator stated the budget law allows the township to have a budget cap of 2 ½% and allows an increase up to 3 ½% in the overall budget, but requires the passage of this ordinance. By doing this the budget cap would increase by \$19,453.00. Mr. Heinold added that the township usually passes this ordinance each year. Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public for comment on this ordinance. There was no comment and Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-001 to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank after public hearing and second reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-002 adopting the revised Joint Land Use Boards application and escrow forms after first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes. Second reading will be held on February 24, 2009.**

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the attached bill list. Committeeman Shevelew questioned the check for Certified Irrigation and the Administrator explained it was a prior year bill. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mr. Arango reported in reference to the NJDOT Trust Fund application for 2009 stating his firm received from the County last week the topographic plans of the area in question and will begin work on it to have for the March meeting.

Mr. Arango recommended the township release the Maintenance Bond #107298 for Arbor Glen on February 26, 2009 since that is when the county will release their bond #107299.

Mr. Arango reported the Maintenance Bond for Asphalt Care is due to expire on May 1, 2009 and his firm will perform an inspection and follow up with their recommendations to the Township in writing.

Mr. Arango reported he has a meeting with the contractor Giberson at the emergency access to the Dingtletown Complex on Forked Neck Road to go over some issues they still have at the entrance.

Mr. Arango reported South Jersey Gas did a road opening at Rye Lane and did not backfill properly and caused damage to the curb. He explained he contacted South Jersey Gas on December 15<sup>th</sup> and they gave him the contractor, Crown Construction, who he called and left a message with Brian who has not contacted him to this date. Because of

this, Mr. Arango has two permits that he is not going to release unless they are for emergencies.

Mr. Heinold stated he had nothing to report for the public at this meeting.

The Administrator reviewed the Superintendent's report, Mr. Christensen, since he was unable to attend. She reported on the following items; the preliminary budget was reviewed by the Board of Education, however, they won't receive the State aid figures until after March 10<sup>th</sup> but drastic cuts are proposed including elementary classroom teacher, two custodians, instrumental program and a music teacher, all extracurricular clubs and sports, BOE expense for Camp Ockanickon (unless parents pay total cost), and capital maintenance items, they are looking at a bond referendum/solar panel project for capital maintenance and installation of solar panels, 40% State grant or debt service at a cost of \$179,000 clean energy grant for solar panels, possibly two separate questions for September 2009 referendum, the solar panels have a 25-30 year life and will pay for itself in 7 ½ years, the total referendum projected for \$2.5 million, with \$1 million to be received in grants, there is still no word if the preschool will be delayed another year, the 2009-2010 calendar has 4 options and the BOE will vote on calendar at their February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, there is a teacher in service day on February 13<sup>th</sup> so school is closed, President's Day is February 16<sup>th</sup> and school is closed, the next BOE meeting is Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Shamong Foundation for Educational Excellence has a fundraiser on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Shannon's Country House in Atco, NJ.

The Administrator reported on the following items; 2009 Budget deadlines have been extended by Local Finance Notice 2009-2, the introduction has been moved from February 10<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup> and final adoption has been moved from March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 28, 2009. The Division of Local Government Services recognizes that despite the revised deadline, some municipalities may be unable to meet the introduction of adoption deadlines, Kathleen Phelan, CFO, also recommends we budget 100% of the Pension expense for payment in 2009, we received the 2008 PILOT report summary and funding was reduced to \$168.2 thousand where last year we received \$173.3 thousand, the reduced funding was caused by a new method of calculating the land, we now need to purchase and turn over to the State 566 acres to double our funding rate from \$10 per acre to \$20 per acre, and Atlantic City Electric has notified the township of tree trimming along township roads through early February, door hangers have been placed on resident's door knobs near the area to be trimmed.

Mayor Gray asked the Administrator if Mr. Christensen gave any dollar amounts to the proposed cuts on the school budget and the Administrator said no.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Kay Ritter asked if copies of the budget would only be available at the Medford Library and the Administrator explained by Statute copies are forwarded to the local branch of the library and copies are also available at the township municipal building.

**On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to convene the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss acquisition of property. Mayor Gray stated they may or may not take official action, but if so, they will do so when they reconvene the regular meeting. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Committee reconvened the regular meeting and on motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, the solicitor was instructed to contact a planner, Taylor Design Group, to update and certify the Open Space Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk