

Shamong, NJ 08088

January 26, 2010

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 7:30 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 for comments or questions, there being none he closed the meeting to the public.

At this time Mayor Shevelew opened the floor to Mr. Christensen, Mr. Volpa, Mr. Carroll, and members of Indian Mills Memorial School in reference to organizing and working on a Community Service Project. Mr. Volpa thanked the Committee for having them and expressed his agreement to the Committee on their setting up an Open Space Plan. He explained the student council from Indian Mills Memorial School and Seneca High School would like to do some type of community service. The Vice President of Student Council, Julie, for Indian Mills Memorial School recommended cleaning up "Packy" which is an area of land owned by the Township behind the Packenah Trail development. This project is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> or April 16<sup>th</sup> and the township will supply gloves, vests, and bags for the clean up. Kevin Dwyer, President of IMMS Student Council, stated surveys were taken that showed the need for hiking and biking trails and wanted to know if trail would qualify under the Clean Community Program. Mayor Shevelew stated they would have to look into it and get back to them. Representatives from Seneca High School explained many clubs would be interested in working to make trails and they would reach out to everyone in the community who wanted to help. Mr. Volpa explained he also works for Recreation Equipment Incorp. in Marlton and they have a community outreach grant program. There are 30 acres of open space in Shamong owned by the New Jersey Conversation Foundation adjacent to Packenah Trail. Mr. Volpa has contacted the South Jersey Director and he is interested in working with REI to get a grant to put in hiking and biking trails on those 30 acres and if the Committee approves he would like to see if the 12 acres of township property can be included. Mr. Volpa felt a big part would be designing the trails and a lot of the grant money would be used to cover that work. The Administrator recommended working

together and putting a short summary of this project in the next newsletter so the community would be alerted and particularly the neighbors in that area. Mayor Shevelew explained the Township Environmental Advisory Committee focuses more on dump sites or water issues and he would recommend, if the Committee agreed, to create a sub-committee under the Recreation Advisory Committee who would handle this type of program. There was discussion on land potentially to be acquired by the Township behind IMMS and a program for agricultural use and nature trails. Mayor Shevelew and the Administrator will work with the school on this matter.

**On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the December 22, 2009 minutes as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except Committeeman Long who abstained.**

**On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to appoint Robert Gollick to the Rent Control Board for a three year term to expire 12-31-12. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

In reference to renewing the license for Fawn Lake Village the Administrator reported she checked with the County and State for any septic or water issues concerning park and there were none registered at this time. Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Hopkins stated they register a complaint, such as, a tree needs to be taken down or plowing the snow and it takes forever to get anything done. Mr. Malkabe complained about his road flooding, a stop sign needs to be replaced, and drug problems. Mr. Hopkins feels the problem with management is they are only there two days a week. He feels there should be someone there every day to handle all the problems. Mayor Shevelew explained if the tenants have a complaint about wells or septic systems they should contact the County. He also explained when it comes to renewing the license the Township looks to see if the park is in compliance and as far as the Committee knows, they are in compliance. Mayor Shevelew recommended the tenants of Fawn Lake organize an association like Oakview Village since it's a form of communication and seems to work every well. The manager, Mr. DeCapua, stated none of these complaints were given to him in writing, he is there two days a week, a girl is in the office two days a week, there is an emergency number, 24 hour voice mail, and once there is an emergency someone does respond. Mr. DeCapua said there is no problem with the water or septic and he does not see a cat problem. He also stated he would be happy to meet with the tenants if they have issues. He reported this owner has spent over \$15,000 in the last eight years on tree work. Other residents complained that when the State Troopers come into the park on a call they basically do nothing. There were no further comments and **on motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the renewal of the mobile home park license for Fawn Lake Village. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to appoint William Gates, Jr. as the Emergency Management Coordinator**

**for a 3 year term to expire December 31, 2012. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve A & T Sprinklers, Inc. quote to start-up, shut-down, and do various repairs to the sprinkling systems at Stony Creek and the Dingtletown Complex. A roll call vote showed all members voting yes, except Committeeman Gray who voted no.**

The Administrator reviewed Resolution 2010R-17 authorizing participation in the Burlington County Shared Services Forum explaining it is no cost to Shamong and some of the benefits are shared purchases, data processing, land use, and regional planning.

The Administrator reviewed Resolution 2010R-20 authorizing the budget to be read by title at the public hearing explaining it requires that the budget be advertised, posted in the Municipal Building, public library, and copies are available at the Clerk's office.

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, 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 issues; Township Committee members and the Township Administrator will attend an Elected Official Risk Management Seminar on January 28<sup>th</sup> hosted by the JIF and will receive a \$250 credit towards the 2010 liabilities premiums for each attendee, a proposal has been received from Remington Vernick & Arango to prepare and maintain township tax maps per requirements for reassessment with an estimated cost not to exceed \$13, 750, Bill A-823 and S-2055 requiring registration and tagging of off-road vehicles, increase penalties of illegal riding, and designate state land for one riding facility passed the Assembly and Senate on January 11<sup>th</sup>, the American Cancer Society has provided a Certificate of Insurance naming Shamong Township as additional insured for their annual Bike-a-thon scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup>, township employees were very busy January 25<sup>th</sup> with the wind and rain storm which took down trees causing Atsion and Forked Neck Roads to be shut down, South Jersey Enduro Riders have notified the Township of the 2010 Curly Fern Enduro Ride scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> throughout Shamong, Tabernacle, Washington and Waterford Townships.

The Administrator reported the Construction Code Official's report for year-end showed \$73,933 in revenue for permits compared to last year's \$48,029. The Court Administrator's year-end total of revenue collected was \$202,391.81 and amount for the Township was \$52,538.50. The Tax Collector's year-to-date total showed \$16,016,222.72.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public, there were no comments, and he closed the meeting to the public.

**On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved convene the regular township meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Township Committee reconvened the regular meeting and the Administrator reported they reviewed a matter of personnel and, at this time, there is no required action by the Township Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk