

Shamong, NJ 08088

September 28, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Shevelew 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 sent to the Burlington County Times, published in the Central Record, and posted on the official bulletin board and Website 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 Elaine Billmeyer thanked the Committee for not having Jackson Road closed down completely during construction and Mayor Shevelew gave credit to Sue the Administrator and Bill Gates, Emergency Coordinator, for making sure the road stayed open. Linda Jagiela of 773 McKendimen Road stated she is a member of the Historical Society and mentioned Atsion Day is coming up on October 3rd and Mayor Shevelew said an email went out on the township website alerting everyone of the date and also a 9 -1 -1 reverse phone call went out to all residents. Linda also asked if the township would support a grant from the County Open Space next year for the Historical Society since they are trying to buy Redman's Hall. Mayor Shevelew said they could consider it for next year. Mr. O'Keefe asked what the status of Stonycreek soccer fields is and the Administrator said they are working on getting the survey completed then they will start work on the fields. They are trying to meet the October 15th deadline to get the fields seeded. Mayor Shevelew explained they are trying to move the project as quickly as possible. Mr. O'Keefe's concern is if it doesn't get done in time they will lose another year of a soccer season. There being no further comments the public portion of the meeting was closed.

The Administrator explained the existing Shared Service Agreement with Burlington County for snow plowing and salting of County roadways from 2009-2012. Due to the extreme budgetary restraints all municipalities are facing the County is requesting a letter stating the township will still be able to honor the existing contract. The Committee agreed they wanted to continue this shared service with the County and the Administrator was instructed to send the letter to confirm their decision.

The Administrator explained she was not comfortable with some of the wording in the Burlington County Shared Service Agreement for the Central Communications System so our solicitor has amended the agreement and it will be presented to the County with the amendment for their approval. This will be on the October 5th agenda.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to amend resolution 2010R-74 to widen the right-of-way on Schoolhouse Road from 33 ft to 50 ft in reference to the road and drainage right-of-way request for block 18 lots 11.01 and 12 with the County preserving the farm. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes. This resolution will be on the October 5th agenda.

Mayor Shevelew reported the Committee is considering a solar project to save energy on the Municipal Building and the garage and Committeeman Long is working on this project. Committeeman Long explained they not only want reduced energy cost but also revenue share from the lease of the land. He presented the Committee with the proposals he has received for their review and explained the Federal Tax Grant expires the end of the year.

The Administrator reported she attended a meeting at the County in reference to Burlington County Open Space and Recreation Grant monies. She explained since the County has no desire to preserve land right now they decided to turn this money over to municipalities to use specifically for recreational projects. The Administrator will complete the application for the Stonycreek soccer fields with the thought some funds could be used for a snack stand and bathrooms. She explained at this time the grant is for recreational purposes only.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve the 2010 Fall Newsletter. A roll call vote showed all members present were in favor.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Zurich Insurance Company to handle the employees State Disability Insurance Coverage at a reduced cost to the township of approximately \$650 per year. This rate is guaranteed for 18 months. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the disposal of all broken office equipment as per the list submitted by the Township Clerk. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeeman Gray who voted no.

Resolution 2010R-74 Final Approval of Farmland Applications for a Property that does not Require Municipal Cost Share was tabled until the October 5th meeting.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-75 STASA Salary. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On a blanket motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Resolutions 2010R-76 authorizing refund of taxes due to completed application for Veteran's credit, 2010R-77 refund of taxes on block 28.01 lot 1.02 due to a reduced assessment by Township Tax Assessor, 2010R-78 refund over payment of taxes due to appeals, and 2010R-79 refund due to Veteran/Disabled status. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Ordinance 2010-15 an Ordinance of the Township of Shamong Fixing Annual Salaries to be paid to the Members of the Township Committee and Certain Designated Officers of said Township was tabled.

The Administrator reported on the following items; softball field lighting litigation costs as of August 2010 totals \$15,435.32, the Joint Land Use Board will update the Master Plan as required by the "Time of Decision Rule" which takes affect February 2011, recognition to Barbara Valenzano, Cheryl Beaumont, and Gary Welsh for the extra time they committed to help with the painting of the hallways of the municipal building, also, a former employee, Myra D'Amico, who helped paint the trim on Friday, Fawn Lake Village has submitted a Notice of Rent Increase to the Rent Control Board and a hearing will take place at the Rent Control Boards meeting, Atsion Day is scheduled for October 3rd from 9 am to 3 pm, 2010, a hearing has been scheduled for October 13th relative to the vandalism incurred at Stonycreek Recreation Complex in early August and the Township is seeking restitution of damages totally \$1,099.90, the County sponsored paper shredding/TV and computer recycling event is in Tabernacle on October 2nd from 1 to 3 pm at the Tabernacle Municipal Complex, "Ride in the Pines" sponsored by the Meteor Motorcycle Club will take place on October 23rd and 24th, 2010 Jeep Jamboree will be held October 28-30, and the 2010 Pine Barons Enduro Riders Clock Run has been scheduled for October 31st.

A copy of the Building Code Official, Court Administrator, and Tax Collector reports are in the Committee's meeting package.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Al O'Keefe asked what the status was on the ball field lighting litigation and the Administrator said a hearing is scheduled for this coming Friday. Mayor Shevelew stated our solicitor filed for a Summary Judgment and he believes the Judge is going to rule on that request on Friday. Elaine Billmeyer asked where the hearing would take place and Mayor Shevelew said at the County Court House in Mount Holly. Linda Jagiela asked if the Committee was in agreement to support the Historical Society in making application for the Open Space grant through the County and Mayor Shevelew said they can discuss it at the next regular meeting. Elaine asked how things went with the concert and Mayor Shevelew said there was approximately 300 people and everyone had a good time and said lets do it again. There being no further comments from the public that portion of the meeting was closed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk