

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Gray.

The Clerk 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. Jonathon Shevelew	P
	Mr. James Schroeder	P

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Christine Webb, on behalf of the Home and School Association, explained they would like to do a community service project with the young children by celebrating Earth Day and cleaning up one of the Township parks. **They would like to do this on May 2nd from 10:00 am to 12 noon and clean up Stony Creek Fields. The Township Committee granted this approval and thanked her for these voluntary services.** Mrs. Mary Anne Reinhart referred to the minutes of January 6, 2009 where there was conversation on doing a dog census and she asked how much money was in the dog licensing account and was told they did not know but would be getting the figures shortly. Mrs. Reinhart asked if they had the figures now and was told they are waiting for the audit. Mrs. Reinhart asked where the audit was coming from and was told the Township Auditors. In the same minutes Mrs. Reinhart questioned the administrator’s report stating “application for soccer fields at the Stony Creek Field off Atsion Road has been submitted and awaiting a decision in early 2009”. She asked where they were submitted and for what. The Administrator suggested it was referencing the Green Acres funding to help with the cost of putting in soccer fields at Stony Creek Fields. In the same minutes Mrs. Reinhart questioned why Mr. Renwick feels the State will not accept certain land to increase the township reaching their goal to receive \$20 per acre versus \$10 per acre. The solicitor, Mr. Heinold, stated Mr. Renwick said the piece in question has an easement that covers most of the property. Mr. Heinold does not know if Mr. Renwick spoke directly to the State. Mrs. Reinhart asked how much did the repair cost to Forked Neck Road at the emergency exit of the complex and the answer was nothing. Mr. Arango explained the first time it was done without his firm being there and it was not put in properly. Mr. Arango explained it was corrected per his plan and things seem to be working. Mrs. Reinhart questioned the proposal on lighting for the girl’s softball field that was discussed at the January 13, 2009 meeting, asking if any solar lighting was proposed and the Committee said no. Mrs.

Reinhart questioned if an Open Space Coordinator had been decided on for this year and Committeeman Shevelew stated it was decided the meeting after the reorganization meeting. Mrs. Reinhart asked if the township submitted any other projects to the stimulus package other than the construction of roads and the Administrator stated the construction of roads and also looking for more efficient lighting for the ball fields, repair of the municipal building and the garage. Mrs. Reinhart stated she understood the township was going to hire a grant writer and the Committee did not recall that being discussed. Mrs. Reinhart referred to the January 27th meeting minutes, wherein, Mayor Gray expressed concerns of nepotism with the list of candidates that was submitted by the Democratic Chairperson to replace her on the township committee since two of the names, Joseph Reinhart and Christopher Reinhart, were on the list. Mrs. Reinhart expressed her concern with Lynn Heinold as Secretary to the Joint Land Use Board which is a paid position and his son Douglas Heinold as the Township Committee Solicitor stating they both receive compensation from the same Township and even if one of her family members had been appointed to the Township Committee two incomes would not be coming from Shamong Township. Mrs. Reinhart referred to the minutes of January 27th where Mr. Schroeder was appointed to the Township Committee and asked how Mr. Schroeder knew to attend the meeting. Mayor Gray believed it was common knowledge that the candidate was going to be selected that evening. Mrs. Reinhart noted in the same minutes that Mr. Renwick was appointed as the Mayor's designee for 2009 to the Pinelands Municipal Council and her question was, as in the past, will Mr. Renwick attend these meetings on the day is he scheduled to be at Shamong. Committeeman Shevelew stated he does not know if this has been discussed and Mrs. Reinhart stated it may be something to look at. Mrs. Reinhart asked if the Committee was going to get another quote on the update and maintenance of the tax and zoning map other than Remington, Vernick and Arango and Committeeman Shevelew explained it was under \$5,000 to do the project so they are not. Mrs. Reinhart referred to the paragraph where Richard O'Neal was denied the use of the Municipal Building and she asked what the criteria is for an organization to use the building. The Administrator explained the concern at that time was, there was more than one residence association with only one being valid. Committeeman Schroeder stated he does not know of any criteria for the use of the building but explained there is a Tenant Association that not everyone belongs to and in choosing a president there was a tie vote. The State Association informed the existing President he could remain the President but he had to call a meeting within 30 days and at that next meeting had to hold another vote that would be the binding vote. The present President did not call for another meeting and after 180 days the Tenant Association vacated him from the seat and appointed the other fellow who had tied him in the vote. The new President was instructed to call an official meeting of the State Board of the Mobile Home Association and the other President also wanted to have a meeting but had no authority at that time. Committeeman Schroeder is now trying to work with everyone to get this settled. Committeeman Schroeder asked if the Solicitor could get information or a model ordinance on municipal building usage. Mr. Christensen, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following budget issues: budget shortfall approximately \$550,000 caused by flat funding, 4% cap on tax levy, lack of ratables, increases in salaries, benefits, utilities, increase in cost of doing business, and as a result the following cuts will be made; \$85,000 capital maintenance, instrumental

music program, one music teacher, one elementary teacher, two custodians, all extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports, and BOE expense for Camp Ockanickon. The Board of Education is looking for fundraising ideas. Mr. Christensen reported the following; Camp No Worries Volleyball Tournament will be March 6th, next Board of Education meeting is March 17th at 7:00 p.m., budget hearing and approval March 31st, 2009-2010 school calendar approved at February 26th BOE meeting, In-Service Day March 20th, BOE changed policy on advertising to try to generate revenue, and looking for September 2009 vote on solar panel project and bond referendum totally \$2.5 million. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve the minutes of January 17 and February 3, 2009 as submitted. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Norman and Shevelew voting yes for both dates, Committeeman Mozitis voting yes for January 17th and abstaining from February 3, 2009, Committeeman Schroeder voting yes for February 3rd and abstaining from January 17, 2009.

Mayor Gray recognized Katerina K. Dougherty (Katie), a resident in the audience, and read the attached Proclamation recognizing Katerina K. Dougherty qualification for the Central and Southern New Jersey Council of the Girl Scouts of America – Gold Award and the Proclamation will be a part of these minutes. Mayor Gray presented the Proclamation to Katie and congratulated her for her work.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve Cheryl Beaumont, Municipal Court Administrator, her request to attend an educational/seminar and reimbursement. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve a request to complete controlled burns around the perimeter of Dingtowntown Complex. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed the estimates she received from Mr. Arango's office for doing a traffic study on various roads in the township and they are as follows: \$2,900 for Atsion Road, \$2,400 for Oak Shade Road, \$2,100 for Grassy Lake Road, \$2,400 for Forked Neck Road, \$2,500 for Tuckerton Road and \$2,500 to review the criteria for the 25 mph speed. Mr. Arango explained the State of New Jersey has adopted three standard speed limits which are 25 mph, 35 mph, and 50 mph with certain criteria for each speed limit.

Mr. Arango explained his company would have to do a traffic study of each road to see if it meets the criteria for a 25 mph speed limit. He suggested the Township go back to the County and request a reduction in speed on Tuckerton Road since it is a County Road. Mr. Arango suggested the Committee approve first for him to check the criteria for the roads to see if they qualify for a 25 mph speed limit before they move forward. Committeeman Schroeder asked if these traffic studies are being done due to complaints

from residents. He supports the \$2,500 to see if they fit the criteria but he feels the speeding is an enforcement issue and people will still speed even if the limit is lowered and he is not in favor of doing the traffic studies. Committeeman Mozitis also feels it is an enforcement issue and 25 mph on Forked Neck Road is too slow. Committeeman Mozitis suggested that residents need to keep their landscaping back at least 20' from the roads, especially on Tuckerton Road, in order to have a better view of the traffic. Committeeman Mozitis has an issue with the residents parking on Forked Neck Road at the ball fields where there are no parking signs posted. He feels it is very dangerous when parents and children are going to their vehicles, especially, when traffic is moving on Forked Neck Road. Committeeman Mozitis suggested a flashing light be installed on Forked Neck Road at the ball fields like the schools have. Committeeman Mozitis stated Forked Neck Road, on the west side of Route 206, needs to be repaved badly. Mayor Gray suggested the lowering of the speed limits on certain roads be tabled and discussed further at the next workshop meeting.

On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Shevelew, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-023 which declares March as Women's History Month. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-025 Endorsement for the NJ Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mr. Heinold wanted it noted that Resolution 2009R-028 was before the Committee and approved by motion because the foreclosure department at his office wants a resolution to attach to the complaint to be more formal about the authorization by the Committee. Committeeman Mozitis recommended putting an address with the lot and blocks in the future and Committeeman Schroeder noted each tax foreclosure year explaining the Committee waited 5 to 20 years before foreclosing on these properties. On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-028 authorizing the Township Attorney to foreclose certain properties for delinquent taxes in the Township of Shamong, A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-029 supporting the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 2725 providing for a specialized license plate for Gold Star mothers and urging the legislature to delete the requirement for a \$25 fee for issuance of the plate. 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.

Mr. Arango reported he received and reviewed the video tape from Root 24 hrs on the inlet and first length of storm pipe at McKendimen Road and there is no evidence of

infiltration that would have removed supportive material from the sub grade of the road. It does appear that the inlet is a bottomless type inlet. There is no concrete in the bottom, just stone and it is allowing ground water to come up through and into the pipe system. The video tape for Wallingford Way showed no evidence of infiltration that would have removed supportive material from the sub grade of the road. Mr. Arango reported the County released the Maintenance Bond for Arbor Glen on February 24, 2009 and in a couple of weeks Shamong should receive a letter from the County regarding this release. He has submitted a letter dated February 3, 2009 to the Township recommending the release of bond # 107298 in the amount of \$104,298.00. Mr. Arango reported they will do the Maintenance Bond release inspection on Asphalt Care when the weather is clear. Mr. Arango explained a formal inspection of the Indian Mills Lake Dam is required this year since the last one was done in 1999 and a formal inspection is due every ten years. He explained they need to perform a stability analysis of emergency 2nd spillway, perform formal visual inspection of the dam, review Emergency Action Plan (EAP), verifications of contacts in the EAP, review of existing breach analysis and prepare the 2009 Formal Inspection Report and submit to Dam Safety. He stated he will be reviewing all the information and will submit a proposal to do the inspection.

Mr. Heinold reviewed the ongoing information on the septic inspection ordinance, wherein, the County has circulated letters advising municipalities that the County expects the towns to undertake the inspections and establish an Ordinance and fee for same. The Pinelands Commission stepped in and advised that they will create their model Ordinance for use by Pinelands municipalities and they are close to having a draft ordinance. Mr. Heinold explained he has expressed the concerns of the Township Committee to Mr. Wengrowski at the Pinelands Commission with regard to the process and will continue to express the Committee's interest and concerns relative to this matter. Mr. Heinold reported on the revised analysis of the Township's Open Space acreage under the payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program. He explained the acreage is based upon what the State feels is more accurate data taken from the Township's assessment records to create a more definite acreage calculation and he has conferred with Jay Renwick on some potential issues with the calculations and he will inform the Committee of any new information or changes that occur. Mr. Heinold asked that attorney client privilege be added to the executive session.

The Administrator reported the Free Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 10 am to 12 noon. She also reported the emergency access road at Dingtletown Complex has been repaved to improve drainage across the roadway.

Mayor Gray stated he has heard complaints from the residents at Mills Brook Development which is off of Stokes Road and they felt that area of Stokes Road should be a no passing zone.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Reinhart asked if the 2 year and 10 year inspection of the Indian Mills Lake Dam applies to all dams in the township including private dams and Mr. Arango stated it is his understanding that since the 2004 flood the State has gone to private owners to make sure those are also inspected.

Mrs. Reinhart asked in reference to the speed limit criteria being reviewed would it still be necessary to do a traffic study and Mr. Arango explained if the road meets the criteria he does not have to do a traffic study. Mayor Gray asked the engineer what the criteria is for establishing a no passing zone and Mr. Arango replied sight distance is number one. Mrs. Reinhart referred to Forked Neck Road stating that road should be priority because it was suppose to be looked at after the new ball fields were completed which would bring more traffic and also request no passing from the ball fields to Tuckerton Road. Mrs. Reinhart also asked about the agenda being posted on the web site and Mayor Gray suggested the Committee discuss the matter at the next work session. Mrs. King agrees with Committeeman Mozitis that it is very hard to go 25 mph on Forked Neck Road and people do need to use common sense when passing no matter what road it is. Mrs. King stated she was confused because some of the resolutions that are on the workshop meeting are not on the regular meeting agenda and Mayor Gray explained the Committee does approve resolutions at the work shop meetings usually because there is a time deadline for submission, such as the grant resolution, therefore, they would not be on the next agenda. Mrs. Reinhart asked Mr. Arango if he applied for the Safe Roads to School grant this year and he stated it was too early. Mrs. King asked if the newsletter would be out by the first of April and the Administrator replied yes. Committeeman Schroeder asked what the most dangerous intersection was in town and Mrs. Reinhart stated Tuckerton and Oak Shade and Mr. Reinhart agreed. Mr. Aldrich stated the township needs more enforcement at the 4-way stops because people aren't stopping. There being no further business, Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, it was moved to approve Resolution 2009R-030 Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters and attorney client privileges. Mayor Gray explained when they return from executive session they may or may not take official action. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Schroeder, the Committee reconvened their regular meeting. The Administrator reported there will be a temporary vacancy in the Building Code Office and for Discovery Clerk due to medical reasons, therefore, **on motion of Committeeman Shevelew, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to appoint Lisa Love temporarily to fill the vacancy in the building office and Kathryn Taylor to temporarily do discovery work. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator explained Mr. Perri informed her there are a number of open permits that need to be closed out and would bring revenue to the township. He is requesting extra hours and compensation to do this with a cap of \$5,000. **On motion of Committeeman Schroeder, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Mr. Perri to have extra hours and compensation to close out open permits. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

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Mr. Perri do it at the higher hourly rate. Mr. Heinold stated he is the construction official and would have to do all the final inspections. Mrs. Reinhart asked what Lisa Love's position was and the Administrator explained she has served our Township in the past in the construction office as a Technical Assistant and was recommended and willing to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Reinhart questioned if the position was advertised and the Administrator explained that the township was only given one week notification of the medical leave and in an effort to minimize any delays in permit processing, this was the quickest solution for the temporary vacancy. There being no further comments, Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Township Clerk