

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 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	A
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 Stanley Rowe asked if he should speak at this time and Mayor Shevelew stated he was on the agenda to speak about emergency sirens and he could discuss all issues at that time. There being no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Shevelew addressed Adam Tate stating he read his article in the central record a few weeks ago in reference to the Knight litigation and explained the \$60,000 was not for legal expenses through IMAA but for the cost of the lights. Mr. Tate said there will be a correction in next week’s edition of the Central Record.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2010 regular meeting. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator discussed some Capital Budget building needs, such as the roof and soffits on the municipal building, which she explained are in need of repair. She also addressed the HVAC and explained there are issues with the efficiency of the units we have. She reported there is an energy grant being worked on and, if approved, it could be used for this. She also explained the Janitor’s closet needs to have some changes made due to electrical and water issues. The Administrator also reported the office computers are approximately 6 years old and, although there are no problems at this time, they should be thinking about including replacement costs in the 2011 budget. She reminded the Committee they have placed \$160,000 in the Capital Improvement Budget over the past 6 years and \$30,000 which could be used this year for the roof. Mayor Shevelew recommended looking into geo-thermal before putting any money into the system we have. The Administrator said it would be a good idea to look into an A-frame roof also.

The administrator reviewed the proposal from Remington, Vernick, and Arango on submitting the EECBG Energy Grant which is a two step grant. She explained the first grant is for \$20,000 which could be used to increase the size or configuration of the existing units. The second part is for \$50,000 but you must replace with the same as the existing unit and there is a co-payment required from the Township on this grant. Since our unit is not sufficient the second grant would not benefit us. The Administrator informed the Committee Remington and Vernick recommended the first grant for \$20,000. The Administrator reported Remington and Vernick has given the township a proposal to provide an update to the energy audit that we have on our current building with any supplemental work that needs to be done to that current energy audit and also submit the application at a cost of \$1,950.00. She recommended the Committee make a decision at this meeting in order to give them enough time to do the paper work and submit it by the December deadline. Committeeman Mozitis stated he thought it was a lot of money to pay for a \$20,000 grant that you may not get. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Remington and Vernick's proposal to do the EECBG Energy Grant. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except Committeeman Mozitis who voted no.**

The Administrator reported the Township did win the litigation on the softball field lighting and the complainant has a 45 day limit to file an appeal which is December 27th.

Mr. Rowe informed the Committee he has been looking into getting grant money to erect Emergency Sirens to alert campers and hikers of an emergency. He explained two incidents that happened in the Wharton Tract where people were killed so he wants to be able to warn people if there is an emergency. If he can get the funding he would than reach out to Noah and Central Dispatch because they had a unit to activate sirens throughout the County and he will see if it is still in service and ask if they would dispatch the sirens when needed. He is waiting to hear on the grant before moving forward. Mr. Rowe also reported the fire company is looking into solar and they have already changed from propane to natural gas which is saving them money. Mr. Rowe reported the EMT's have mandatory classes they must attend at a cost of \$200 and the State will not be paying for this anymore. Mr. Rowe informed the Committee he has submitted two grant applications to the Bridge Commission, one for computers and the other for equipment. Mr. Rowe explained the fire company is doing everything they can to keep cost down and they are asking for help from the township to pay for the new truck. Mayor Shevlew stated the township has committed this year but said there is no guarantee for next year since their funds have been cut and the State has mandated a 2% cap on the budget. Mr. Rowe mentioned a possible fire district to support the fire company if funds become to low but they would contact the Committee to discuss this thoroughly before making a decision and it would have to be voted on by the residents. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve a \$50,000 contribution to the fire company for the new fire truck. 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 total dividend of \$10,608 as a credit against the 2011 JIF assessment. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator explained the County has contracted with Global Connect for a Reverse 9-1-1 service which is the same provider the Township has been using for approximately 3 years. They are offering to provide this free of charge as long as they can continue to support it under the Humane Service budget. The Administrator is concerned that if in 2 or 3 years a budget item needs to be cut, it could be this. Mayor Shevelew asked what is the County's plan for use of the system and the Administrator said it will mirror exactly what Shamong has at this time. Mayor Shevelew recommended the Administrator contact Global Connect to see if they would reduce our rate to that of the County's and the Committee can discuss this at the next meeting.

The Administrator reported she is still waiting to hear on who will be receiving the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Grant 2010. The County is to meet tomorrow morning at approximately 11:00 o'clock.

There was discussion on the Saddlebrook Ridge Recreation Fields project and funding. Mayor Shevelew said there were a total of approximately 130 residents over the weekend laying sod at the new fields and they did a great job. The Committee will discuss the project further at the next meeting.

Mayor Shevelew read by title 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 explaining this ordinance is to pay the workers who will be doing the revaluation of assessments on homes in Shamong in 2011. Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for comments, there being none, **on motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the above ordinance after second reading and public hearing. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2010-16 an ordinance authorizing a special emergency appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:4-53(b) to fund the costs associated with the revaluation of real property in the Township of Shamong, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey on first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Mayor Shevelew who voted no.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve Resolution 2010R-89 Salary for Tax Assessor (shared services). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, 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; Public Works Department reported they do not recommend flooding the basketball court at Dingletown Complex for ice skating as it could jeopardize the surface and cause it to peel, the parking area in front of the salt bay and public works garage has been repaved, the IMAA volunteers did a great job sodding the new soccer fields located off of Atsion Road, also the fencing has been completed and the engineer is completing a final punch list on that project, D & P Tree Service has completed 4 days of tree trimming on township roads and right-of-way to maintain safe travel along our township roadways, the Boy Scouts held a sign up campaign in the Municipal Building on November 18th, softball field lighting litigation costs as of October 2010 totals \$17,027.56 and engineering costs as of September \$1,668.90, effective January 1, 2011 NJ Waste Haulers will be prohibited from collecting "Covered Electronic Devices" such as TV's, computers, and laptops.

The Administrator reported on the Construction Office explaining the Building Code Official has been doing a good job cleaning up old records and their monthly inspections have increased drastically. Last year the average monthly inspections were 25 per month where this year they are 32 per month. The fire inspections have doubled, and the plumbing and electric have also increased. They also expect to have a good month which will help with their year end figures. The Administrator reported the Court Administrator and Tax Collector reports are attached and asked if there were any questions on them. There were none.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for questions or comments, there being none, he closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Shevelew announced the Committee would go into executive session to discuss contract negotiations, review of RFP/RFQ submittals for Solar Project and 2011 Professionals and BEMS litigation. If they decide to take official action it will be done when they return to regular session.

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

Mayor Shevelew reconvened the regular meeting and on motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve to participate in the BEMS proposed settlement. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except Committeeman Norman who abstained since he is the solicitor for Mount Laurel Township.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to approve the proposal from Solar Sense to place solar panels on the roof of the salt shed and maintenance building, and, as part of the project, they are going to install a new roof on the salt shed. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

There being no further business and no public, on motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

**Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk**