

The Shamong Township Committee held a Town Meeting on the above date at the Municipal Building to work on the 2011 Budget.

Mayor Shevelew called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 o'clock.

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 and published in the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. David Taylor reported he attended a meeting on Wednesday at Senator Addiego's office to discuss Assembly Bill #1818 which will be followed by a Senate Bill that proposes to revamp EMS service throughout the State. His concern is the funding which has been drastically reduced for training volunteers like himself. This bill will increase the fines on moving violations which is anticipated to generate about \$20,000,000 per year and the goal in doing that is, they will again fund all volunteer training, EMT training and offer interest free loans for paramedic schooling on a college level. Mayor Shevelew asked if the squad has looked into charging the insurance companies for ambulance services and Mr. Taylor stated if they did charge he believes it would be a negative effect because they would be responsible for all their training and insurance levels would change. Mayor Shevelew said he spoke with a Committeeperson from Medford Lakes and they implemented it and raised enough funds that the squad was almost self supporting. Mr. Taylor explained you probably need to run about 1000 calls a year to make it worth your while and they do about 300 to 400 calls a year. Mayor Shevelew explained if the people do not have insurance they would not be obligated to pay. The Administrator stated she sent an article to Stanley Rowe in reference to this a few months back and Stanley said he checked with the State and the squad would have to hire someone with insurance knowledge to do the billing. Mayor Shevelew explained one way of doing it would be to hire a third party company who would take a small percentage for each claim processed. Mayor Shevelew feels it would be worth looking into and he would get a few third party names if they want him to. The fire company was in agreement with this. There was also discussion on the tower at the fire house and replacing it which could generate income. The Township could fund this project to generate revenue for the township and give the fire company a portion of the revenue. Committeeman Long will look into this project.

The Administrator reported there is a 1977 Cap Law which deals with appropriations and a 2010 Cap Law that deals with the Tax Levy Cap and the State requires the municipality be responsible to follow both laws when presenting their budget.

There was discussion on the PILOT program which is being cut \$56,000 this year and eventually there will be no aid from the State on this program. Mr. Rowe said the volunteers are constantly being called to the lake in the summer and maybe it's time to start getting paid for this service. He will find out who to contact at the State level to request payment for these services. Mayor Shevelew feels we need to take a look at all services the township is providing to the State because they should not be getting anything for nothing.

The Administrator reported Governor Christie's budget address is scheduled for February 22, 2011 and State aid allocations are anticipated to be released. She reviewed and explained several items in the budget with the Committee. The Committee discussed an increase in the local purpose tax equal to the lose of State aid but no action was taken at this time.

The Administrator reported the engineer's office gave her some preliminary figures for putting an A-roof on the municipal building but she could not justify the cost so she will get prices on replacing the flat roof.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk