

Shamong, NJ 08088

September1, 2015

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

Mayor Long 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 Meeting Act in the following manner. Written notice has been sent to the Burlington County Times and sent to the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and)	Mr. Michael DiCroce	P
Absentees)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
Noted)	Mr. Sean Gray	A
	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public for comments, there being none, he closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

The Administrator read the attached Proclamation recognizing the week of September 17 through 23, 2015 as Constitution Week 2015.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2015 regular and executive meetings. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

There was discussion on the 2016 NJ Department of Transportation grant regarding which roadway to submit. Oak Shade Road was chosen to submit for the 2016 NJDOT Grant process. A resolution to authorize will be prepared for a future agenda by Mr. Guzzi.

The Administrator reported she is in the process of getting final numbers to give to FEMA for the June 23, 2015 storm. Jointly, Shamong Township and the Indian Mills Fire Company have approximately \$50,000 in claims. There is an 80% return on the claim amount.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to appoint Richard Woodhull as Fire Police for the balance of a 5 year term expiring on May 6, 2020. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the Clerk/Registrar's request to attend a seminar to earn 4 CEU's

for both certifications at a cost of \$35. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the Chief Financial Officer's request to attend seminars to earn CEU's, the first being September 16 – 18, 2015 GFOA Annual Fall Conference at \$479, and October 2, 2015 Pre-post Audit Responsibilities at a cost of \$99. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reviewed the 2015 Burlington County Municipal Park Grant and what the township would like to do with the grant money and she will have it ready for the next meeting to take action on if everyone is in agreement.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-62 authorizing change order #1 for 2013 Park Project which has a net decrease of the contract amount by \$3,480.86 for a revised contract amount of \$136,519.14. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Resolution 2015R-63 opposing the Wharton State Forest Motorized Action Plan (MAP) was tabled.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-64 authorizing the cleaning and evaluation of storm sewer piping near Misty Glen and Cragmoor Drives. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-65 preliminary approval for preservation of property that requires no municipal cost share. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-66 authorizing change order #1 for Tuckerton Road Repaving Project which has a net increase of the contract amount by \$77,799.06 due to actual quantities used as per final as-build quantities received to complete the project. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public on Ordinance 2015-6 and MaryAnne Reinhart, 124 Wharton Court asked what the cost to acquire the property was and Mr. Heinold answered \$406,000 which under the Green Acres the State is paying 50%, the county is paying 25%, and the township 25%, so it is costing the township \$101,000. She then questioned the intended purpose of the property since there are rumors that a cemetery or

recreation facility is going to be built. Mr. Heinold stated it is open space that has Green Acres money attached to it and under the descriptions there can be no recreation building or cemetery. The next ordinance that comes up is not going to be a Green Acres lot which is 7 1/2 acres across the street. It is being explored for a cemetery use but when we acquire it we are not restricting it. Bill Lampman, 47 Manitoba Trail asked why we need to spend \$100,000 for open space, why do we need it? He stated his taxes just went up \$920 for what, to buy an empty lot, or build another tennis court, or more lights. Mr. Heinold explained there is a small amount of taxes collected for Open Space that the voters approved. There being no further comments Mayor Long closed the meeting to the public and

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-6 authorizing acquisition of portion of property at block 27.01, lot 3 being 65 Willow Grove Road within the Township of Shamong and in Accord with the New Jersey Green Acres and Burlington County Open Space Programs after second reading and public hearing. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes. Committeeman Mozitis explained he voted for this because it will stop 12 homes from being built on this property and the money is in an Open Space account so it will not cost the residents any more tax dollars because the money is already there to be used for such transactions.

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public on Ordinance 2015-7 and MaryAnne Reinhart asked if this property was on the same side of the road as the fire company and would the Committee be looking at this for a cemetery and she was told that is correct. She also asked if the house on the other property was separated and how much land is with the house. Mr. Heinold said yes the house was separated from the land the township bought and he believes the total is 30 acres and the township is taking approximately 23.5 acres. There being no further comments Mayor Long closed the meeting to the public. Committeeman Mozitis stated he is looking at this property as a site for a cemetery. He explained the township has looked at many properties in the township to create a cemetery and the zoning would not allow it. He would not be in favor of purchasing this property if it was not being used to build a cemetery. **On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-7 authorizing acquisition of property at block 18 lot 19 being Willow Grove Road within the Township of Shamong for general municipal purposes after second reading and public hearing. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

BILL LIST:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the attached Bill List was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

The engineer, Mr. Guzzi, stated the bids for Forked Neck Road will be received on September 17th and he will have the results ready for the next meeting. Also APS has been working on the crack resealing and minor repairs getting the roads ready for the micro-

resurfacing. He is waiting for 2 quotes for inlet repairs. He reported Packenah Trail plantings need to be addressed and he will reach out to Oak Shade Nursery.

Mr. Heinold, our solicitor, reported on the acquisition to properties stating the title work is being done and he is working with our engineer on the other requirements to be completed. He also needs to talk in executive session about some property issues.

The Administrator reported on the following issues; Rite Aid is in process of submitting all required documents to provide a Flu Shot Clinic here in the Municipal Building on October 13th between 6 and 7 pm. Residents and staff can take advantage of this clinic and will be required to bring valid insurance cards and pay normal co-pays. If no insurance coverage is available the cost will be \$31.99, IMAA has placed sod on a portion of the Soccer Fields at Stony Creek, the engineers office is seeking bids on the cost to resurface the tennis courts at Dingtletown and the tennis and basketball courts at Stony Creek in addition to placing some fencing to limit access by motorized vehicles onto the athletic courts at the Stony Creek Complex which will be funded by the Burlington County Municipal Park Grant, a petition to install a minimum of 2 road bumps to slow traffic on Grassy Lake Road between Stokes and Indian Mills Roads was received on July 13th. A copy was e-mailed to Comitteemembers on July 14th and is on file with road program for the Committee's consideration when that section of road is addressed, and reports from the Building Code office, CFO, Court and Tax offices are in Committee's packet folder.

At this time Mayor Long brought back Resolution 2015R-63 opposing the Wharton State Forest Motorized Action Plan for discussion. He introduced Cindy Randazzo from DEP and Sam Moore and Tom Keck from Parks and Forestry who were in the audience to make a presentation on the Motorized Action Plan (MAP). Cindy Randazzo explained she is the Director for the Office of Local Government Assistance so she takes care of all 565 municipalities, all 21 counties, and helps municipalities and counties understand their programs. Mr. Tom Keck, Regional Superintendent for South Jersey and Wharton State Forest which is the largest State owned property in New Jersey presented a plan from the DEP State Park Service which will designate motorized routes in the Wharton State Forest. This has been in effect since 1978 with changes through the years. He reviewed the map showing all trails and roads throughout the park and explaining it shows areas that need protection, areas for safety, and it is educational. The object of the plan is to advise motorized vehicles to stay on approved designated routes. Sammy Moore a fire fighter for the State believes this plan will help with fighting forest fires and he has worked on this map and thinks it is a good start. There has been Federal Grant money used to grade 92 miles of routes making them more passable. Mr. Keck said this plan will be implemented when everyone has had a chance to be heard. Cindy Randazzo again asked to contact her with any questions or comments that may arise through this presentation.

At this time Mayor Long invited the public to speak; Ryan Rebozo of 1005 Atsion Road thanked them for their time and said he supported the plan, Jim McDonald of 508 Atsion Road questioned what the grant monies were being used for, how much money was used, and the grant was for trails not roads, he also questioned that this plan has been implemented since there are roads closed. He also said the plan does nothing to address if someone gets

stuck in a puddle or other violations like ridding without a helmet. He questioned why it took 6 months for this plan to reach the public and why in the last 2 weeks it said draft when before that it did not. Kerry Lyons of 116 Strawberry Drive thanked the forest service for what they do but she is opposed to the plan because of misleading information, lack of enforcement, and no input from citizens, so she requests the resolution be passed against road closures. Dave Taylor, 8 Cranberry Lane, stated he is concerned about access for EMS/Fire vehicles. John Bryan of 7 Meetinghouse Court thinks the map is a good starting point and a step in the right direction. Dr. Greg O'Brien of 26 Chestnut Street, Lumberton, concerns are about enforcement and how many citations have been written in the last month or so and he said closures are happening and it's the DEP doing it. Rocco Spano of Wrightstown is a member of the Enduro Riders and said it is the DEP behind all of this and he hopes the Committee passes the resolution. Joseph Springer of Southampton said the DEP tells you one thing and means another. The plan is called Motorized Action Plan but it is a Forest Closure Plan. Andy Malloy of Tabernacle questioned how signs were put up and the superintendent was not aware of it. He also said huge trucks are the issue here and why isn't there enforcement. He feels you need good leadership and this is not good leadership. Dr. Cynthia Zynowsky of 6 Meetinghouse Court is not opposed to a plan but she feels this plan was not presented and thought out properly and that is why the citizens have reacted as they did. Carlton Montgomery with the Pinelands Preservation Alliance said he does support this plan and thought the approach to limiting access to a lot of the sand roads was a critical part of addressing what he thinks is a genuine problem. He feels the monster trucks, jeeps, and quads are a problem that needs to be addressed. He stated the park police have done a terrible job of protecting the Wharton State Forest. He also wanted it noted that Pinelands Adventure has no special treatment and had nothing to do with the closing of any access roads. Trooper Wayne Blanchard was concerned because the NJSP does help the Park Police and they are not familiar with all the access roads so if any access roads are blocked this is a problem for them, plus, the NJSP do not have SUV's. He also was concerned that no park police were in attendance of this meeting. Kevin Sparkman of Medford thanked the Committee for having this meeting and hearing both sides unlike some surrounding communities before they pass a resolution. David Nash of West Windsor suggested the Committee examine the documents in regards to the grant because it really is the assents for all of us as tax payers and citizens of this State. He said it's absurd that this grant would be processed and filed since it defies what this grant is and how all of our money was spent. He feels the situation in the forest needs to be addressed but a blanket plan that harms 98% of the people is not the answer. Holly McDonald of Shamong is against closure of roads and requested the plan not be adopted. Dan Sharpless lived in Shamong all his life and said there are a lot of people who live here and don't even know this is going on in their own township. Mayor Long thanked everyone for coming out and explained the Committee would not be voting on this tonight but appreciates all the good information that was received on both sides. Laura King asked how the public knows what is being approved on the bill list and the Administrator explained the vouchers and bill list are available to the public in the Clerk's office. MaryAnne Reinhart stated she is concerned with the speed limit on Forked Neck Road and felt it should go from 45 mph to 35 mph particularly where the ball field is. She also asked if the agenda could be posted on the web-site so the residents have a heads up. She also reported the stormdrains throughout the township need repair especially in the Old Forge Development and the Adopt-A-Road signs need to be replaced. She also looked at the road plan but it was not clear on

what roads were being prioritized so she would like a copy of the plan. The Administrator explained they have a list of roads they are looking at also stated they have a \$1,000,000 bond that will be implemented at the end of this year into next year but they do not have what roads are going to be done at this time. She commended the Committee on working towards a cemetery in town and also asked if the Historical Society could meet with someone on the Committee to discuss the purchase of Redman's Hall. Mayor Long said he would be interested in doing so. She asked if a solar farm could be put on the open space property they are purchasing at this time and Mayor Long said you cannot do solar on open space land. There being no more comments, Mayor Long closed the meeting to the public and thanked everyone for coming again.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-67 and go into executive session for matters of attorney client privilege, potential purchase and sale of land, and contract negotiations.

The Committee reconvened their regular session and Mr. Heinold stated the Committee has given direction on potential property sale.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk