

Shamong, NJ 08088

January 26, 2016

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

Mayor Gimbel 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 and published in the Burlington County Times and sent to the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public at which time Mr. Cesnek complained about his neighbor whose property is behind him and is running a business but it is not zoned for a business. Mr. & Mrs. Cesnek complained before and the Zoning Officer did send out violations but he is right back operating a business again from his property. Mr. Cesnek feels this is damaging the value of his property and wants it stopped. The Administrator asked Mr. Cesnek to email her the pictures and she will get them to our zoning officer ASAP. Mayor Gimbel explained we now have a maintenance code in place which is more enforceable than what we had in the past so things should move along more quickly. Our new Emergency Management Coordinator, John Lyons, introduced himself stating he has lived in the township since 2000 and in Burlington County since 1995. He reported approximately 2000 residents are signed up for the new Swift 9 1 1 message system. He stated another thing that was introduced is the official Shamong OEM Facebook page. He explained social media is very important with emergency management today and he and his wife manage it. He reported we received about two feet of snow with no power outages or need for shelter. An emergency center was set up with various radio communications so he was in touch with the county, public works, fire company, Burlington County ham operators, and Tabernacle the entire weekend. They are now conducting a preliminary damage assessment of which was ordered by Burlington County. The State of New Jersey is going to decide whether or not the counties reach a threshold to go to the President and ask for FEMA review to declare a disaster. These estimates are due Friday which doesn't give them much time. It is basically what was done in previous storms. The Administrator asked if Mr. Lyons could give a brief description of CERT and he explained it stands for Community Emergency Response Team members go through a six week training course on how to take care of yourself and your neighbors and become a trained volunteer to support first responders. They can handle

everything from traffic management to community relations to damage assessment. There are four towns that are part of the agreement, Tabernacle, Bass River, Medford, and Shamong. Mayor Gimbel thanked Mr. Lyons for taking this position and said he felt the town was in very good hands from an OEM prospective. The Mayor did ask that he talk with the newspaper gentleman who was in the audience and perhaps he could write an article, wherein, the residents would get an understanding of what CERT and OEM is and does when a community has a disaster. There being no further business, Mayor Gimbel closed the meeting to the public.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICAL ACTION;**

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, the December 15, 2015 Regular session minutes were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes except for Committeemen Cooney and Gray who abstained.**

**On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committee DiCroce, it was moved to approve the 2016 Safety Contract with the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the Municipal Agreement/Authorization to Conduct Aerial Larval/Adult Mosquito Control Activities from April 1 to November 18, 2016. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committee DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve McM Tech Solutions, LLC to provide network security and support services at a cost of \$720 per year. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator reported the Indian Mills Boy Scout Troop 47 collected Christmas trees again this year on Martin Luther King's Day, January 18<sup>th</sup> and picked up 190 trees compared to last year's 160. There were 18 boy scouts and 13 adults including Mr. Harold Abrams of Atsion Road who provided his truck and trailer to collect the trees. It saved the township money since our Public Works Department could do work elsewhere. The township appreciates them doing that and hopes they received some donations.

The Administrator reviewed several items on the 2016 draft budget which are; dental insurance rates, health insurance rates, Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund, Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company request for ambulance, computer hardware and software requirements, staffing-vacant housing/property management, special projects, and Public Works street projects and equipment. She stated the total budget increase right now will be \$2,000 over last year.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, the attached Resolution 2016R-31 authorizing cancellations of small tax balances was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the attached Resolution 2016R-32 authorizing execution of shared services agreements with the County of Burlington for salt removal and plowing of certain roadways was approved. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator asked the Committee to look over Bill A-4763 in reference to recycling electronics and they can discuss at the next meeting.

## **ORDINANCES:**

The Administrator discussed Ordinance 2016-3 Redevelopment tax abatement plan and possible expenditure requirement with the Committee and they will further discuss at the next meeting and possibly adopt on first reading.

## **REPORTS:**

The Administrator reported on the following items; the 2016 dog licenses are available in the Clerk's office, the free rabies clinic will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon, Elected Officials Liability Seminar for the JIF is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in Easthampton, South Jersey Enduro Riders have notified the Township of the annual Curly Fern Enduro ride in our area on March 20<sup>th</sup>, Jeep Jamboree USA has notified the Township of their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree USA event on March 17-19, 2016.

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

There being no further business, **on motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, the meeting was adjourned.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk