

Shamong, NJ 08088

October 27, 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

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| Roll Call and) | Mr. Michael DiCroce | A |
| 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 at which time Mrs. Finizio, 86 Willow Grove Road, explained she saw two men on the land next to hers and asked what they were doing and was told surveying for the Township. She asked what the township had in mind and was this going to be open space. Mayor Long explained the Township is purchasing the land and planning on putting in a cemetery. He explained residents of the Township had come before the Township Committee many years ago asking for a cemetery and the committees have been working on this for several years trying to find a property with the right zoning. Mayor Long recommended she attend the Joint Land Use Board Meeting and bring any suggestions she has to them. Robert Ranoldi asked how residents who were not within 200' would know when the meeting would take place and the clerk explained it would be advertised in the Burlington County Times. There being no further comments from the public Mayor Long closed the public portion of the meeting.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:**

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015 regular session. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Gimbel and Long voting yes, Committeeman Mozitis abstaining and Committeemen Gray and DiCroce absent.**

The Administrator explained she asked the Zoning Official and Construction Official to attend the meeting and review Ordinance 2015-8 amending the Township Code to create Chapter 136 governing "Property Maintenance" to the Mayor and Committee. Mr. Toussaint the Construction Official explained the biggest issue the township has right now is vacant homes and there is no maintenance code ordinance to address these issues. If the township receives a complaint about a property and it goes to court there is no enforcement

because there is no property maintenance code in place so it gets dismissed. Mayor Long asked if there was a vacant home ordinance, would that clear up a lot of these issues. Mr. Toussaint said without a property maintenance code the vacant home ordinance is useless because you have nothing to enforce. Mayor Long's concern is the property maintenance code not the vacant homes. The Zoning Official presented a lot of the vacant properties showing pictures of trash and debris, broken windows and doors, fencing down, etc. He explained all the township has to refer to is a weed and debris ordinance, and it is weak at best. Mayor Long is concerned with this code looking toward in the future. He recommended the code be annually visited for alterations or "sunsetting" so it will not be in perpetuity and the Committee will have to make decisions when Mr. Toussaint and Mr. Schmidt are gone in the future. The Committee directed the Administrator to contact the solicitor and make the amendments to the ordinance and it was tabled to revisit during the meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Administrator commended Mr. Toussaint and Mr. Schmidt for their level of professionalism, morals and ethics they apply to their work and stated our Community is fortunate to have them serving us.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to appoint Committeeman Long and the Administrator to serve as the 2016 RFP/RFQ sub-committee. Proposals will be submitted on November 5<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator reported the rate on rock-salt will increase \$12.30 per ton or 23.52% with the new contract as of December 1<sup>st</sup>. We have filled the salt building to its capacity at the lower rate.

The Administrator reported the number of rabies cases by county and species as of September 30, 2015 in Burlington County was 6 raccoons, 2 skunks, 3 foxes, and 1 cat.

The Administrator reported she did get pricing on temporary speed humps/bumps to be placed on Grassy Lake Road between Indian Mills Road and Stokes Road due to the residents complaining about the speeders on that road. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve up to \$5,000 for the purchase of the temporary speed humps/bumps. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Committeeman Gimbel reported on the Road Sub-Committee meeting explaining he, Sue, Mike DiCroce and Mr. Welsh of Public Works road through the township prioritizing all the roads for a 5 year road project to be completed which some of the work has already started. They decided to change some things, wherein, now they will complete a development before moving on to the next development. For example Barton's Run Development had only part of it resurfaced, now before going to another development; they will complete Barton's Run first. They feel it makes more sense doing it this way. The Township would borrow from their surplus and pay back \$100,000 for the next ten years interest free. The County will be working on their portion of Oak Shade Road in 2016 and the Township will be applying for a grant for their portion of the road. Committeeman Gimbel feels Grassy Lake Road has too much drainage issues to do anything major at this time. Mayor Long stated his concern over

the last two years has been the roads so everything he does, such as, the cell tower, cemetery, and redevelopment is to bring business and revenue to the town which in return will help pay for the Road Project. The Administrator will contact Mr. Guzzi's office and get the final plan on the Road Project.

The Administrator explained she received many emails on this review of resolution opposing the application of Elcon Recycling Services for a proposed hazardous waste facility in Pennsylvania across from the river towns. These towns are complaining that when the facility burns the west wind will bring the smell across the river. They are asking our township for support in opposition of this recycling facility. The Committee instructed the Administrator to have the resolution for the next meeting.

The Administrator reported the Burlington County's table of equalized value showed Shamong at 95.28% of their equalized value and you want to be as close to 100% as possible. Burlington County as a whole is at 93.13%. Prior to the reassessment in 2011-12 Shamong's equalized value was in the 60/70%.

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Run the Vineyard 5K at Valenzano Winery. All members present voted yes.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-76 appointing Edward Toussaint Interim Fire and Mechanical Inspector effective October 1, 2015 for a 4 year term at no cost. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

#### **REPORTS:**

The Administrator reported the micro-surfacing project was completed the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. She said there were a lot of calls because it is not a smooth paving and because of the weather it was not drying out quickly but the engineer assures us that with warmer weather and more traffic it will be fine. The Pine Barrens 500 will take place November 13<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup> on legal roads, in the State Parks and Wildlife Management Areas. Some roads and highways in our area maybe used to access the sand and dirt roads. The bid opening is scheduled for October 29th for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Dingtowntown 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. This will be funded by the Burlington County Municipal Park Grant. The Elected Officials Liability Seminar for the JIF is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in Easthampton. This will be taken into consideration when establishing the 2016 annual meetings schedule as this will be in conflict. The Construction Office to date has brought in \$63,194, the Court had a minus of \$1439.24 for the month of September, the CFO reported a balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup> to be \$7,771,803.18, and the Tax Collector submitted a list from her tax sale results.

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

**On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-77 to go into executive session contract negotiation and potential land purchase. All were in favor.**

The Administrator stated if any action is to take place it will take place in the regular meeting.

The regular meeting was reconvened and the Administrator reported there was discussion on potential land purchase but no action was taken.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk