

Shamong, NJ 08088

December 2, 2014

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

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk advised those in attendance 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, published in the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public, there being none, he closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the November 5, 2014 regular session and executive session minutes. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator explained it was time to renew our annual software agreement with Edmunds and Associates for the Finance and Tax Office at a cost of approximately \$7,000 and Mayor Long asked her to check and see if they offer a discount for a long term agreement, such as, three years. The Administrator said she would look into that to see if it is an option.

The Administrator reported the JIF premiums for 2015 will be \$67,776 which is a 1% increase over last year. We received \$9,033 in dividends which will be applied to the 2015 premium reducing it to \$58,743.

The Administrator reported she has already received some RFP/RFQ submissions for Professional Services and has given them to Mayor Long to review before the next meeting. She also received one from TC Irons Insurance which is not required but is available for review.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the following meeting dates for January 2015:

Re-organization Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Tuesday meeting, January 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Health meeting, January 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop meeting, January 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported she had a pre-construction meeting on November 18th for the work to be done on Wallingford Way. Mr. Guzzi explained they started marking all the areas for repair and should start work within the next week or so, if the weather cooperates.

The Administrator reported she spoke with the Tax Assessor in reference to the Monmouth Plan and he explained the County Tax Board met with the Assessors last month and stated that the first year they will implement the calendar changes only. There will not be 20% inspections or a reassessment in the first year. They are scheduling outreach meetings with Mayors, Administrators, etc., but he has no dates. He said at the League he found out there are some proposed amendments but at this point they are just proposals. Mayor Long asked what the amendments were but the Administrator did not know. The Solicitor, Mr. Heinold, said he hadn't heard anything but it probably will only impact the assessors. The Committee had a lot of questions and concerns about the new program and how it would affect the residents and the township and Mr. Heinold said the Committee and Tax Assessor will need to discuss issues before hand.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2014R-95 to refund \$2,635.88 for a duplicate payment on block 9.01 lot 4 (aka) 87 Grassy Lake Rd.). A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2014R-96 requesting permission for a dedication by rider for the 2013 Burlington County Municipal Park Grant for basketball court and baseball field lighting refurbishment at the Dingeltown Recreation Complex as required by NJSA40A:4-87 in the amount of \$126,000. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

The Administrator reported the Joint Land Use Board reviewed Ordinance 2014-5 amending Chapter 110-106(G) of the township code governing “Home Occupations” and approved it as it stands at their November 18th meeting. It was previously read and adopted at the Township Committee meeting and it will now be published to be official.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to approve Ordinance 2014-6 amending the Township code to create Chapter 110-38.5 governing “Solar and Alternative Energy” a public hearing was held on November 5, 2014 and it received Joint Land Use Board review. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes, except Committeeman DiCroce who voted no.

ATTCHED BILL LIST:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve the attached Bill List. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

Mr. Guzzi, our engineer, reported his office received the revised amounts for the Change Order for Tuckerton Road in order to use more of the grant money and will use it to do more paving. He signed the voucher from the State for the grant money so we will receive a partial amount of the money. The Administrator reported she reached out to Tabernacle to get their part of the money to forward to the contractor with ours. They are working on it.

Mr. Heinold, our Solicitor, reported a letter was sent on November 19th to the Pinelands Commission on behalf of the Valenzanos and he feels the Pinelands Commission will contact the Township if they require anything further. He reported offers were made on some properties and they have until the middle of December to respond. So far the Administrator has not heard from them.

The Administrator reported on the following items; Atlantic Electric will begin a tree trimming project along Tuckerton Road in mid-December, the Burlington County Engineer’s office has notified the Township of their plans to convert the intersection of Old Indian Mills Road and Tuckerton Road into a 4-way stop, our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held at 6 pm on December 4th, and the JIF Elected Officials training takes place on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Charley’s Other Brother in Easthampton. The Administrator also reported she has received a lot of complaints in the

last few days on the vacant homes and general property maintenance issues on these homes. Some we can address, others we cannot, such as, boarded up windows, leaves on the ground, pool covers that don't meet some people's standards. We have done all we can do as far as notifying the maintenance company in charge of the property.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk