

Shamong, NJ 08088

February 24, 2015

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

Deputy Mayor Gimbel called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 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 DiCroce	P
Absentees)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
Noted)	Mr. Sean Gray	P
	Mr. Kenneth Long	P (7:55 arrival)
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P

Deputy Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public, there being no comments, he closed the meeting to the public.

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

The Administrator explained part of our safety incentive program is to place our JIF Safety Incentive Program on the agenda for the Township Committee. She has received two videos on slips and falls from the JIF and has forwarded one of the copies to the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company for their training use. There is a safety meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> and there is a resolution on the agenda tonight to adopt the JIF's Transitional Duty Program which confirms policies already in our handbook. The Township received \$1,300 in 2014 from JIF from incentives and is working towards an increased award of \$1,600 for 2015. The Elected Officials have their Annual JIF Training meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> at Charley's Other Brother. At this time Brian Monaghan our Risk Management Consultant reported to the Committee that Shamong has the best loss ratios in the JIF at 9.6% over the last six years. We are seeing the benefit of the low loss ratio since our rate has come down compared to everyone else's going up. He attributes that to the Administrator, Safety Meetings, Public Works employees, and everyone involved.

The Administrator reported on the LOSAP program stating that in previous years they budgeted \$30,000, however, this year's payout will be \$18,890.00. **On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve \$18,890 be appropriated for LOSAP. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

**On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the request to refund a \$20.00 insufficient funds fee to Janet M.**

**Kertmenian of 143 Meetinghouse Lane. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Committee held off on the Road Sub-Committee report until Mr. Long was in attendance.

The Administrator reported on the State DOT funding and report of Burlington County bridges and infrastructure, wherein, there is a need for funds and some bridges will be shut down due to lack of funds to repair them in some municipalities. Mrs. Onorato has spoken to the County and there are no structurally deficient bridges identified in Shamong at this time. Also, the 2015 overlay program is to be completed in spring of 2016 which will take care of Oak Shade Road from Indian Mills Road to county line consisting of 3.6 miles of overlay and Stokes Road from Oak Shade to Route 206 2.9 miles.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve the attached Resolution 2015R-23 accepting and adopting the Burlington County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund's Transitional Duty Program. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Long joined the meeting.

There was discussion on supporting Assembly Bill A-1109 which seeks to implement stricter rules and regulations for organizations that house and care for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Committee took no action at this time.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

The Administrator explained she had met with Committeemen Gimbel and DiCroce and discussed the roads and plans going forward. They reviewed Dan Guzzi's report from February 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed it at length. She talked about the Wallingford Way project that was put on hold due to the weather and concerns that water may have gotten under the black top and caused additional damage. There is no way of knowing this until all the frost is out of the ground. She would like to get the road evaluated for micro-surfacing which would seal the cuts made during the drainage project and provide a finished look to the road. Dan Guzzi informed Mrs. Onorato the cost of micro-surfacing versus the cost of mill and overlay would be about half the cost. She did inform the Committee there have been a number of complaints on Wallingford Way.

The next item they discussed was the status of Atsion Road and would like to look into considering micro-surfacing sections of the road as an attempt to preserve portions of the roadway. There was a micro-surfacing done on Strawberry Drive about 8 years ago and it has held up well. However, that is a residential road and Atsion is a more heavily traveled road. The condition of Grassy Lake Road between Stokes and Indian Mills was discussed and there are a lot of concerns with that road for the people that use it and the people who

live there. The residents of Grassy Lake Road really don't want it improved but would rather have speed bumps installed to eliminate speeding.

There was discussion on prioritizing the roads and micro-surfacing some roads. Mr. Heinold supplied some financing options which would require borrowing \$820,000 resulting in annual payments of roughly \$100,000 over 10 years or borrow \$1,070,000 resulting in annual payments of roughly \$200,000 over 10 years. The Administrator feels \$100,000 a year debt service is feasible and putting another \$100,000 in the budget for additional road projects as they arise. Mayor Long feels those figures are too high in today's market with the interest rates being low.

Committeeman Gimbel explained they had Norman Welsh at the meeting and with his knowledge of the roadways it was very helpful. They now need to get an estimate from Mr. Guzzi on the roads they want to micro-surface. Mayor Long wants to have enough money to get all the roads done in a timely manner so they are not addressing this again in two or three years. The Administrator stated she will talk to the solicitor about putting on the ballot for a road bond and talk to the engineer to revise the numbers for Grassy Lake Road and micro-surfacing.

The Administrator reviewed with the Committee the loss of money in State Aid since 2001. She stated the township has loss over \$3,000,000 in the last five years from State Aid. The local tax rate is at \$0.039 and a \$0.01 increase would cost the average home owner approximately \$31 a year. Right now the town is looking at a \$0.02 increase. There was discussion on a new truck with trailer and the Committee suggested looking to purchase a used truck.

## **REPORTS**

The Administrator reported on the following items; the rabies clinic for March 21<sup>st</sup> has been rescheduled to May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to a problem with the rabies vaccine, Burlington County has been billed \$57,720 to date for snow plowing and salting county roadways, N.J. Dept. of Environmental Protection "Don't waste Our Open Space" campaign continues to locate those who illegally dump on our open space, South Jersey Enduro Riders Inc. will be holding the Curly Fern Enduro Ride on March 22, 2015, the auditors completed the Annual Financial Statement and will return in March/April to complete the 2014 Audit, and JIF Elected Officials training takes place on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at Charley's Other Brother in Easthampton. The Committee received copies of reports for the construction, tax, and court offices.

There was no public for comment.

**On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gray, it was moved to convene the regular meeting and go into executive session for potential sale of Township property on Manitoba Trail. All were in favor.**

The Committee reconvened their regular session and the Administrator reported no action was taken in executive session other than she was instructed to get further information on zoning laws and she will report back to the Committee.

There being no one in the public, **on motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, the meeting was adjourned. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato  
Municipal Clerk