

Shamong, NJ 08088

November 10, 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 | P |
| Absentees) | Mr. Timothy Gimbel | P |
| Noted) | Mr. Sean Gray | P |
| | Mr. Kenneth Long | P |
| | Mr. Martin Mozitis | A |

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public for comments at which time Mr. Orecchio of 14 Concord Drive explained they were there to speak about the paving and milling of Concord Drive and read a petition that every resident in Concord Drive signed. The petition requested that Concord Drive be paved in 2016. Mayor Long explained he appreciates them coming to the meeting and expressing their wants and there is no list at this time on which roads will be paved and they will take Concord Ridge into consideration but he cannot say one way or another if it will be done first. Mr. Scott of 23 Concord Drive asked if they could define the streets in the 2.18 miles of road to be completed and the Administrator explained that 2.18 is an estimate and they don't know what the cost per road will be since drainage will be a cost factor also. Jim Clarke of 17 Concord Drive asked how the roads would be prioritized and Mayor Long answered Concord Drive is on the priority list. Mr. Zampella of 12 Concord Drive said the township keeps patching the road and then the residents sweep cinders for the rest of the year. Our engineer, Mr. Guzzi, explained the DOT has an evaluation form that is used and it takes into consideration how much pavement there is, the condition of the pavement, how much is cracking, how much is potholes, and how the drainage is, then they create a rating system and prioritize and there are roads just as bad as Concord Ridge. As the Township has a lot of roads to be repaired and a fixed amount of money the Committee is trying to get as many roads done as possible while not spending all the money on just one road. The Committee has an ongoing list that is constantly being updated and revised as they review the roads and their condition. Barry Cesanek of 5 Lexington Court asked if the usage of road was a consideration in making a decision and Mr. Guzzi said yes. The Administrator explained they do not have all the numbers in and once they get them they will have to make decisions on what roads get done first. Mayor Long explained they cannot make any decisions until all the figures are in but he appreciates the residents input and they will do whatever they can to do either all the road or part of the road. Joe Dutka of 33 Princeton Circle asked why the cost for the Tuckerton Road Project came

out to be about \$189,000 per mile, whereas, for Shamong Township \$1,000,000 was budgeted for 2.18 miles and that comes out to \$459,000 per mile. Mr. Guzzi explained the amount for Tuckerton Road needs to be doubled because half of the road is in Tabernacle so the total amount was \$415,000 and every road is different and Tuckerton Road was not in as bad a shape as Concord Ridge. You also have to take in consideration the cost of asphalt at the time of the project. Mr. Dutka said they had a quote from American Asphalt to do the road for \$70,000 and Mr. Guzzi said it cannot be done properly for that amount of money and when it goes out to bid they can bid the job. Michelle Smith of 6 Concord Drive explained people take Concord Drive as a short cut from 206 to Tuckerton Road so there is all kinds of traffic, such as, RV's, boats, and the trucking business on Flyatt Road bring their trucks through also. Mrs. Orecchio said there is a handicapped woman in the neighborhood that has a hard time getting around on the roads in the development because of their poor condition and this is a safety issue. Bill Lampman of 47 Manitoba Trail asked what was going to be done with Manitoba Trail and the Administrator explained a portion of the road was done by micro surfacing and the other part will be considered next year for resurfacing. Mr. Orrechio will be notified when the plan is published. Barry and Jackie Cesanek of 5 Lexington Court reported they have two issues; the first is their neighbor who has been an ongoing nuisance because he drives a gas powered small vehicle and runs up and down the road for hours on end which is definitely above 75 decibels for noise. There was a complaint with the State Police from a school bus driver because he was racing the school bus. This is a mentally impaired adult who lives with his sister. It was explained that the Township follows the Board of Health noise ordinance and they could call the County Board of Health. Mayor Long said let the Committee look into this. Mr. Cesanek explained the second issue is they have a concrete contractor who lives behind them who Chuck Schmidt our Zoning Officer already took to court and was told to clean up and not use property for business, however, he now has trailer, truck, rebar, and other debris. The Administrator explained the Committee has an ordinance on the agenda tonight for first reading that pertains to property maintenance and this would address their concerns. Sam Williams from 54 Laurel Court explained he was following up from last month's meeting on the property maintenance ordinance and asked if and when this ordinance gets adopted what can be done to expedite the clean-up of a property. Mayor Long said once the ordinance is in place the township will immediately enforce it. Mr. Williams also addressed the broken curb in front of his property and presented pictures. Mr. Dutka informed the Committee that 31 Princeton Circle is abandoned and the Administrator explained that the ordinance on the agenda when adopted would allow the township to notify the lender and request what needs to be done and if they don't do what they were asked there will be heavy fines. There being no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2015 regular and executive session. A roll call vote showed Committeemen Gimbel, Long, and DiCroce voting yes, Committeeman Gray abstaining and Committeeman Mozitis absent.

The Administrator reported new plantings have been completed by Oak Shade Nursery at Pakenah Trail and 10% of payment has been held until the spring to make sure plantings are healthy, if not, Oak Shade will replant.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to apply our JIF dividend of \$7,797 as a credit against our 2016 JIF assessment. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company has asked the township to purchase a new ambulance in the amount of \$220,000 or possibly refurbish one or two at a lesser cost. The Committee will review during budget meetings.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-77 release of Maintenance Bond for Saddlebrook Ridge Recreation Fields, Phase II. 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 2015R-78 award of contract for fencing and the resurfacing of the Stony Creek athletic courts and Dingtletown tennis courts. A roll call vote shoed all members present voting yes.

Resolution 2015R-79 opposing the application of Elcon Recycling Services, LLC, submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of environmental Protection Agency for a proposed hazardous waste facility to be located in Falls Township, Pa. was not past.

Resolution 2015R-80 authorizing certain budget transfers was tabled until the next meeting.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2015R-81 requesting permission from the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of special revenue in the 2015 budget entitled 2015 Clean Communities Grant Program. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

On motion of Committeeman Gray, seconded by committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-8 amending Township Code to create Chapter 136 governing "Property Maintenance" after first reading. All members present were in favor.

The Administrator read by title Ordinance 2015-9 A bond ordinance of the Township of Shamong, in the county of Burlington, New Jersey authorizing the acquisition of real property; appropriating the sum of \$235,000 therefore; authorizing the issuance of \$223,250 bonds or notes of the Township to finance said acquisition; and making certain

determinations and covenants and authorizing certain related actions in connection with the foregoing. Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public for comments and Sam Williams asked what it was for. Mayor Long explained the land is being purchased to be used for a cemetery and it will be a money maker. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-9 after second reading and public hearing. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Committeeman Gray left the meeting at this time 8:36 p.m.

The Administrator reviewed Ordinance 2015-10 for the Committee and public. Mr. Audi of 2 Concord Drive asked if the ordinance applied to private property owners or only the bank owned and he was informed it will be for everyone. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-10 Title: Upkeep of Vacant and Abandoned Residential Properties after first reading. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

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 reported he completed some additional road estimates that he was asked to do and he would be glad to meet with the Road Subcommittee and go over things. The Administrator will reach out to him.

The Administrator reported on the following issues; the Indian Mills Lake Dam inspection was completed November 2, 2015, the 2016 Budget packets will be distributed by the end of the week, the Pine Barrens 500 will take place November 13th thru 15th on legal roads, in the State Parks and Wildlife management areas, the micro surface project was completed, and working on getting speed bumps for Grassy Lake Road.

Mayor Long opened the meeting to the public at which time Bill Lampman questioned what the Property Maintenance Ordinance would cover and Mayor Long explained the township is not going to be looking to make residents spend money unnecessarily but they will enforce, such things as, fencing being down, junk cars on the property, which is unsightly. Mr. Lampman's concern is the curbing on Manitoba Trail that no one maintains. Mr. Lampman was also concerned about residents having dumpsters at their property stating they are contractors and bring their debris from the job home. He also mentioned cars with no registration or even wheels on it in the yard for years. The Administrator asked him to call her with the addresses of these properties and the Zoning Officer would look into it. Mr. Williams thanked the Committee for reconsidering the property maintenance ordinance and inquired about when his curbing would be fixed. The Administrator explained it will go on file with the list of other properties and they will go out for bid next year. Mr. Lampman also

noted there is an area on Manitoba Trail where the gas company put piping in and the road opening needs to be repaired. There being no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, there being no further business, Mayor Long adjourned the meeting.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk