Shamong, NJ 08088 October 4, 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.

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, the September 6, 2016 regular and executive session minutes were approved.

The Engineer, Mr. Guzzi, explained at the last meeting they had discussed applying for the DOT grant and using it to put a storm water drain system at Grassy Lake Road but he wanted to read through and make sure it would qualify under the criteria and it did. However, he does not think it is a very strong application, so, it would be up to the Committee if they wanted him to go forward making application at a cost of approximately $1,000. After much discussion the Committee decided to not apply for the grant to do stormwater but, possibly, apply for a DOT grant that could be used to only repave Grassy Lake Road.

The Administrator reported she received a report from President, Charles Burgin, of the fire company stating the EMS fund drive for 2016 was a disappointment since they sent out 2,453 requests for donations and received 445 donations which is just over 18% and means that 82% of the Township residents do not donate at all. Hopefully, the fire brigade will do better but they are usually about the same. His other concern is with recruiting people because the government has imposed so many training requirements it makes it hard for people to have

the time to do all the training. EMS requires 268 hours of training to become an EMT at a cost of just under $1,000 with an additional 24 core ceu's and 24 elective ceu's required every 3 years. Also, because of all the requirements the ranks of volunteers throughout the county have fallen dramatically while the age of the existing volunteers has risen. At the present time their most active firefighters are in their late 60's and 70's. During the week daytime calls see only 3 or 4 responders. EMS is also in alarming shape with weekday calls seeing only 1 EMT. We are not alone; most of our surrounding towns have gone out of business or gone to paid personnel. There are issues in Tabernacle Township between the EMS squad and the Town Council. Tabernacle EMS has been billing for services for some time. This is one of the reasons IMVFC has been forced to start the billing process. Several of our EMT's have left us and gone to Tabernacle to get paid for their services. Unfortunately, the township doesn't have the funds or answers to help solve this situation.

The Administrator informed the Committee she heard from the Burlington County Freeholders and they are still working on finalizing the approval of making Old Indian Mills Road and Tuckerton Road a four (4) way stop. There is a meeting on October 12th where, hopefully, it will receive final approval.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve the Registrar/Clerk to attend a seminar for the registrar position at the cost of $20, approval for Administrator/Safety Coordinator to attend JIF training at a total cost of $20 for travel, and approval for Administrator/Clerk to attend a required State of NJ-DOT training at the cost of travel estimated at $60. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

The Administrator reported she received a request asking the Township to contribute funding for the 2017 Prom House "110 Carranza Road" event. She has reached out to Tabernacle and Southampton to see if they are participating and will report back to the Committee her findings.

The Administrator reported she received a letter from Linda Wise mother of Kevin Wise lived in our township and served on the Planning Board. Since Kevin passed, there were taxes with interest due on his house which the Wise family has paid. Linda Wise is asking that the township forgive the interest in the amount of $1,400+. The Administrator explained that is something the Committee does not routinely do and our Solicitor did not recommend it as it sets a president. The Committee praised Kevin for his community service to the Planning Board but felt if they approved this it would set a precedence that would not be good for the Township so the Committee took no action.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-89 authorizing final reimbursement and acceptance of work of the 2014 Burlington County Park Development Grant. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-90 approving release of Maintenance Bond for Old Indian Mills Road, Phase III. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-91 a Senior Citizen discount of taxes ($250) for block 23.15, lot 1, 28 Wallingford Way. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Resolution 2016R-92 was tabled.

On motion of Committeeman Cooney, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-93 authorizing and permitting Valenzano Winery to conduct a 5K run. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-94 Division of Local Government Services CY 2015/SFY 2016 Best Practice Inventory Program Best Practice Public Meeting Certification Form. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-95 approval of a $250 Veterans Deduction on block 12.09 lot 2, 122 Shadowlake Drive for Brian Gierveld. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Cooney, it was moved to approve Resolution 2016R-96 granting an eighth extension to license for operation of Fawn lake Village for thirty (30) days. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

REPORTS:

Mr. Guzzi, our engineer, reported that Trenton may now be approving some the road projects that were on hold so January would be a good time to go out to bid for Oak Shade Road and, if approved, do paving in the spring. A letter was sent to Oak Shade Nursery in reference to the Packenah Trail plantings that need to be replaced and he was asked to contact Mr. Guzzi to let him know when the work was going to be done. The contractor for the inlet project is hoping to get started next week and it should take about a month for completion.

The solicitor, Mr. Heinold, reported Kitty Taylor, the Tax Collector, received a request to assign a tax lien that we hold on a landlocked, undevelopable lot, block 28.01, lot 2. The property is about 6.5 acres and is assessed for $6,500. The minimum amount a person would have to pay for assignment is the taxes and interest owed which is $1,576.08 through October 31, 2016. After some discussion, the Committee decided to table this until they gather further information on the property.

The Clerk reported on the following issues; the Meteor Motor Cycle Club, Inc. has notified the Township of a planned "Ride in the Pines" that will take place October 22nd and 23rd, and the Pine Barrens 500 will take place on November 11th – 13th on legal paved and sand roads throughout Shamong and the surrounding communities.

BILL LIST:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Gimbel opened the meeting to the public at which time there were no comments so he closed the meeting to the public.

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

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato

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Municipal Clerk