

Shamong, New Jersey 08088

May 17, 2011

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

Mayor Shevelew called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM.

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 published in the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and)	Mr. Sean Gray	A
Absentees)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
Noted)	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Christopher Norman	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

Public Comment

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public, seeing none, closed the meeting for public comment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

First order of business will be the 2011-2012 Shamong Township Board of Education Budget. Committeeman Long had comments on the budget, comparing 2009 to 2010 on the electric bills why is there not a reduction in the bills when you are solar? Mike Mados answers that we are getting credits but we have had an increase in usage since we have added several smart boards and they are huge electric draw. The electric company also confirms this. The School Board and the Committee had a discussion on the discrepancy in the budget totals. Mayor Shevelew asked the Committee Members and School Board Members if they have any additional questions or comments, hearing none, the Committee convene to the closed chambers to discuss the budget further.

Mayor Shevelew and the Committee returned to the public meeting and call the meeting to order. Mayor Shevelew reports that the committee had reached a conclusion as to the amount of cuts and where in the budget they should be. First is the retirement of the librarian replaced at a lower pay scale and a savings of \$35,000, a reduction of \$50,000 for the energy costs, and a reduction of \$65,000 from the Superintendent's salary line due to an impending Shared Service Agreement.

On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committee Norman, it was moved to implement the recommendations of the Committee of the \$150,000 reduction proposal to the School Board. A roll call vote all members present voting yes.

Mayor Shevelew further commented that the Committee was not comfortable making recommendations for salary reduction at the teacher level, but the School Board will have to act as they feel appropriate.

A School Board member commented the reduction of the Superintendent's salary which will force us into a shared service agreement and will not give us an option at the interim Superintendent. Mayor Shevelew reports that the committee strongly and unanimously would suggest that you pursue that course of action. Discussion continues between the Committee and the School Board on various reductions. The School Board will take a few minutes to discuss the proposal.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Shevelew directed the Township Clerk, Susan Onorato, to read 2011R-75 Certifying 2011-2012 Lenape Regional High School District Tax Levy. No questions or comments were presented by the Committee Members. Mayor Shevelew thanked Committeeman Long and Committeeman Mozitis for representing the Township Committee at the separate Lenape Regional High School District budget meetings. **On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis it was moved to approve. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew calls the meeting back to order to discuss with the School Board the budget. A member of the School Board announces that they wish to have more time to consider the line items. Mayor Shevelew suggests that maybe a Committee Member can be involved in the process to better understand the board's position. There was further discussion between the School Board Members and the Township Committee members on the Superintendent's position and shared services.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for comments on the Committee's recommendation of shared services for the Superintendent's position. Hearing no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

Mayor Shevelew asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

ATTEST:

**Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk**