

The Shamong Township Committee held a 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	P
Absentees)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P (arrived 7:36pm)
Noted)	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Christopher Norman	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

Public Comment

Prior to public comment Mayor Shevelew recognized Superintendent of Schools Mr. Tom Christensen. Mr. Christensen reports on the Board of Educations budget. BOE needs at least 48 hours to advertise the meeting. The Home and School Association had a golf outing that was very successful to raise funds for technology upgrades in the school. The community education program will end, due to budget issues. Teacher Appreciation week is this week to honor our fine teachers in the district. Spring concert, Indian Mills School is May 25th at Seneca, Indian Mills Memorial is May 18th and 19th at Seneca, all are invited to attend. STEA negotiations begin on May 26th. Education Foundation will have a donor reception at the Indian Mills Memorial School on June 1st at 6:30 pm. There are some Job openings in the district for next year; we are advertising for those positions to be filled as well as the Superintendent position. BOE is exploring a Shared Superintendent with Medford Lakes. Mr. Christensen also thanked the Township Committee as it has been a pleasure to work with them for the past eight years.

Mr. Volpa reports on the trail project. On April 10th, 14 students and 6 adults cleared a mile long fire cut trail adjacent to the Dingtletown complex. He said there are some dead trees that could be cut down and dropped along the trail to discourage ATV's from using the trail. Then the trails will be marked with Red paint. Mr. Volpa hiked the Rancocas Conservancy trails with Nels Anderson on April 19th and the trails are marked and maintained. He said they will be working with Mr. Anderson and STRAC volunteers to mark the trails and do maintenance of the existing trails to narrow them so ATV's can't use them. Committeeman Long asks what is next for these trails. Mr. Volpa reports that the Committee and the IMAA may meet to discuss a solution to have a bike trail around Dingtletown area. Mr. Schoen comments on Packeneh Trail, the residents will still be working on a plan to help with that situation.

Mrs. King spoke on the area near 5 points at Stokes & Tuckerton and her concerns with the bike riding going on in this area. The Administrator stated this area is in Medford Township and Shamong has no governance on this property. Mrs. King also stated there are bike trails in Medford that no one uses and is concerned of the waste of money.

There being no further comments, Mayor Shevelew closed the meeting to public comment.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

Proclamation of service awarded to Kathleen Phelan for 19 years of service to the Township of Shamong as CFO.

Discussion on 2011 Annual Budget, Mayor Shevelew recognizes Mr. Mike Holt from Holman and Frenia CPA. There is a Municipal Budget in front of you to adopt with total spending down about \$20,000 for the year. It calls for \$166,776 to be raised for the local municipal propose tax, and also calls for \$81,898.90 for the Municipal Open Space Tax. Shamong still has the lowest municipal tax rate in the county. Mayor Shevelew opens to the public for comment on adopting the budget. Mr. Knight comments on the purpose of the Rent Control Board and why does the Township have a rent control board? Mayor Shevelew requests any further comments from the public, seeing none; he closed the public meeting for comment.

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the 2011 Annual Budget by Resolution 2011R-75, a vote of all members showed all members voting yes.

On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to accept the April 5, 2011 minutes for the regular and special and executive session meetings. A vote of all members present, all members voting yes.

Tax collectors report on the 2010 uncollectable balances stating there where no uncollectible balances was read into the record by the Administrator.

The Township Administrator reported the Plumbing Inspector will be retiring on July 1st. The position will be advertised on the NJ League of Municipalities web site.

The Township Administrator reported the Lenape and Shamong Township Board of Education Budget review process meetings. Committeeman Ken Long will attend the LRHSD Meeting and the STBOE meeting will be held on May 12th at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Shevelew asks for questions or comments from the public. Mrs. King commented on voting for the BOE Budgets... the voters voted no, no means no. Mrs. Billmeyer comments on taxes going to the Abbott Districts. Mayor Shevelew clarifies that

Shamong Township local taxes stay in Shamong. Mrs. Ritter also commented on the unfairness of Abbott District.

There being no further comments, Mayor Shevelew closes to public comment.

Sprinkler bids for maintenance of the recreation fields.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the bid of A & T Sprinkler, a vote of all members present, all members voting yes.

Susan Onorato reported on the Burlington County Parks and Recreation Grant Application stating still no decision has been made.

On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to appoint Ed Toussaint as Owner Representative relative to the municipal building roof project, a vote of all members present, all members voting yes.

ORDINANCE:

Mayor Shevelew explained to those present that the second reading of Salary Ordinance 2011-05, which was originally introduced April 5, 2011, is scheduled for tonight. Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for comments, there being no comments, and the meeting was closed to the public. On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to adopt Ordinance 2011-5. A vote of all members present voting yes.

Salary Ordinance 2011-6 was discussed which will establish a salary range for the position Owner Representative relative to the municipal roof project. This Ordinance will be placed on a future agenda for action.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Shevelew read **Resolution 2011R-63, Supporting A-3412** Sharing the burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds, (tabled on 4/26/11). Tabled again for more information from the Tax Assessor until May 12, 2011.

Mayor Shevelew read **Resolution 2011R-69, Approval of continuous placement of a temporary trailer on block 6 lots 7 & 8.01.** No questions or comments were raised. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long: a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew read **Resolution 2011R-70, Refund of \$250.-Veterans deduction on block 10, lot 22.01.** No questions or comments were raised. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Long: a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevlew read **Resolution 2011R-71, Refund of \$309.35-Homestead benefit on block 12.08, lot 4, due to Disabled Veteran status.** No questions or comments were raised. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis: a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevlew read **Resolution 2011R-72, Refund of \$350.-Homestead benefit on block 34, lot 22.07, to estate of deceased homeowner.** No questions or comments were raised. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis: a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

APPROVAL OF ATTACHED BILL LIST

On motion of Committee Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the attached bill list. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.

REPORTS

Mayor Shevlew asks for the report from the Township Engineer. Mr. Mannix stated he submitted the DOT discretionary application for a road grant, no word from DOT has been received on their decision. Mr. Mannix also reported on the two sections of Old Indian Mills Rd. completed in 2010. Remington, Vernick & Arango met the contractor today to review the elevations on ponding occurring on sections of the roadway. The contractor does not agree the measurements and will have his own surveyor go out and take his elevations one day next week. A report on the Soccer fields – the Engineer has not heard from the contractor yet on when they will complete the outstanding punch list items. No review has been received back from the state on the tax map. We did not get the energy audit grant however our office is working on submitting for supplemental grant funds. Regarding the Atsion road fuel spill, Mr. Mannix stated the Solicitor will address that. Every two years we have to inspect the Indian Mills Dam and this is a year that we will have to do that. No questions or comments for the Engineer.

Mayor Shevlew asks for the report from the Township Administrator. We are involved in a joint purchase with the Burlington County Recycling to order some additional recycling buckets at a savings of 14%. Atlantic City Electric has notified us that they plan to remove small trees and bush to clear electric lines. One of the Public Works lawn mowers went down, the transmission will cost approximately \$2,900 to repair. As it would cost about \$18,000 to replace the mower, Mr. Welsh the Public Works Manager recommended the mower is repaired. 2010 Storm water Management report has been filed. Waterford Twp has notified us that they plan to begin the Gypsy Moth Spraying. The solar power for the municipality construction has been postponed. The network server on our computers has had to be replaced. No questions or comments for the Township Administrator.

Mayor Shevlew closes the meeting to the public and stated the township Committee will go into Executive session to discuss Resolutions 2011R-73, Attorney Client Privilege and sale of land and also an employment matter. Mayor Shevlew stated no action will be taken in Executive session only in public session. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to retire to Executive Session under Resolution 2011R-74. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevlew reconvened the meeting and as no public was present asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gray: a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk