

Shamong, New Jersey 08088

July 5, 2011

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	A
Absentees)	Mr. Kenneth Long	A
Noted)	Mr. Martin Mozitis	P
	Mr. Christopher Norman	P
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

Public Comment

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting for public comment. A representative from the Pic-A-Lilli was here to comment on the last meeting and that they were not aware they should have been at the last meeting and they are working with the township, their engineer, and the Pine Lands Commission to correct any problems that exist with the out side gazebo. There being no other comments he closed the meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the Regular and Executive Session minutes of the June 8th, 2011 meeting. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes, with the exception of Mayor Shevelew who abstained.

Mrs. Onorato reported on Help America V0ote Act-Grant submission by the Board of Elections. The Board of Elections wishes to have remote door bells added to our doors so that if a disabled person could not open the door because of the weight they could ring a door bell for assistance.

Mrs. Onorato reported she had received an Adopt a Road application from the Indian Mills Memorial School Student Council to continue maintaining the walking trails they have mapped out and cleared around the Dingtletown Recreation Area and near Pakenah Trail. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to accept the application with all members present voting yes.**

Mrs. Onorato reported on the Soccer complex update. She stated we are moving ahead with the project and the Culture Resource Study is being completed for the second Phase of the Stoney Creek Soccer Park. I will provide numbers from Bob Mannix on the projected cost to construct for the Committee to review at a later time. Once the Culture Resource Study is received it will be submitted to the Pine Lands Commission, hopefully we will have everything ready to go out to bid to move forward on the project. More information will be provided to the Committee for later consideration.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Shevelew reviewed Ordinance 2011-6 Establishing a salary range for the Owner Representative to complete the inspections on the municipal roof project. He stated that this was being done to save the Township money on the costs of the inspections. Mayor Shevelew then opened the meeting to the public for comment. There being no comment, the meeting was closed to the public. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, it was moved to introduce Ordinance 2011-6 Establishing a salary range for the Owner Representative to complete inspections on the Municipal Roof project. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew reviewed Ordinance 2011-7 Authorizing the appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the improvements and renovations to the municipal building. The Administrator reported the Township has budgeted \$30,000 per year for the past five years to fund this project. The Township Solicitor complimented the Committee for saving and planning for this expenditure unlike many other municipalities who would just bond this type of project. The meeting was opened to the public for comments. Mrs. King asked how long it has been since the last time the roof was repaired on the township building. The Township Administrator stated approximately 15 years ago a second layer was applied. This requires both existing layers to be removed and proper repairs will be made. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Authorizing the appropriation in the amount of \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for improvements and renovations to the municipal building. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.**

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Shevelew read **Resolution 2011R-96 Award of contract for Municipal Building Roof Project.** Mrs. King asked if the money would be used for anything besides the roof. The Administrator stated the funds are for general building repairs and other areas would be addressed after the roof project was complete. The Township Engineer stated the approval is for the award of a base bid and dependent upon what is discovered when the old roof is

pulled off, additional costs may be incurred. **On motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew read **Resolution 2011R-97 Salary Resolution-Owner Representative. On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Norman, with all members present voting yes.**

BILL LIST:

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

REPORTS:

Township Engineer reports that we have not heard on the discretionary aid discussions by the NJDOT we should receive a letter. On the two DOT sections on Old Indian Mills Road the contractor had completed his work as of my last report. We have not had the opportunity to check it after a heavy rain storm to see if it is satisfactorily done and, therefore, their contract has not been closed out. Saddle Brook Ridge Phase I - all work was completed two Fridays ago by Grass Busters so we will close out their contract. Tax maps, we have received a letter with a list of conflicts between the tax books and the maps themselves for a short list of minor map changes my department manager for our mapping department has not spoken to Jay Renwick to go through the conflicts that the state came up with. On the energy audits supplemental grants we are waiting on flow up from Greg Sullivan and the state. On the Atsion Road fuel spill, I have been contacted by a representative from the insurance carrier agent who will schedule a joint inspection with me and his representatives some time in the next two weeks. No questions or comments.

Township Solicitor reports that we have asked the Fuel oil company to set up an escrow account to offset the cost of this. On the tax Lien redemption we have filed complaints to foreclose on properties, I am subcontracting this out to another attorney Mr. Brad Wiltsey who can do this at a saving to the township. Under the bid threshold. The last item is Knight vs. Shamong we had oral argument on June 16th, and the Appellate Division issued their decision very quickly on June 27th, that they affirmed Judge Bookbinders prior ruling in our favor relative to the lighting at Dingtletown II. They determined that the settlement agreement was dependant upon the Pinelands Commission land use approval process and was amendable through that process in addition to also supporting Judge Bookbinders conclusion that there was no damages as a result of the lights and that should resolve the matter. Mr. Heinhold would like to commend the committee for their fiscal responsibility on this project. No questions for the Solicitor.

Township Administrator reports that the 2010 recycling report has been filed as required. We are stuffing and mailing the tax bills internally to save on outsourcing the work at a saving of approximately \$700. We have had some issues with some feral cats on Forked Neck Road the Animal Control Officer has gone out twice and captured about 20 cats a day and will be going again and, hopefully, capturing the rest of them. FEMA has awarded \$23,405.63 for the December 2010 snow storm. JIF has notified us that they are requesting a three year

renewal by August 15th. Brian Monaghan is looking into other markets for potential cost savings. No questions for the Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Steve Moore who is here with his son, who is a member of the Boy Scouts Troop 47 as part of the requirements to earn a communications badge and is looking for issues to write up for the badge. Mr. Moore stated that since there have not been any issues of conflict tonight, could he ask some questions on the lighting suit and could you give us some information on the suit for the benefit of the boys what was the suit about? Solicitor Doug Heinhold explains that a handful of neighbors came out and opposed the girl's softball fields when the softball fields were being planned. Some of the complaints were about speed limits but one of the issues was about lighting. They were okay with low lighting for the parking areas but the issue was the higher lighting so that the girls could play night games. The IMAA raised the funds to purchase lights for the Girl's Softball Fields and asked the Committee to approve the installation of the lights. There were concerns discussed over the lighting of the girl's softball field relative to Title 9 exposure. Mr. Heinold explained Title 9 requires towns to provide equality to the girls and boys programs. A similar situation occurred in Tabernacle Township which required the lighting of a girl's softball field. Additionally, the girl's softball program, through IMAA was able to raise the money for these lights instead of burdening the Township with an added expense. The Township did communicate with the four (4) residents who it had previously agreed to not light the fields with to seek their approval. Two of these residents did not choose to respond to the letter and two agreed to the lighting. The Committee approved the changes and in the interest of fairness to the girls because the boy's areas are lighted. The Committee intimately approved the changes and two of the residents filed a complaint in court trying to enforce the prior agreements. Judge Bookbinder ruled that there were no damages no impact of the lighting. Mrs. King comments that part of the problem that the public was not properly notified but Mayor Shevelew disputes that as all actions were taken in a public meeting as required.

No further questions or comments from the public Mayor Shevelew closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Shevelew asks for a motion to allow the Tax Collector Kitty Taylor to attend a seminar on July 27, 2011 at no cost but she will get CEU's for the seminar. **On Motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew asks for a motion to adjourn. **On Motion of Committeeman Norman, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, all members present voting yes.**

Attest:

Susan Onorato, Clerk