

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

Deputy Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 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 published in the Central Record and posted as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call and)	Mr. Timothy Gimbel	P
Absentees)	Mr. Sean Gray	P
Noted)	Mr. Kenneth Long	P
	Mr. Martin Mozitis	Arrived at 8:36
	Mr. Michael DiCroce	P

OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Deputy Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public. Elaine Billmeyer questioned a section of the fare well article recently published in the Shamong Sun that was written by Mayor Jon Shevelew. Mayor Shevelew mentioned several topics from gypsy moths to losing our local State Police protection and other challenges along the way. Ms. Billmeyer wanted some clarification on what he meant on the issue of losing police protection. Sue Onorato explained that he was referring to some of the challenges he experienced in his tenor as Mayor. Fighting off the loss of the state police and maintaining them without paying, there being no further comments Deputy Mayor Gray closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

Deputy Mayor Gray addressed the committee on the matter of Mayor Jon Shevelew stepping down as Mayor. He stated in accordance to the rules governing the State of New Jersey, Shamong’s County Republican Representatives are required to submit three names of residents who are qualified to fill the vacancy until the end of Mayor Shevelew’s term, December 31, 2013. The following list of names was submitted on July 31st, Dean Egan, Craig Eckstein and Mike DiCroce, Esq., an attorney, who was in the audience. After review Deputy Mayor Gray gave a brief summary of Mr. DiCroce public service to those in attendance. Deputy Mayor Gray stated that Mr. DiCroce has lived in this town for 20 plus years, served on the Joint Land Board for 2 years. He has served this town pro bono with regard to the PSE&G account and has

stepped up in serving the people of Shamong. Deputy Mayor Gray informed the Committee members they are in accordance with the guidelines which he verified with Township Solicitor Mr. Heinold to select a candidate to fill the vacant spot and as no questions were raised by the Committee members, Deputy Mayor Gray asked for a motion to nominate someone from the list to fill the vacancy. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the nomination of Mike DiCroce, Esq. to fill the remaining term. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mike DiCroce, Esq. was sworn in by the Township Solicitor Mr. Heinold. Deputy Mayor Gray and the Committee congratulated Mr. DiCroce and also gave thanks to Mayor Shevelew for his time and commitment to the residents of Shamong. Deputy Mayor Gray stated Mayor Shevelew was always willing to give of his time to serve and that it will be a great loss.

Deputy Mayor Gray stated that there were two other appointments that needed to be addressed. With Mayor Shevelew's departure, his remaining term as Mayor would need to be filled. Deputy Mayor Gray stated he would be willing to serve as Mayor until the end of the vacant term, December 31, 2013. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to appoint Deputy Mayor Gray to Mayor. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Gray addressed the other appointment for Deputy Mayor due to the previous motion. The position as Deputy Mayor would need to be filled for the remaining term for 2013 and went on to explain the duties. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to appoint Ken Long as Deputy Mayor. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Sean Gray and Deputy Mayor Ken Long were sworn by Township Solicitor Doug Heinold for the remainder of the year.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, the minutes of June 25, 2013 regular meeting were approved as submitted. A roll call vote showed Committeeman Long and Committeeman DiCroce abstaining. All other members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Gimbel, seconded by Committeeman Long, the minutes of July 10, 2013 regular sessions were approved. Mayor Gray, Committeeman Mozitis, and Committeeman DiCroce abstained. All other members present voting yes.

Mayor Gray addressed the Committee about the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company 2012 annual audit. Mayor Gray said that this does not need to be approved and Administrator Sue Onorato confirmed that the Indian Mills Volunteer Fire Company 2012 annual audit was just for review and that it is in everyone's packet. The Administrator encouraged the Committeemen to look it over and if there was any questions to please contact her and she would get clarification from the Indian Mills Fire Company and she gave a brief reviewing of her findings

The Administrator addressed the need of approval for repairs to a 1995 Ford 345D tractor previously discussed at the July 10, 2013 meeting. The estimate of the cost of repairs is \$4,817; the work would be completed by Cherry Valley Tractor, Marlton, NJ. The approval would be as of July 24th and the funds to repair would be coming out of operations budget line item. **On motion Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve the funds to repair the 1995 Ford 345D tractor. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

Administrator Sue Onorato addressed the Committee members on the reconfiguration of the offices occurring as a result of moving the Municipal Court to Southampton. The Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and CFO would move into that office. Since there is also a large built-in desk that is dilapidated and is very outdated the Administrator is requesting approval for the funds for the carpet the office areas of the Municipal building as the current carpet is roughly 25 years old. The cost of the carpet is \$3,147 and that includes existing carpeting be removed, installing new carpet and moving the furniture. The funds for this project would be coming out of the Capital Budget established for the Municipal Building. Once the built-in desk is removed, there will be a need to purchase replacement new desks, chairs, rewiring and moving network cables. With that said, Administrator Sue Onorato said that including the carpeting the amount would not exceed \$10,000 dollars to re-furbish all offices. The carpet company that would be doing the installation is Father & Son Floors located in Lumberton; the Administrator reviewed all 4 quotes received. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the installation of the carpet and that the budget would not exceed \$10,000 dollars for office renovations. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator summarized the need for a treatment of Indian Mills Lake for Algae which has grown due to the many months of hot weather. Princeton Hydro has submitted a quote of \$935 per treatment plus a onetime charge of \$95 to file for a required DEP permit. The Administrator stated that she only anticipated the lake would need two treatments. The company will be notifying the residence prior to the. **On motion of Committeeman Gimbel,**

seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve up to two applications for the treatment for the Indian Mills Lake. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

Mayor Gray addressed the Indian Mills Lake Dam formal inspection report projected cost. This has been tabled until September 3, 2013

Mayor Gray turned to the discussion on road repairs. The Administrator stated there is a list of roads that are in need of repair and that many of these roads are 30 plus years old. Unfortunately there is no funding available from the Department of Transportation Grants for residential or development roads. As a result of inspections and discussions with the Township Engineer and Mr. Welsh, PWD Superintendent, the road of greatest concern is Wallingford Way. Mr. Guzzi stated that the entire length of the road for repair would be approximately \$200,000 and recommended to break it up in 2 years. The Administrator stated said will have the CFO make recommendations on funding opportunities to complete this project in one year and therefore minimize cost of bid specs, advertisements, cost to mobilize equipment, etc. Mayor Gray expressed concern for how expensive the road repair will be in the next few years and need to prioritize and outline how the Township will handle the repairs. Mr. Guzzi will circulate the list of streets and required repairs he has created along with the prioritization of the repairs for the Committees next workshop meeting.

Mayor Gray addressed the Committee on a former Deputy Mayor, Colin Cumming request to perform wedding that will be held on September 28, 2013 at 4pm on Stokes Road. The Administrator only former Deputy Mayor or Mayor can perform weddings. **On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman DiCroce, it was moved to approve the appointment of Colin Cumming Deputy Mayor for 24 hours to preside over a wedding held on September 28, 2013. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.**

The Administrator read a letter addressed to the Township Committee on a property, known as McDonald Family Trust (aka Redmen's Hall), Block 15.01 Lot 13 that will be available. The letter stated that they would like to offer an opportunity for the Township to acquire this property by making an offer. The Solicitor recommended that the Committee table the discussion till September 3rd. Administrator Sue Onorato said that she will send a letter to the family that the Committee will be looking into further consideration and discuss at the executive session along with other pending projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve Resolution 2013R-61 Awarding Veteran's exemption on block 23.01 lot 10.01. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committee Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, Resolution 2013R-62 the extension of third quarter grace period to August 30, 2013 was approved with a roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, it was moved to approve Resolution 2013R-63 Amending the repayment agreement for Mr. & Mrs. Wells on back taxes. A roll call vote showed all members present voting yes.

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

Reports:

Township Engineer reported the Old Indian Mills Road project will begin on Monday and the Tuckerton Road DOT Grant, joint application is due September 20, 2013.

Township Solicitor reported the first shared court day went smoothly at Southampton. He also stated he sent the Administrator the agreements for the sale of the undersized lots. He stated as soon as the Administrator receives signed agreements and the payments of \$2,500 plus \$500 escrow on each lot he can work on closing on this sale.

Township Administrator reports that the transition to the Southampton Court went very smoothly and that the temporary court clerk was exceptional. Burlington County Tax Board will be holding a mandatory meeting for Tax Assessors on August 24th to discuss the moving of the appeal process to October, which will give the municipalities the opportunity to budget the tax appeals awarded. The Burlington County Municipal Park Grant approval has been moved back to August 28th; the Meteor Motorcycle scheduled for October 26th and the Vineyard 5k will be held on November 10th at the Valenzano Winery. The Administrator stated the residents from Grassy Lake Road are happy with the progress so far and stated the painting quotes will be managed by the Engineer and hoped to reduce costs by completing with the painting on Old Indian Mills Road.

The following reports Tax Collector, Building Code and Finance Office will be available at the next meeting.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time Elaine Billmeyer asked if there are copies of the new budget available. The Administrator asked her to come in the office and she will provide her with a copy. There being no further comments the meeting was closed to the public.

There being no further business, **on motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Gimbel, the meeting was adjourned. A roll call vote showed all in favor.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk