

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 o'clock.

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	A
	Mr. Jonathon Shevelew	P

Public Comment

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting for public comment. Mr. Bill Lampman, 47 Manitoba Trail, commented on the condition of the streets around Manitoba Trail, the roads need re-paving, the curbs need to be cleaned. The empty lots are weed infested. At the end of the street you can not see due to overgrown bushes and trees. Unregistered vehicles are parked in the driveways. When will the town stop being so involved in the IMAA and start looking at the town condition as a whole? The township talks about not giving the town employees a raise for the last couple of years and is giving the employees a minimal raise this year. We have the best snow removal crew that I have ever seen and the fact that you people did not give these people a raise I can't understand. The lights on the sports fields are on every night and that has to cost money. The money that is spent on lights on the sports fields should be going to raises for the employees, you should be ashamed. Mayor Shevelew disputes the light issue and explains that the electric bill is available for inspection by the public anytime they wish and that for a whole year the cost was previously reported at about \$2,300. Those outside groups who ask to use the fields reimburse the town for the use. The issue of raises is not an easy one but the lights alone will not pay for the difference and the lights being on are policed by the Mayor and others in the IMAA and phone calls are made to get them turned out if someone forgets. Mr. Lampman also would like to know why the township doesn't have bulk trash on Saturdays. Mayor Shevelew explains that he can get bulk trash removal by simply calling the removal company and they will pick up at the curb, but there may be an additional cost, where as having the waste removal company to come out and sit at the township building on Saturday would cost the township additional money. Susan Onorato will have Mr. Norman Welsh the roads administrator look into the issue of the curbs, the bushes, and the roads. The committee will look at the recommendations at budget time and will submit the recommendations to the engineer. Mayor Shevelew

instructs the engineer to take a ride down Manitoba Trail and see if there is anything that he can see that needs to be addressed. If need be, letters will be sent to any homeowner who may have overgrown bushes or other violations. Mayor Shevelew asks for any other questions or comments from the public, seeing none, he closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR OFFICAL ACTION:

On motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, it was moved to approve the Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes for June 28, 2011. A role call vote of all Committee members present voting yes.

Proclamation to recognize Shamong Township Resident - Mrs. Erma Jennings on her 100th Birthday

The Township Committee proclaims August 3, 2011 as Mrs. Erma Jennings's Day. Congratulations Mrs. Jennings on her 100th birthday!

Mayor Shevelew asks for a report on the next item on the agenda, the approval of cost to re-side the Dingtletown Field House. Susan Onorato reports that the field house needs some work on the outside of the building, the township has in the past painted the building every couple of years and now believes that it would be better to replace the siding with a maintenance free siding. We have a bid from C & B General Contractors that the work could be done for \$5,300. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the siding of the Dingtletown Field House at a cost of \$5,300. A roll call vote of all Committeemen present voting yes.**

Susan Onorato reports on the Soccer Complex at Stoney Creek. We continue to work with the Pinelands Commission to establish a meeting with them over the pinelands approval that is required vs. the established approval that we have had previously. It seems they are requiring a little more record keeping of the Cultural Resource survey. We are trying to get clarification on what it is they require of us.

Mrs. Onorato reports that Sprint wishes to rent space from us at the bottom of the PSE&G tower. They are officially rescinding that.

Mrs. Onorato reported on correspondence received from the DEP on the Southern Pine Beetle in our township. The Southern Pine Beetle is basically reveling the Gypsy Moth on destroying the forests. They are asking the Township to report if we find an area that is infested. They would like the infested trees plus a buffer to be removed. Mrs. Onorato's concern is there is no current funding for this. Jay Renwick reported the DEP is trying to put together some grant money to help with the cost of tree removal. So at this point we are just asked to report any destruction.

Mrs. Onorato reports on the Burlington County Recycling-CART Program. Some of the neighboring towns are using this but we have not taken this route because we do not contract with them directly. There would be no cost benefit to us or the town residents.

However there is grant money to convert the residents to the curbside carts at 50% of the cost. It would cost us about \$53,000. In the future we may be forced to begin using the carts, so would it be cost effective to convert now while the grant money is available. We can pay for these over a six year period at about \$9,600 a year. I believe we are the only township in Burlington County not presently using the carts. The Committee directs Mrs. Onorato to ask Ann from the BC Recycling to come to the meeting on September 6th to discuss this further and answer some questions.

Mrs. Onorato reports on the JIF contract renewal. We are still working on this.

Mrs. Onorato reports on the Municipal Building Roof project. We had a pre-construction meeting. They are beginning this weekend and expect to finish in a week.

On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the Snow Plow Truck bid/ state contract. A roll call vote of all members present voting yes.

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Shevelew read **2011-8 for rezoning of properties, Block 23.01, Lots 1.01 through 1.08 from “Agriculture Production Area” to Residential Development-III. First reading, on motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.**

RESOLUTIONS:

2011R-100, Adoption of 2010 annual audit and group affidavit and 2011R-101 Approval of the 2010 Audit Corrective Action Plan. On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.

2011R-102, Authorizing the redemption of a tax lien on block 33 lot 24 which has been repaid. On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, with all members present voting yes.

2011R-103, Authorizing the refund on block 28.01, lot 4.16 due to an overpayment caused by a refinancing of the property and 2011R-104 Authorizing the refund on block 8.01, lot 13.13 and block 23.02, lot 5 as an amendment to resolution 2011R-53. On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.

2011R-105, Salary Resolution-Court. On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.

2011R-106 Extend the third quarter grace period on property taxes. On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, with all members present voting yes.

2011R-107 Chapter 159-SSA Tabernacle Tax Assessor. On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, with all members present voting yes.

BILL LIST:

On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, with all members present voting yes, it was moved to approve the bill list.

REPORTS:

Township Engineer reports that as of today the DOT local aid office has not received any word on discretionary aid awards or denials. We will be advised in writing by the DOT when they make a decision. On the two Old Indian Mills Road Trust fund road sections on Monday the 25th, after the town had a very heavy rain event, my inspector inspected the road and he did not find ponding on the paved surface so we are going to closeout those two contracts with the contractor and put him on his maintenance bill. The payments go to maintenance. We are already working on closing out the Saddle Brook Ridge fields Phase I tax map revisions. On the energy audit grant I spoke to Gregory Sullivan today and he has not heard on the award of the supplemental energy grant but will continue to follow up. On the fuel spill the end of June, I have been contacted by a representative from the insurance company he said he was going to talk to his representatives and consultants who have looked at the road to set up a meeting at the fuel spill site and he was going to get back to me to set something up by the middle of July. I have not heard from him. I have called and left a message but have not received a return call. On the Saddle Brook Ridge Phase II recreation fields we are meeting with Pinelands on the design we have, also completed the survey work, and are now preceding with the design of the fields themselves. We should be done in approximately three weeks. In reference to the soil sampling we have taken the samples and delivered them to a lab on July 18th and they should be providing us with final test results by August 8th. They did have preliminary results on lead and arsenic but they were far below any soil standards, pesticide tests take longer. DOT has advised the Municipalities for the FY2012 grant applications submission date is September 23rd.

Report from the Township Solicitor Doug Heinold. If you recall we had extensive discussions relative to Pinelands changes on clustering. We had communications with them regarding how those changes may impact our township and the fact that the changes do not account for site restraints. We got some additional information back relative to the site behind Middle School and the property across the street from Stokes at that middle school properties and that information was satisfactory but we were concerned about how it may play out in other parts of town. We have been waiting for additional information since January when we were told we would have it. I have been following up every so often and my contact says we are very close to an analyses that will show us clustering as it would be implemented under their rules and what difference, if any, there may be

relative to site constraint issues, if that were accounted for. So hopefully we will have something by the end of summer on that. That's all I have for the public portion. Report from the Township Administrator Susan Onorato the jeep Jamboree USA has notified the Township of their plans to run the 18th Annual Pine Barrens Jeep Jamboree on October 27-29, 2011. The Burlington County Agricultural Development Board has notified the Township of their desire to preserve 106 acres located at block 23.01, lot 9.01 located on Old Indian Mills Road between the Aristone farm and state owned ground. This item will be on the September 6th agenda for official action. NJ Public Employee's Retirement System of NJ has revised their bill to reflect the increased contribution from the employees which saves the township \$2,818. PSE&G has notified the Township of their plans to remove all trees within the easement near Pakenah Trail and side trim all branches originating outside the easement beginning about September 1st. Residents will be notified by the tree service prior to the work. Old business: the Softball Field lighting litigation costs as of June 2011 totals \$24,668.67, Engineering costs of \$1,668.90 for a total of \$26,337.57. Received FEMA award for December 2010 snow storm funding \$23,405.63. We continue to experience problems with the Finance and Tax software. Our computer Tech is on medical leave due to a knee replacement and we will continue to operate both systems separate of the server until a permanent repair can be made upon his return. Also attached to your packet are the reports from the Building Code office, Court Administrator and Tax Collector.

Mayor Shevelew opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments. Mr. Bill Lampman asked the Mayor to reiterate the schedule of the ball fields and who is using them when. He also would like to know what is the township employee's responsibility to the various fields. Mayor Shevelew explains that most work is done by volunteers and the township only cuts the grass. Mr. Lampman also agrees that the fields should be maintained by the volunteers. Grass is cut by the employees because the township has the big equipment to get the job done. Mr. Lampman continues to discuss the issue of trash and volunteers. Mayor Shevelew again tries to explain that some of the services Mr. Lampman admires from other townships is what is putting the other townships in budget deficient's that we don't have here.

No further questions or comments from the public. Mayor Shevelew closed the meeting to the public. **Mayor Shevelew asks for a motion to go into Executive session to discuss a personnel issue, a land negotiation issue and an attorney client privilege. On Motion of Committeeman Mozitis, seconded by Committeeman Long, with all members present voting yes.**

Mayor Shevelew reconvened its meeting from the Executive Session.

Mayor Shevelew asks Susan Onorato to summarize a motion from the discussion during Executive Session. At the recommendation of the Tax Assessor a motion to layoff a temporary employee related to the Tax Reassessment Project, inspector Kathleen Davies effective Friday the 12th. **On motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by**

Committman Mozitis, it was moved to Layoff the employee Ms. Davies with all members present voting yes.

There being no further business, Mayor Shevelew asks for a Motion to adjourn. **On Motion of Committeeman Long, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, with all members present voting yes.**

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk