

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

Mayor Gray called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 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 published in the Burlington County Times and posted on Shamong’s bulletin board as required by the Open Public Meeting Act.

Roll Call and)	Mr. DiCroce	P
Absentees)	Mr. Gimbel	P
Noted)	Mr. Gray	P
	Mr. Long	P
	Mr. Mozitis	A

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Gray opened the meeting to the public at which time there were no comments so he closed the meeting to the public.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTION:

Mayor Gray explained this was a special meeting on the Social Affair Permit for a “Beer Tent” at the Saddlebrook Ridge Equestrian Center being held on September 28th with a Rebel Race-Mud Run.

Mayor Gray opened the meeting for discussion on the Social Affair Permit and Mrs. Pratt explained that Amit Nar is the President of Rebel Race and he has conducted about 13 of these races in the last few years and has been very successful with them. They are primarily fund raisers for Wounded Warriors. The action on the beer permit is for the Yellow Ribbon Fund and all the proceeds go to the Yellow Ribbon in which they provide housing for service men’s families when veterans are getting medical services. Mrs. Pratt stated she was approached about a year ago and was told her property looked like a perfect setting for this event and she is very happy to be able to provide this opportunity for them. She did tell her neighbor Donald Audio about the event and he thought it was a great idea but she thinks what happened was people went on line and saw the advertising and it was not appealing. But, it is a very organized controlled situation and she would invite everyone to come out that day and

watch it. She said most of the runners are about 30 years of age and are fitness oriented people running a three or nine mile race. There will be about 90 volunteers from the armed forces checking the equipment for safety, parking, etc. Mr. Nar stated they (the Armed Forces) will also be recruiting during the event and he will donate to a charity of their choice for bringing the volunteers. The Administrator asked how they award the donation to the charity and he explained they usually donate \$50 per volunteer/day and they tell him which charity to donate to and most of the time it is the Wounded Warrior. Mrs. Pratt explained tickets are purchased for beer at the registration booth, there is no money being exchanged for beer at the beer tent. People will have wrist bands for the beer and they must drink it at the beer garden. There will be security there and everyone will need to show ID. Mrs. Pratt pointed out on the map where the overnight camping tents will be located which is behind her son's home and there will be 2 security guards both nights. There will be approximately 7 guards at the parking area and they are expecting about 500 cars which is based on the number of registrations. The Administrator asked how many participants were signed up and Mr. Nar said 820 at this time. Mr. Gimbel asked how many of these events has he conducted and what is the name of the company. Mr. Nar replied 13 events and the company name is Rebel Race. Mr. Pratt said his first questions were how many arrests or fights did he have and the answer was zero. The Committee asked if there was a cap on the amount of people and Mr. Nar said he anticipates approximately 1000. It will be a rain or shine event and there will be a live band from 9 am to 5 pm. Also they have about 30 camp sites and don't anticipate more than 40. Committeeman Long asked if the beer permit was denied would Mr. Pratt still make the donation to the Yellow Ribbon and the answer was yes. Committeeman Gray had a concern with where the cars would be parked. He would rather them be parked in the main parking area and the overflow be parked in the lower area since that is a more residential area. Mr. Pratt said he will be there all day and if it becomes a problem he will shut that one down. Mr. Audio asked what would be the latest that cars would be arriving on Friday night and he was told approximately 9 pm. The Administrator questioned if the volunteer Shamong EMS had to be called as back-up for an emergency would they be compensated and Mr. Nar said that was not a problem and they would be glad to make a donation. Committeeman Long said he felt the event would be well run because it was Pratt's name in jeopardy if it were not. But, his concern is not about this event but about the future and selling beer on private property. The solicitor, Chris Norman, felt legally it is not a precedence setting issue that once you grant the first permit it mandates the future. Mr. Norman said it's not a zoning issue. The Committee has options, such as, approve or deny the license, or approve the license with conditions. Mr. Audio said he has minimum concern but he would want the property back as it was before the event. Mr. Nar said he has a clean-up crew and they will be working all day Sunday doing such. Mr. Norman suggested the Committee discuss putting conditions attached to the approval of the beer permit. He reviewed several conditions that were discussed during the meeting and

on motion of Committeeman DiCroce, seconded by Committeeman Mozitis, it was moved to approve the issuance of the requested Special Affairs Permit subject to the following conditions that were accepted by the applicant and the property owners: 1) number of mud run participants shall be limited to 1,250, 2) number of tent campsites shall be limited to 40 for Friday and Saturday overnight only, 3) applicant and property owners shall execute an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement in favor of Shamong Township in a form satisfactory to the Township Attorney, 4) applicant shall provide a Certificate of Insurance naming Shamong Township as additional insured satisfactory to the Township Risk Management Advisor, 5) music and entertainment shall be limited to the hours of 9 am to 5 pm on September 28, 2013, 6) no overnight lighting for the mud run event or campsites, 7) no campfires permitted for the overnight tent campsites, 8) applicant shall fully comply with all New Jersey liquor license provisions and implementing regulations; and 9) no on-street parking shall be permitted on residential streets (i.e.: Breckenridge Drive and Saddlebrook Court). A roll call vote showed Committeemen DiCroce, Mozitis, and Gimbel voting yes, Committeemen Gray and Long abstaining.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Susan D. Onorato
Municipal Clerk

